

Alcohol

TEEN Fiction Cormier: We All Fall Down

As The Avenger searches for the teenage boys who trashed a house in his neighborhood, Buddy, one of the trashers, increases his drinking in order to cope with his parents' separation and his obsession with the daughter of the owner of the vandalized house.

TEEN Fiction Davis: Not Like You

When she and her mother move once again in order to make a new start, fifteen-year-old Kayla is hopeful that her mother will be able to stop drinking and begin a better life, as she has been promising for years.
Also Try **Deuker's** Runner

TEEN Fiction Foxlee: The Midnight Dress

Rose, nearly sixteen, is used to traveling around with her alcoholic father but connects with the people of a small, coastal Australian town, especially classmate Pearl and reclusive Edie, who teaches her to sew a magical dress for the Harvest Festival while a mystery unfolds around them.

TEEN Fiction Friend: Lush

Unable to cope with her father's alcoholism, thirteen-year-old Sam corresponds with an older student, sharing her family problems and asking for advice.
Also Try **Pearson's** A room on Lorelei Street

TEEN Fiction Keizer: God of Beer

To complete a class assignment at his high school in rural Vermont, Kyle and his friends Quake and Diana do a social protest project involving alcohol.

TEEN Fiction Sáenz: Last night I sang to the monster

Eighteen-year-old Zach does not remember how he came to be in a treatment center for alcoholics, but through therapy and caring friends, his amnesia fades and he learns to face his past while working toward a better future.

TEEN Fiction Scott: Love You Hate You Miss You

After coming out of alcohol rehabilitation, sixteen-year-old Amy sorts out conflicting emotions about her best friend's death in a car accident for which she feels responsible.

TEEN Fiction Stampler: Where it Began

After she is in a horrific car crash when drunk, Los Angeles high school student Gabriella Gardiner assumes she stole her rich boyfriend's car and smashed it into a tree, but she cannot remember anything about the events of the evening.

TEEN Fiction Suzuma: Forbidden

Sixteen-year-old Maya and seventeen-year-old Lochan tell, in their separate voices, of their confusion and longing as they fall in love with one another after years of functioning as parents to three younger siblings due to their alcoholic mother's neglect.

TEEN Fiction Tharp: The Spectacular Now

In the last months of high school, charismatic eighteen-year-old Sutter Keely lives in the present, staying drunk or high most of the time, but that all changes when he works to boost the self-confidence of a classmate.

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Alcohol, Drugs & Gambling Stories For Teens

Drugs

TEEN Fiction Brooks: Candy

When Joe meets Candy, it seems like a regular boy-meets-girl scenario. But then Joe is drawn into Candy's world--a world of drugs, violence, and desperation.

TEEN Fiction Deuker: Gym Candy

Football is the only thing that has ever really mattered to Mick Johnson, who works hard for a spot on the varsity team his freshman year, then tries to hold onto his edge by using steroids, despite the consequences to his health and social life.

Also Try: **Lipsyte's** Raiders Night

TEEN Fiction Diepen: Street Pharm

Ty Johnson, the street's #1 dealer, is not just trying to staying ahead of his competition, he's trying to survive.

Also Try: **Elkeles's** Rules of Attraction

TEEN Fiction Harazin: Blood Brothers

With his best friend on life-support after taking drugs at a party, seventeen-year-old Clay, tries to figure out who is responsible for the accidental overdose.

Also Try: **Hopkins's** Glass, Fallout

Teen Fiction Koertge: Stoner & Spaz

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

Also Try: **Koertge's** Now playing : Stoner & Spaz II

TEEN Fiction Martinez: Virtuosity

Just before the most important violin competition of her career, seventeen-year-old prodigy Carmen faces critical decisions about her anti-anxiety drug addiction, her controlling mother, and a potential romance with her most talented rival.

TEEN Fiction McNab & Rigby: Meltdown

Eighteen-year-old Danny Watts and his grandfather Fergus, an ex-SAS explosives expert, travel to England, Spain, and Germany, in a life-or-death race to save the population from the spread of a lethal new drug that has been unleashed by terrorists.

TEEN Fiction Myers: The Beast

A visit to his Harlem neighborhood and the discovery that the girl he loves is using drugs give sixteen-year-old Anthony Witherspoon a new perspective both on his home and on his life at a Connecticut prep school.

Also Try: **Myers's** Dope Sick

TEEN Fiction Nelson: Recovery Road

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

TEEN Fiction Wilhelm: Falling

Fifteen-year-old Matt's life has been turned upside-down, first when the brother he idolizes turns to drugs, then when a visit to a chat room leads him to a classmate, Katie, who he likes very much but cannot trust with his family secret.

Also Try: **Neri's** Surf mules

Gambling

TEEN Fiction Feinstein: After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.

TEEN Fiction Hautman: All-In

Having won thousands of dollars playing high-stakes poker in Las Vegas, seventeen-year-old Denn Doyle hits a losing streak after falling in love with a young casino card dealer named Cattie Hart.

TEEN Fiction Luper: Big Slick

Unable to resist the lure of poker but reluctant to admit his addiction, sixteen-year-old Andrew, a talented player who relies on his mathematical skills to plan game strategy, risks friendship and his parents' trust as he begins to take money from his father's business to finance his secret gambling activities.

TEEN Fiction Papademetriou: Drop

Sixteen-year-old math prodigy Jerrica discovers she has the ability to predict outcomes in blackjack and roulette, and joins forces with Sanjay and Kat to develop her theories while helping them get the money they desperately need.

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