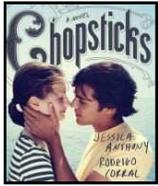


# TEEN BOOKLIST

## Teens Facing Tough Times: Illness and Health

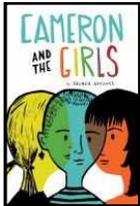
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Anthony, Jessica

### **Chopsticks**

Told almost entirely with images, this is the story of Glory, a piano prodigy. Brilliant and lonely, Glory falls in love with Frank, who moves in next door, and is soon unable to play anything but the song "Chopsticks." 2012 Call #: Teen Ant



Averett, Edward

### **Cameron and the Girls**

A boy suffering from Schizophreniform disorder falls into a love triangle with a girl in his junior high class--and a girl in his head. 2013 Call #: Teen Ave



Barkley, Brad

### **Jars of Glass**

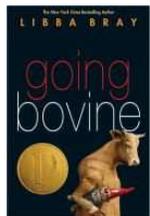
Two sisters, aged fourteen and fifteen, offer their views of events that occur during the year after their mother is diagnosed with schizophrenia and their family, including a recently adopted Russian orphan, begins to disintegrate. 2008 Call #: Teen Bar



Betts, A.J.

### **Zac and Mia**

The last person Zac expects in the room next door is a girl like Mia, angry and feisty with questionable taste in music. In the real world, he wouldn't--couldn't--be friends with her. In hospital different rules apply, and what begins as a knock on the wall leads to a note--then a friendship neither of them sees coming. 2014 Call #: Teen Bet

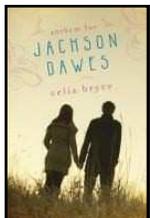


Bray, Libba

### **Going Bovine**

Cameron Smith, a disaffected sixteen year-old who, after being diagnosed with Creutzfeldt Jakob's (aka mad cow) disease, sets off on a road trip with a death-obsessed video gaming dwarf he meets in the hospital in an attempt to find a cure. 2009

Call #: Teen Bra, Teen CDAB Bra



Bryce, Celia

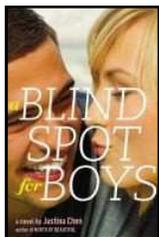
### **Anthem for Jackson Dawes**

When Megan, thirteen, arrives for her first cancer treatment, she is frustrated to be on the pediatric unit where the only other teen is *Jackson Dawes*, who is as cute and charming as he is rebellious and annoying, and who helps when her friends are frightened away by her illness. 2013 Call #: Teen Bry

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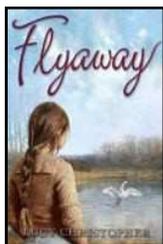
Chen, Justina

**A Blind Spot for Boys**



Sixteen-year-old Shana is officially on a Boy Moratorium. After a devastating breakup, she decides it's time to end the plague of Mr. Wrongs and devote herself to her true passion: photography. Enter Quattro, the undeniably intriguing lacrosse player who slams into Shana one morning in Seattle. Sparks don't simply fly; they ignite--and so does Shana's interest. But just as she's about to rethink her ban on boys, she receives crushing news: Her dad is going blind. Shana and her parents vow to make the most of the time her father has left to see, so they plan a photo safari to Machu Picchu. But even as Shana travels away from Quattro, she can't get him out of her mind. 2014

Call #: Teen Che

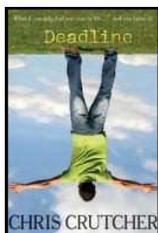


Christopher, Lucy

**Flyaway**

While her father is in the hospital, thirteen-year-old Isla befriends Harry, the first boy to understand her love of the outdoors, and as Harry's health fails, Isla tries to help both him and the lone swan they see, struggling to fly, on the lake outside Harry's window. 2011

Call #: Teen Chr

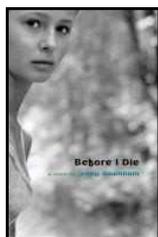


Crutcher, Chris

**Deadline**

Given the medical diagnosis of one year to live, high school senior Ben Wolf decides to fulfill his greatest fantasies, ponders his life's purpose and legacy, and converses through dreams with a spiritual guide known as "Hey-Soos." 2007

