

Search for Parents

TEEN Fiction Baskin: All We Know of Love
Natalie, almost sixteen, sneaks away from her Connecticut home and takes the bus to Florida, looking for the mother who abandoned her when she was ten years old.
Also try **Baskin's** What Every Knows (except me)

TEEN Fiction Cooney: The Face on the Milk Carton
A photo of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity.
Also Try **Cooney's** Whatever Happened to Janie?; and What Janie Found

TEEN Fiction Hicks: Get Real
Destiny, a thirteen-year-old control freak, helps her adopted best friend when she finds her decides to have a relationship with her birth mom.

TEEN Fiction Howard: That Time I Joined the Circus
After her father's sudden death and a break-up with her best friends, seventeen-year-old Lexi has no choice but to leave New York City seeking her long-absent mother, rumored to be in Florida with a traveling circus, where she just may discover her destiny.

TEEN Fiction Yee: Absolutely Maybe
When living with her mother, an alcoholic ex-beauty queen becomes unbearable, almost seventeen-year-old Maybelline "Maybe" Chestnut runs away to California, where she tries to track down her birth father.

Stepfamilies

TEEN Fiction Cooney: Family Reunion
At a family reunion, Shelley comes to terms with her parents' divorce, her mother's absence, her new stepmother, and being the "stable" member of her colorful family.

TEEN Fiction Friend: Bounce
Thirteen-year-old Evyn's world is turned upside-down when her father suddenly decides to remarry a woman with six children, move with Ev and her brother Boston, and enroll her in private school.

TEEN Fiction Friesen: Losing Forever
Normal life for Jes is slipping away. Her mother is getting married again and is totally preoccupied with planning the perfect wedding. To make matters worse, Jes also has to deal with Angela, her soon-to-be stepsister, who has come to stay for a month before the wedding.

Foster Family

TEEN Fiction Jordan: Hot Girl
Kate, a fourteen-year-old Brooklyn girl and former gang member, risks losing her first good foster family when she adopts the risqué ways of her flirtatious new friend, Naleejah.

TEEN Fiction Lowell: Returnable Girl
Friendship with an outcast classmate and memories of her mother's desertion interfere with the relationship thirteen-year-old Ronnie tries to establish with her new foster mother.

TEEN Fiction Sweeney: The Guardian
When thirteen-year-old Hunter, struggling to deal with a harsh, money-grubbing foster mother, three challenging foster sisters, and a school bully, returns to his childhood faith and prays to St. Gabriel, he instantly becomes aware that he does, indeed, have a guardian.

Stories for Teens Regarding Families



Death in the Family

TEEN Fiction Coman: Many Stones

After her sister Laura is murdered in South Africa, Berry and her estranged father travel there to participate in the dedication of a memorial in her name.

TEEN Fiction Cooney: If the Witness Lied

Torn apart by tragedies and the publicity they brought, siblings Smithy, Jack, and Madison, aged fourteen to sixteen, tap into their parent's courage to pull together and protect their brother Tris, nearly three, from further media exploitation and a much more sinister threat.

TEEN Fiction Hoffman: Green Angel

Haunted with grief, her past and losing her family in a fire, fifteen-year-old Green retreats into her ruined garden as she struggles to survive emotionally and physically on her own.

TEEN Fiction Hoxter: The Snowball Effect

Having lost her stepfather, grandmother, and mother in the span of a year, seventeen-year-old Lainey unexpectedly reconnects with long-lost relatives, copes with her five-year-old brother's behavioral problems, and endangers her long-term romance when drawn to a young man with an unexpected connection to her mother.

TEEN Fiction Kaslik: Skinny

After the death of their father, two sisters struggle with various issues, including their family history, personal relationships, and an extreme eating disorder.

Also try **Klass's** Whirlwind

TEEN Fiction Marchetta: The Piper's Son

After his favorite uncle's violent death, Tom Mackee watches his family implodes, quits school, and turns his back on music and everyone who matters, and while he is in no shape to mend what is broken, he fears that no one else is, either.

TEEN Fiction Oates: After the wreck, I picked myself up, spread my wings, and flew away Blaming herself for the car accident on the Tappan Zee Bridge that killed her mother, fifteen-year-old Jenna undergoes a difficult physical and emotional recovery.

TEEN Fiction Plum-Ucci: The She

After his parents are lost at sea, Evan Barrett and his older brother leave their seaside home in West Hook to escape bad memories, but years later even worse questions emerge when Evan is asked to help a fellow student deal with another sea-related tragedy.

TEEN Fiction Williams: Waiting

As the tragic death of her older brother devastates the family, teenaged London struggles to find redemption and finds herself torn between her brother's best friend and a handsome new boy in town.

Teen Parents

TEEN Fiction Gramont: Every Little Thing in the World

Before she can decide what to do about her newly discovered pregnancy, sixteen-year-old Sydney is punished for "borrowing" a car and shipped out, along with best friend Natalia, to a wilderness camp for the next six weeks.

Also try **Cotugno's** How to Love

TEEN Fiction Hornby: Slam

At the age of fifteen, Sam Jones's girlfriend gets pregnant and Sam's life of daydreaming and skateboarding changes drastically.

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TEEN Fiction Johnson: The First Part Last Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.

TEEN Fiction Knowles: Jumping Off Swings Tells, from four points of view, the ramifications of a pregnancy resulting from a "one-time thing" between Ellie, who feels loved when boys touch her, and Josh, an eager virgin with a troubled home life.

TEEN Fiction Martin: I Know It's Over

Sixteen-year-old Nick, still trying to come to terms with his parents' divorce, experiences exhilaration and despair in his relationship with his girlfriend Sasha especially when, after instigating a trial separation, she announces that she is pregnant. Also try **Jones's** Love (and other uses for duct tape)

TEEN Fiction McCafferty: Bumped

In 2036 New Jersey, when teens are expected to become fanatically religious wives and mothers or high-priced surrogates for couples made infertile by a widespread virus, sixteen-year-old identical twins Melody and Harmony find in one another the courage to believe they have choices. Also try **McCafferty's** Thumped; **Nolan's** Pregnant Pause

TEEN Fiction Oughton: Perfect Family

When Welcome, a fifteen-year-old girl living in a small town in North Carolina during the 1950s, finds out that she is pregnant, she faces some important decisions.

TEEN Fiction Vega: Fact of Life #31

Sixteen-year-old Kat, whose mother is a home-birth midwife, feels betrayed when a popular, beautiful classmate gets pregnant and forms a bond with Kat's mother that Kat herself never had.