

Did you like Speak, by Laurie Halse Anderson? Then try these books.....

The Perks of Being a Wallflower, by Stephen Chbosky

Most people think 15-year-old Charlie is a freak. The only friend he had killed himself, forcing him to face high school alone. But then seniors Patrick and his beautiful stepsister Sam take Charlie under their wings and introduce him to their eclectic, open-minded, hard-partying friends. It is from these older kids that Charlie learns to live and love, until a repressed secret from his past threatens to destroy his newfound happiness.

Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes, by Chris Crutcher

The daily class discussions about contemporary issues serve as a backdrop for a high-school senior's attempt to answer a friend's dramatic cry for help.

The Hate List, by Jennifer Brown

Sixteen-year-old Valerie, whose boyfriend Nick committed a school shooting at the end of their junior year, struggles to cope with integrating herself back into high school life, unsure herself whether she was a hero or a villain.

Define Normal, by Julie Anne Peters

When she agrees to meet with Jasmine as a peer counselor at their middle school, Antonia never dreams that this girl with the black lipstick and pierced eyebrow will end up helping her deal with the serious problems she faces at home and become a good friend.

Just Listen, by Sarah Dessen

Isolated from friends who believe the worst because she has not been truthful with them, sixteen-year-old Annabel finds an ally in classmate Owen, whose honesty and passion for music help her to face and share what really happened at the end-of-year party that changed her life.

Go Ask Alice

Based on a diary of a fifteen-year-old drug user chronicling her struggle to escape the pull of the drug world.

Big Mouth and Ugly Girl, by Joyce Carol Oates

When sixteen-year-old Matt is falsely accused of threatening to blow up his high school and his friends turn against him, an unlikely classmate comes to his aid.

Buddha Boy, by Kathe Koja

Justin spends time with Jinsen, the unusual and artistic new student whom the school bullies torment and call Buddha Boy, and ends up making choices that impact Jinsen, himself, and the entire school.

Catalyst, by Laurie Halse Anderson

Eighteen-year-old Kate, who sometimes chafes at being a preacher's daughter, finds herself losing control in her senior year as she faces difficult neighbors, the possibility that she may not be accepted by the college of her choice, and an unexpected death.

City of the Beasts, by Isabelle Allende

When fifteen-year-old Alexander Cold accompanies his individualistic grandmother on an expedition to find a humanoid Beast in the Amazon, he experiences ancient wonders and a supernatural world as he tries to avert disaster for the Indians.

Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen, by Dyan Sheldon

In her first year at a suburban New Jersey high school, Mary Elizabeth Cep, who now calls herself "Lola," sets her sights on the lead in the annual drama production, and finds herself in conflict with the most popular girl in school.

Cut, by Patricia McCormick

While confined to a mental hospital, thirteen-year-old Callie slowly comes to understand some of the reasons behind her self-mutilation, and gradually starts to get better.

Gingerbread, by Rachel Cohn

After being expelled from a fancy boarding school, Cyd Charisse's problems with her mother escalate after Cyd falls in love with a sensitive surfer and is subsequently sent from San Francisco to New York City to spend time with her biological father.

Hope was Here, by Joan Bauer

When sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor.

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Stoner and Spaz, by Ron Koertge

A troubled youth with cerebral palsy struggles toward self-acceptance with the help of a drug-addicted young woman.

This Lullaby, by Sarah Dessen

Raised by a mother who's had five husbands, eighteen-year-old Remy believes in short-term, no-commitment relationships until she meets Dexter, a rock band musician.

Whale Talk, by Chris Crutcher

Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students.

Boy Toy, by Barry Lyga

After five years of fighting his way past flickers of memory about the teacher who molested him and the incident that brought the crime to light, eighteen-year-old Josh gets help in coping with his molester's release from prison when he finally tells his best friends the whole truth.

Recovery Road, by Nelson Blake

While she is in a rehabilitation facility for drug and alcohol abuse, teenager Maddie meets Stewart, who is also in treatment and they begin a relationship, which they try to maintain after they both get out.

Looking for Alaska, by John Green

Teenager Miles' first year at Culver Creek Prep School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.

Brutal, by Mark Harmon

Forced to leave Los Angeles for life in a quiet California wine town with a father she has never known, rebellious teen Poe Holly rails against a high school system that allows elite students special privileges and tolerates bullying those who are different.

Crank, by Ellen Hopkins

Kristina Snow is the perfect daughter, but she meets a boy who introduces her to drugs and becomes a very different person, struggling to control her life and her mind.

Saving Zoe, by Alyson Noel

Instead of a fresh start, high school provides more grief and isolation to Echo, whose older sister dies a year earlier, but insights gained from Zoe's diary---a fifteenth birthday gift from Zoe's boyfriend---about her sister's life and death change Echo in ways she could have never imagined.

Safe, by Susan Shaw

When thirteen-year-old Tracy, whose mother dies when she was 3 years old, is raped and beaten on the last day of school, all her feelings of security disappear and she does not know how to cope with the fear and the dread that engulfs her.

Flowers in the Attic, by V.C. Andrews

Chris, Cathy, and the twins are to be kept hidden until their grandfather dies so that their mother will receive a sizeable inheritance. However, years pass and terrifying things occur as the four children grow up in their one room prison.

Stargirl, by Jerry Spinelli

In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.