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Abuse

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
When Jeff Comes Home by Catherine Atkins
Dreamland by Sarah Dessen
Breathing Underwater by Alex Flinn
Friction by E. R. Frank
Identical by Ellen Hopkins
Silent to the Bone by E. L. Konigsburg
33 Snowfish by Adam Rapp

Body Image

Wintergirls by Laurie Halse Anderson
North of Beautiful by Justina Chen
Skinny by Ibi Kaslik
Stained by C. A. Rainfield
Girls Under Pressure by Jacqueline Wilson

Cancer

Never Eighteen by Megan Bostic
The Girl Next Door by Selene Castrovilla
The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
Side Effects by Amy Koss
Breathless by Lurlene McDaniel
Noggin by John Corey Whaley
When You Were Here by Daisy Whitney

Death

Saying It Out Loud by Joan Ablove
Deadline by Chris Crutcher
Wrecked by E. R. Frank
Key to the Golden Firebird
Looking for Alaska by John Green
One of those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies by Sonya Sones

Drug Use

Go Ask Alice by Anonymous [YA Fiction GO]
Beauty Queen by Linda Glovach
Blood Brothers by S. A. Harazin
Crank by Ellen Hopkins



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Clean by Amy Reed

Gangs and Street Life

Tyrell by Coe Booth

Scorpions by Walter Dean Myers

Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty by G. Neri [YA Graphic Novel 741.5973 NERI]

Gangsta Rap by Benjamin Zephaniah

Rape

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

Fault Line by C. Desir

You Against Me by Jenny Downham

Easy by Tammara Webber

The Mockingbirds by Daisy Whitney

Suicide

Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher

Stay With Me by Garret Freymann-Weyr

Keeper of the Night by Kimberly Willis Holt

And We Stay by Jenny Hubbard

Try Not to Breathe by Jennifer Hubbard

By the Time You Read This, I'll Be Dead by Julie Ann Peters

Forgive Me, Leonard Peacock by Leonard Quick

Orchards by Holly Thompson

The Game by Teresa Toten

Trigger by Susan Vaught

Teen Pregnancy

Angel's Choice by Lauren Baratz-Logsted

Hanging on to Max by Margaret Bechard

How to Love by Katie Cotugno

After by Amy Efaw

Jumping Off Swings by Jo Knowles

Pregnant Pause by Han Nolan

Pregnancy Project by Gaby Rodriguez [YA Non-fiction 306.8743 RODRIGUEZ]