Call#: Teen Cru

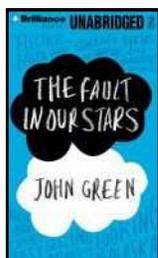


Downham, Jenny

**Before I Die**

Tessa has just months to live. Fighting back against hospital visits, endless tests, drugs with excruciating side-effects, Tessa compiles a list. It's her To Do Before I Die list. And number one is Sex. Released from the constraints of 'normal' life, Tessa tastes new experiences to make her feel alive while her failing body struggles to keep up. Tessa's feelings, her relationships with her father and brother, her estranged mother, her best friend, and her new boyfriend, all are painfully crystallized in the precious weeks before Tessa's time finally runs out. 2007

Call #: Teen Dow



Green, John

**The fault In Our Stars**

Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten. 2012

Call #: Teen Gre, DVD Fau, Teen CDAB Gre, CD 782.7 Fau

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Halpern, Julie  
**Get Well Soon**

Anna Bloom is depressed--so depressed that her parents have committed her to a mental hospital with a bunch of other messed-up teens. Here she meets a roommate with a secret (and a plastic baby), a doctor who focuses way too much on her weight, and a cute, shy boy who just might like her. But wait! Being trapped in a loony bin isn't supposed to be about making friends, losing weight, and having a crush, is it? 2007 Call #: Teen Hal



Halpern, Julie  
**Have a Nice Day**

Anna Bloom has just come home from a three-week stay in a mental hospital. She feels... okay. It's time to get back to some sort of normal life, whatever that means. She has to go back to school, where teachers and friends are dying to know what happened to her, but are too afraid to ask. And Anna is dying to know what's going on back at the hospital with her crush, Justin, but is too afraid to ask. Meanwhile, Anna's parents aren't getting along, and she wonders if she's the cause of her family's troubles. 2012 Call #: Teen Hal



Hurwin, Davida  
**A Time For Dancing**

Sam and Jules - everyone knows that when you see one, the other can't be far behind. Best friends for more than half their lives, the two are practically inseparable. And in the summer before their last year of high school, Sam and Jules are certain that whatever the future brings - college or professional dance careers or both - they'll be ready for it, sharing the triumphs and facing the tears together. But nothing could have prepared them for Jules's sudden illness and the discovery of its cause - cancer. Sam tries to be a true friend, supporting Jules during the weeks of testing and doctors and treatments, but the horrifying pain and indignities that Jules suffers, and the feeling that she has lost control over her own life, force Jules to a place where even Sam cannot follow. Now both Jules and Sam must learn to accept the unacceptable - that Jules's cancer may not go away. How each, in her own way, comes to face the possibility of Jules's death, and learns to celebrate her life, makes for a searingly honest, unforgettable novel. 2009 Call#: Teen Hur



Koertge, Ronald  
**Deadville**

Listening to music 24/7. Hanging out with his slacker-stoner friend, Andy. Basically, Ryan's been sleepwalking through life since his younger sister died of cancer two years ago. But when Charlotte Silano -- a gorgeous, popular senior way out of his league -- has a riding accident and falls into a coma, Ryan finds himself drawn to her hospital room almost every day, long after her friends stop coming around. And oddly enough, Ryan seems to be slowly snapping out of his own brand of coma -- working out at the gym, adopting a cool vintage hat, even easing into a relationship with Betty, a classmate who has her own reasons for visiting Charlotte. 2008 Call #: Teen Koe

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Levchuk, Lisa

### **Everything Beautiful in the World**

Toward the end of the disco era, seventeen-year-old Edna refuses to visit her mother, who is in a New York City hospital undergoing cancer treatment, and barely speaks to her father, who finally puts her in psychotherapy, while her crush on an art teacher turns into a full-blown affair. 2008 Call #: Teen Lev



Lubar, David

### **Dunk**

While hoping to work as the clown in an amusement park *dunk* tank on the New Jersey shore the summer before his junior year in high school, Chad faces his best friend's serious illness, hassles with police, and the girl that got away. 2003 Call #: Teen CDAB Lub

Matson, Patricia

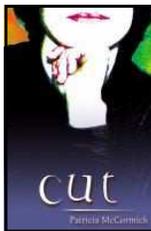
### **Second Chance Summer**



Taylor Edwards' family might not be the closest-knit-everyone is a little too busy and overscheduled-but for the most part, they get along just fine. Then Taylor's dad gets devastating news, and her parents decide that the family will spend one last summer all together at their old lake house in the Pocono Mountains. Crammed into a place much smaller and more rustic than they are used to, they begin to get to know each other again. And Taylor discovers that the people she thought she had left behind haven't actually gone anywhere. Her former best friend is still around, as is her first boyfriend...and he's much cuter at seventeen than he was at twelve. As the summer progresses and the Edwards become more of a family, they're more aware than ever that they're battling a ticking clock. Sometimes, though, there is just enough time to get a second chance-with family, with friends, and with love. 2012 Call #: Teen Mat

