

Issues with Dad

TEEN Fiction Caletti: Wild Roses

Seventeen-year-old Cassie learns about the good and bad sides of both love and genius while living with her mother and brilliant, yet disturbed, violinist stepfather and falling in love with a gifted young musician.

TEEN Fiction Caletti: The Secret Life of Prince Charming

Seventeen-year-old Quinn discovers that her charismatic but selfish father, with whom she has recently begun to have a tentative relationship, has stolen from the many women in his life; she decides she must avenge this wrong.

TEEN Fiction Caletti: The Queen of Everything

Jordan's father starts having an affair with the new married nextdoor neighbor, Gayle D'Angelo. When Gayle's husband goes missing and Jordan's father is a suspect in the disappearance, Jordan feels her life is going out of control.

TEEN Fiction Colasanti: So Much Closer

Seventeen-year-old Brooke has a crush on Scott so big that when he heads for New York City, she moves into her estranged father's Greenwich Village apartment, but soon she begins to focus on knowing herself and finding her future path.

TEEN Fiction Lester: When Dad Killed Mom

When Jenna and Jeremy's father shoots and kills their artist mother, they struggle to slowly rebuild a functioning family.

TEEN Fiction Oates: Freaky Green Eyes

Fifteen-year-old Frankie relates the events of the year leading up to her mother's mysterious disappearance and her own struggle to discover and accept the truth about her parents' relationship.

Issues with Mom

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 father and her when she was ten years old.

TEEN Fiction Connor: Waiting for Normal

Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.

TEEN Fiction Curtis: Bucking the Sarge

Deeply involved in his cold and manipulative mother's shady business dealings in Flint, Michigan, fourteen-year-old Luther keeps a sense of humor while running the Happy Neighbor Group Home For Men, all the while dreaming of going to college and becoming a philosopher.

TEEN Fiction Dessen: Lock and Key

When she is abandoned by her alcoholic mother, high school senior Ruby winds up living with Cora, the sister she has not seen for ten years, and learns about Cora's new life, what makes a family, how to allow people to help her when she needs it, and that she too has something to offer others.

TEEN Fiction Going: Saint Iggy

Iggy Corso, who lives in city public housing, is caught physically and spiritually between good and bad when he is kicked out of high school, goes searching for his missing mother, and causes his friend to get involved with the same dangerous drug dealer who deals to his parents.

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TEEN Fiction Haddix: Takeoffs and Landings

An overweight, timid fifteen-year-old boy and his popular fourteen-year-old sister begin to overcome their guilt over their father's death and reconnect with each other and their emotionally-distant mother when they accompany her on a two-week speaking tour.

TEEN Fiction Kadohata: Outside Beauty

Thirteen-year-old Shelby and her three sisters must go to live with their respective fathers while their mother, who has trained them to rely on their looks, recovers from a car accident that scarred her face.

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 McNeal: Zipped

At the end of their sophomore year in high school, the lives of four teenagers are woven together as they start a tough new job, face family problems, deal with changing friendships, and find love.

TEEN Fiction Nitz: Suspect

As the family gathers at her grandmother's bed-and-breakfast for a murder mystery weekend, seventeen-year-old Jen confronts her ambivalent feelings about her mother, who disappeared fourteen years earlier, and about the possibility that she might be dead.

TEEN Fiction Paul: The Possibility of Fireflies

Fourteen-year-old Ellie fights to keep her life together while her emotionally unstable mother deteriorates and her rebellious older sister begins to hang out with a rough crowd.

TEEN Fiction Pearson: A Room on Lorelei Street

To escape a miserable existence taking care of her alcoholic mother, seventeen-year-old Zoe rents a room from an eccentric woman, but her earnings as a waitress after school are minimal and she must go to extremes to cover expenses.

Divorce

TEEN Fiction Bateman: Running with the Reservoir Pups

When his parents' divorce and his mother moves with him to Belfast, Northern Ireland, twelve-year-old Eddie contends with the Reservoir Pups, a gang of children who rule his neighborhood.

TEEN Fiction Clements: What Erika Wants

The bright spot in the life of fourteen-year-old Erika Nevski is her lawyer, who supports Erika as she faces a custody battle, deals with her shoplifting friend, and tries out for the school play.

TEEN Fiction Cooney: A Friend at Midnight

After rescuing her younger brother abandoned at a busy airport by their divorced father, fifteen-year-old Lily finds her faith in God sorely tested as she struggles to rescue herself from the bitterness and anger she feels.

TEEN Fiction Dessen: What Happened to Goodbye

Following her parents' bitter divorce as she and her father move from town to town, seventeen-year-old Mclean reinvents herself at each school she attends until she is no longer sure she knows who she is or where she belongs.

TEEN Fiction Deuker: Night Hoops

While trying to prove that he is good enough to be on his high school's varsity basketball team, Nick must also deal with his parents' divorce and the erratic behavior of a troubled classmate who lives across the street.

TEEN Fiction Graham: Stalker Girl

During a difficult time in her life, when her mother and stepfather have broken up and her father cancels a trip she has been anticipating, Carly becomes obsessed with her ex-boyfriend's new girlfriend.

TEEN Fiction Mancusi: Gamer Girl

Struggling to fit in after her parents' divorce sends her from Boston to her grandmother's house in the country, sixteen-year-old Maddy forms a manga club at school and falls in love through an online fantasy game.

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.

TEEN Fiction Mlynowski: Bras & Broomsticks

Living in New York City with her mother and her younger sister, Miri, fourteen-year-old Rachel tries to persuade Miri, who has recently become a witch, to help her become popular at school and to try to stop their divorced father's wedding.

TEEN Fiction Ockler: Bittersweet

Hudson Avery gave up a promising competitive ice skating career after her parents divorced when she was fourteen years old and now spends her time baking cupcakes and helping out in her mother's upstate New York diner, but when she gets a chance at a scholarship and starts coaching the boys' hockey team, she realizes that she is not through with ice skating after all.

TEEN Fiction Reinhardt: How To Build A House

Seventeen-year-old Harper Evans hopes to escape the effects of her father's divorce on her family and friendships by volunteering her summer to build a house in a small Tennessee town devastated by a tornado.

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