

## Tewksbury Public Library Teen Services Department

### Book Suggestions for Teens

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#### ***Speak* - Anderson, Laurie Halse (T, E, M)**

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect of Melinda's freshman year in high school.

#### ***When Jeff Comes Home* - Atkins, Catherine (T)**

Sixteen-year-old Jeff, returning home after having been kidnapped and held prisoner for three years, must face his family, friends, and school and the widespread assumption that he engaged in sexual activity with his kidnapper.

#### ***Bitter End* - Brown, Jennifer (T)**

When seventeen-year-old Alex starts dating Cole, a new boy at her high school, her two closest friends increasingly mistrust him as the relationship grows more serious.

#### ***Nicholas Dane* - Burgess, Melvin (T)**

When his single mother dies of a heroin overdose, fourteen-year-old Nick is sent into England's institutional care system, where he endures harsh punishment, sexual abuse, and witnesses horrors on a daily basis before emerging, emotionally scarred but still alive. Loosely based on "Oliver Twist."

#### ***Stay* - Caletti, Deb (T)**

In a remote corner of Washington State where she and her father have gone to escape her obsessive boyfriend, Clara meets two brothers who captain a sailboat, a lighthouse keeper with a secret, and an old friend of her father who knows his secrets.

#### ***What Happens Next* - Clayton, Colleen (T)**

The stress of hiding a horrific incident that she can neither remember nor completely forget leads sixteen-year-old Cassidy "Sid" Murphy to become alienated from her friends, obsess about weight loss, and draw close to Corey "The Living Stoner" Livingston.

## Teen Issues:

### Relationship &

### Sexual Abuse

#### ***Pretty Girl-13* - Coley, Liz (T)**

Sixteen-year-old Angie finds herself in her neighborhood with no recollection of her abduction or the three years that have passed since, until alternate personalities start telling her their stories through letters and recordings.

#### ***Fault Line* - Desir, Christa (T)**

A budding romance between Ani and Ben is brutally compromised on a night when Ani is raped at a party, an event that shatters her ability to trust and compels Ben to help her heal.

#### ***Dreamland* - Dessen, Sarah (T)**

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.

#### ***Just Listen* - Dessen, Sarah (T, E)**

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-the-year party that changed her life.

#### Key to Locations:

T = teen fiction

A = adult fiction

J = juvenile fiction

S = sound recording

E = e-book or e-audio

TG = teen graphic

AG = adult graphic

M = made into movie

Ordered by author's  
last name unless  
otherwise marked.

***Becoming Chloe* - Hyde, Catherine Ryan (E)**

A gay teenage boy and a fragile teenage girl meet while living on the streets of New York City and eventually decide to take a road trip across America to discover whether or not the world is a beautiful place.

***Things Change* - Jones, Patrick (T)**

Sixteen-year-old Johanna, one of the best students in her class, develops a passionate attachment for troubled seventeen-year-old Paul and finds her plans for the future changing in unexpected ways.

***The Gospel of Winter* - Kiely, Brendan (T)**

Managing the challenges of his fractured family by taking Adderall, sneaking drinks, and confiding in an abusive priest, Aidan finds support from new friends including a crush, a wild girl, and a swim-team captain with his own secrets.

***Lessons from a Dead Girl* - Knowles, Johanna (T)**

After her former friend Leah dies in an automobile accident, Laine remembers their troubled relationship, dating back to elementary school when Leah convinced Laine to "practice" in the closet with her, and Leah controlled her every thought.

***Sold* - McCormick, Patricia (T)**

Thirteen-year-old Lakshmi, though poor, enjoys her life until the Himalayan monsoons wash away her family's crops and she is sold to a brothel in India by her stepfather. She remembers her mother's wisdom, "Simply to endure is to triumph," until the day comes that she can reclaim her life.

***Prey* - McDaniel, Lurlene (T)**

Told from their separate points of view, fifteen-year-old Ryan has an affair with his thirty-three-year-old history teacher at an Atlanta high school, and his best friend Honey becomes determined to uncover the reason he is increasingly distant.

***Fade* - McMann, Lisa (T)**

Sequel to: *Wake*

Using her ability to tap into people's dreams, eighteen-year-old Janie investigates an alleged sex ring at her high school that involves teachers using a date rape drug on students.

***Sex and Violence* - Mesrobian, Carrie (T)**

Sex has always come without consequences for Evan. Until the night when all the consequences land at once, leaving him scarred inside and out.

***Rage* - Peters, Julie Anne (T)**

At the end of high school, Johanna finally begins dating the girl she has loved from afar, but Reeve is as much trouble as she claims to be as she and her twin brother damage Johanna's self-esteem, friendships, and already precarious relationship with her sister.

***Safe* - Shaw, Susan (T)**

When thirteen-year-old Tracy, whose mother died when she was three 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 dread that engulf her.

***Sketches* - Walters, Eric (T)**

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.

***Such a Pretty Girl* - Wiess, Laura (T)**

Haunted by flashbacks, fifteen-year-old Meredith learns that three years in prison has not changed the abusive father who molested her.

***Breaking Beautiful* - Wolf, Jennifer Shaw (E)**

Allie is overwhelmed when her boyfriend, Trip, dies in a car accident, leaving her scarred and unable to recall what happened that night, but she feels she must uncover the truth, even if it could hurt the people who tried to save her from Trip's abuse.

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