McCormick, Patricia

### **Cut**



Fifteen-year-old Callie isn't speaking to anybody, not even her therapist at Sea Pines, the "residential treatment facility" where her parents and doctor sent her after discovering that she cuts herself. As her story unfolds, Callie reluctantly becomes involved with the "guests" at Sea Pines--other young women struggling with problems of their own, Although their "issues" are different from hers, Callie is drawn into the group, finds her voice, and, gradually, confronts the family trauma that triggered her destructive behavior. Cut is a compelling and compassionate look at a young woman's struggle to overcome the impulses that led her to inflict harm on herself. 2000 Call#: Teen McC

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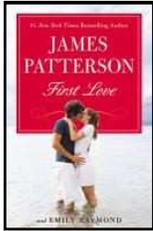
McCormick, Patricia

**Purple Heart**

While recuperating in a Baghdad hospital from a traumatic brain injury sustained during the Iraq War, eighteen-year-old soldier Matt Duffy struggles to recall what happened to him and how it relates to his ten-year-old friend, Ali. 2009 Call #: Teen McC

Patterson, James

**First Love**



Axi Moore is a "good girl": She studies hard, stays out of the spotlight, and doesn't tell anyone that what she really wants is to run away from it all. The only person she can tell is her best friend, Robinson--who she also happens to be madly in love with. When Axi impulsively invites Robinson to come with her on an unplanned cross-country road trip, she breaks the rules for the first time in her life. But the adventure quickly turns from carefree to out-of-control... A remarkably moving tale with its origins in James Patterson's own past, First Love is testament to the power of first love--and how it can change the rest of your life. 2014

Call #: Teen Pat

Polsky, Sara

**This is How I Find Her**



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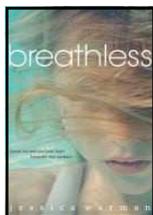


Reinhardt, Dana

**A Brief Chapter In My Impossible Life**

Sixteen-year-old atheist Simone Turner-Bloom's *life* changes *in* unexpected ways when her parents convince her to make contact with her biological mother, an agnostic from a Jewish family who is losing her battle with cancer. 2006 Call#: Teen Rei

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Warman, Jessica

**Breathless**

At boarding school, Katie tries to focus on swimming and becoming popular instead of the painful memories of her institutionalized schizophrenic older brother. Ali. 2009

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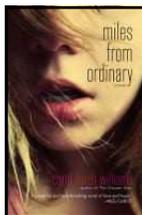


Weatherly, Lee

**Kat Got Your Tongue**

After a terrible car accident, Kat wakes up with no idea who she is, and no memory of anything before the crash. She doesn't even recognize her mum, much less her friends from school--Poppy, Jade, and the mysterious Tina. Only after she finds her old diary--written in a voice no longer her own--does Kat begin to discover the terrible secrets of her previous life. This incredible novel explores the damage amnesia can do to a family, and how one girl struggles to reconcile her new personality with her old. 2007

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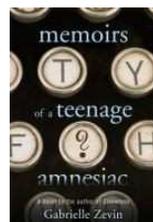


Williams, Carol Lynch

**Miles From Ordinary**

As her mother's mental illness spins terrifyingly out of control, thirteen-year-old Lacey must face the truth of what life with her mother means for both of them 2011

Call #: Teen Wil



Zevin, Gabrielle

**Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac**

If Naomi had picked tails, she would have won the coin toss. She wouldn't have had to go back for the yearbook camera, and she wouldn't have hit her head on the steps. She wouldn't have woken up in an ambulance with amnesia. She certainly would have remembered her boyfriend, Ace. She might even have remembered why she fell in love with him in the first place. She would understand why her best friend, Will, keeps calling her "Chief." She'd know about her mom's new family. She'd know about her dad's fiancée. She never would have met James, the boy with the questionable past and the even fuzzier future, who tells her he once wanted to kiss her. She wouldn't have wanted to kiss him back. But Naomi picked heads. 2007

Call#: Teen Zev, Teen ACAB Zev

Non-Fiction

Earl, Esther



**This Star Won't Go Out: The Life and Words of Esther Grace Earl**

A collection of the journals, fiction, letters, and sketches of the late Esther Grace Earl, who passed away in 2010 at the age of 16. Photographs and essays by family and friends will help to tell Esther's story along with an introduction by award-winning author John Green who dedicated his #1 bestselling novel *The Fault in Our Stars* to her. 2014

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