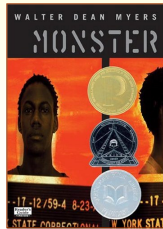




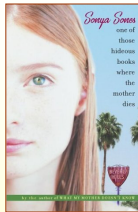
Monster
by Walter Dean Myers

While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.



One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies
by Sonya Sones

Fifteen-year-old Ruby Milliken leaves her best friend, her boyfriend, her aunt, and her mother's grave in Boston and reluctantly flies to Los Angeles to live with her father, a famous movie star who divorced her mother before Ruby was born.



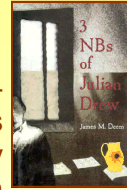
Speak
by Laurie Halse Anderson

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



3 NB's of Julian Drew
by James Deem

These are journals of a troubled fifteen-year-old boy who lives with his father and emotionally and physically abusive stepmother and her children after the death of his own mother years ago.



Fat Kid Rules the World
by K.L. Going

Troy Billings is seventeen, 296 pounds, friendless, utterly miserable, and about to step off a New York subway platform in front of an oncoming train. Until he meets Curt MacCrae, an emaciated, semi-homeless, high school dropout guitar genius, the stuff of which Lower East Side punk rock legends are made. Soon, Curt's recruited Troy as his new drummer-even though Troy can't play the drums.



Rooftop by Paul Volponi

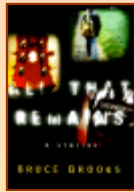
Rooftop about an urban youth working to earn his GED and kick his drug habit. Trouble comes to a head one tragic night on a rooftop when his estranged cousin, who has shown up for rehab, is shot by the police.



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All That Remains **by Bruce Brooks**

Cousins conspire to circumvent state burial laws when their beloved aunt dies of AIDS, and come up with a fiendishly clever plan to keep her out of a pauper's grave. A slick teen takes his very unhip cousin under his wing -- to make a man of him -- after reluctantly making a promise to his dying uncle to do so, and finds out a lot about being true to oneself in the meantime.



Behind The Mountains **by Edwidge Danticat**

In this award-winning author's first book for young readers, a first-person account is provided on elections being held in Haiti.



As bombs explode in the capital city of Port-au-Prince, Celiane Esprance and her mother are nearly killed, and are resolved to join Celiane's father in New York. When the family moves, Celiane narrates the difficulties they have adjusting.

Breathing Underwater **by Alex Finn**

Nick has never spoken of his father's violent temper, but when Nick meets Caitlin, everything changes. This critically acclaimed first novel offers an honest and fresh look into the mind of the abused--and abuser.



Chanda's Secrets **by Allen Stratton**

A young adult novel set in modern Africa tells the story of Chanda, a 16-year-old girl who must confront the realities of HIV/AIDS, as well as the corrosive nature of secrets and the healing power of truth.



Cut **by Patricia McCormack**

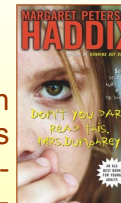
This riveting, thrilling and heartbreaking debut novel deals boldly with mental illness. Teens can relate to the adolescent drama and all-important friends as the main character tries to "cut" it.



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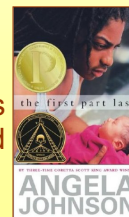
Dunphrey **by Margaret Haddix**

In the journal she is keeping for English class, sixteen-year-old Tish chronicles the changes in her life when her abusive father returns home after a two-year absence.



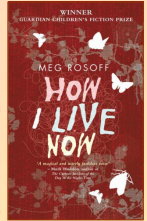
The First Part Last **by Angela Johnson**

Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.



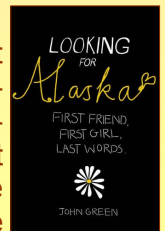
How Do I Live Now **by Meg Rosoff**

To get away from her pregnant stepmother in New York City, fifteen-year-old Daisy goes to England to stay with her aunt and cousins, with whom she instantly bonds, but soon war breaks out and rips apart the family while devastating the land.



Looking For Alaska **by John Green**

Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.



Lucas **by Kevin Brooks**

On an isolated English island, fifteen-year-old Caitlin McCann makes the painful journey from adolescence to adulthood through her experiences with a mysterious boy, whose presence has an unsettling effect on the island's inhabitants.

