

# Homeless

## **TEEN Fiction Booth: Tyrell**

Fifteen-year-old Tyrell, who is living in a Bronx homeless shelter with his spaced-out mother and his younger brother, tries to avoid temptation so he does not end up in jail like his father.

## **TEEN Fiction Going: Fat Kids Rule the World**

Seventeen-year-old Troy, depressed, suicidal, and weighing nearly 300 pounds, gets a new perspective on life when a homeless teenager who is a genius on guitar wants Troy to be the drummer in his rock band.

## **TEEN Fiction Leavitt: My book of life by Angel**

16-year-old Angel struggles to free herself from the trap of prostitution in which she is caught.

## **TEEN Fiction McMann: Dead to You**

Having been abducted at age seven, abandoned, a foster child, and homeless, Ethan, now sixteen, is happy to be home until his brother's suspicion and his own inability to remember something unspeakable from his early childhood begin to tear the family apart.

## **TEEN Fiction Quick: Sorta Like a Rockstar**

Although seventeen-year-old Amber Appleton is homeless, living in a school bus with her unfit mother, she is a relentless optimist who visits the elderly at a nursing home, teaches English to Korean Catholic women with the use of rhythm and blues music, and befriends a solitary Vietnam veteran and his dog, but eventually she experiences one burden more than she can bear and slips into a deep depression.

## **TEEN Fiction Whelan: Homeless Bird**

When thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it.

## **TEEN Fiction Williams: Now is the Time for Running**

When soldiers attack a small village in Zimbabwe, Deo goes on the run with Innocent, his older, mentally disabled brother, carrying little but a leather soccer ball filled with money, and after facing prejudice, poverty, and tragedy, it is in soccer that Deo finds renewed hope.

## **TEEN Fiction Wynne-Jones: Blink & Caution**

Two teenagers who are living on the streets and barely getting by become involved in a complicated criminal plot, and make an unexpected connection with each other.

# Runaways

## **TEEN Fiction Boie: The Princess Trap**

Palace rules, boarding school, and paparazzi have Jenna, princess of the newly unified kingdom of Scandia, longing for her former anonymity, but when she runs away she finds herself in grave danger--and in a position to prevent the outbreak of civil war.

## **TEEN Fiction Dessen: Dreamland**

After her older sister runs away, sixteen-year-old Caitlin decides that she needs to make a major change in her own life and begins an abusive relationship with a boy who is mysterious, brilliant, and dangerous.

## **TEEN Fiction Halpern: Don't Stop now**

Recent high school graduates Lil and Josh leave Illinois for Oregon seeking Lil's sort-of friend Penny, who faked her own kidnapping to escape problems at home and an abusive boyfriend, but Lil also wants to find out if she and Josh are meant to be more than friends.

## **TEEN Fiction Hopkins: Smoke**

After the death of her abusive father and loss of her beloved Ethan and their unborn child, Pattyn runs away, desperately seeking peace, as her younger sister, a sophomore in high school, also tries to put the pieces of her life back together.

## **TEEN Fiction Michaels: Fix Me**

A sixteen-year-old girl endures a miserable life with her aunt and violent twin brother, but when memories of an even worse past resurface she runs away to a zoo, where she finds an unlikely sanctuary and allies.

## **TEEN Fiction Parkinson: Long Story Short**

Fourteen-year-old Jono and his eight-year-old sister Julie run away when, soon after their grandmother's death, their alcoholic mother hits Julie, but when the police find them in Galway, Jono learns he is in big trouble.

## **TEEN Fiction Patterson: First Love**

Runaways Axi, sixteen, and Robinson, seventeen, who met on a cancer ward, leave small-town Oregon on a cross-country trip to experience the best of life before it is too late.

## **TEEN Fiction Philbrick: Max the Mighty**

Fourteen-year-old Max helps a younger girl escape from her abusive stepfather by running away with her to the distant town of Chivalry, Montana, searching for her real father.

**TEEN Fiction Reger: Emily the Strange; Lost Days**

Emily the Strange has lost her memory and finds herself in the town of Blackrock with nothing more than her diary, her slingshot, and the clothes on her back.

**TEEN Fiction Richther: Dark Eyes**

Adopted from a Russian orphanage by a wealthy New York family then growing into a rebellious street youth, fifteen year-old Wally resolves to find the birth mother who stole a fortune from her murderous, dark-eyed father.

**TEEN Fiction Rush: Erased**

Seventeen-year-old Anna searches for answers about her past while she evades the Branch with genetically altered boys Sam, Cas, and Nick

**TEEN Fiction Rush: Altered**

Seventeen-year-old Anna finds herself on the run from her father's enigmatic Agency, along with the four teen boys the Agency had been experimenting on, as they try to make sense of erased memories, secret identities, and genetic alteration.

**TEEN Fiction Stine: Refugees**

Following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Dawn, a sixteen-year-old runaway from San Francisco, connects by phone and email with Johar, a gentle, fifteen-year-old Afghani who assists Dawn's foster mother, a doctor, at a Red Cross refugee camp in Peshawar.

**TEEN Fiction Walters: Sketches**

After running away from home, fifteen-year-old Dana finds friends on the Toronto streets, and, eventually, a way to come to terms with what has happened to her.

**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 finds work on a taco truck and tries to track down her birth father.

# Stories about being Homeless & Runaways



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