

~ Short Stories ~

Young Adult Recommendations

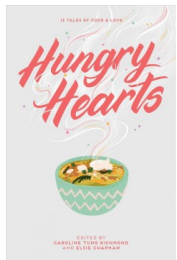


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Together, Apart

[YA TOGETHER](#)

A collection of teenage love stories set during life in lockdown during the COVID-19 epidemic. There's flirting and romance through window signs and over Skype and Zoom. There's a determined girl with a mask-making business, and two boys who meet through socially distant dog-walks. It's about finding love in unexpected place during an unprecedented time.

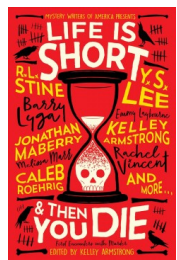


Hungry Hearts : 13 Tales of Food & Love

[YA HUNGRY](#)

Told in interconnected short stories that explore the many meanings food can take on beyond mere nourishment. It can symbolize love and despair, family and culture, belonging and home.

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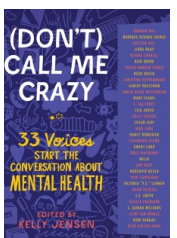


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Life Is Short and Then You Die : First Encounters with Murder

[YA LIFE](#)

Adolescence is a time of "firsts." First kiss. First love. First loss. First job. And in this case, a very different type of "first": murder. This short story collection of murder mysteries adds a sinister spin to the joy and pain of firsts that have always been a major part of life, whether it be high school cliques who take the term "backstabbing" too seriously, stumbling upon a body on the way home from school, or receiving a Snapchat message that promises something deadly.



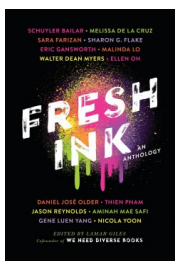
(Don't) Call Me Crazy : 33 Voices Start the Conversation About Mental Health

[YA 616.89 DON](#)

An anthology of essays and illustrations that illuminate mental health topics in a straightforward way.

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Fresh Ink

[YA GILES](#)

Careful--you are holding fresh ink. And not hot-off-the-press, still-drying-in-your-hands ink. Instead, you are holding twelve stories with endings that are still being written--whose next chapters are up to you. This anthology of short stories, a graphic novel, and a one-act play, explore such topics as gentrification, acceptance, untimely death, coming out, and poverty, and range in genre from contemporary realistic fiction to adventure and romance.



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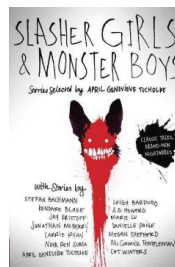
A Universe of Wishes :

[YA UNIVERSE](#)

A We Need Diverse Books Anthology

Close your eyes, make a wish, and step into a world where. . .

A princess has no need for a prince, memories vanish with the cast of a spell, dazzling ballgowns hide dark secrets, the fight continues to create a realm where everyone can belong, and the universe is yours for the taking.



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Slasher Girls & Monster Boys

[YA SLASHER](#)

Inspired by classic tales and films, a collection of fourteen short stories ranging from bloody horror, to psychological thrillers, to supernatural creatures, to unsettling, all-too-possible realism, by acclaimed YA authors of every genre.

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Look Both Ways :

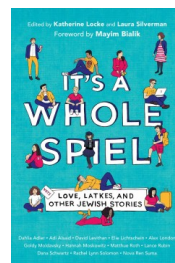
[YA REYNOLDS](#)

A Tale Told in Ten Blocks

Reynolds, Jason,

Jason Reynolds conjures ten tales (one per block) about what happens after the dismissal bell rings, and brilliantly weaves them into one wickedly funny, piercingly poignant look at the detours we face on the walk home, and in life.

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It's a Whole Spiel :

[YA ITS](#)

Love, Latkes, and other Jewish Stories

From stories of confronting their relationships with Judaism to rom-coms with a side of bagels and lox, this collection features one story after another that says yes, we are Jewish, but we are also queer, disabled, creative, political, adventurous, and anything we want to be.



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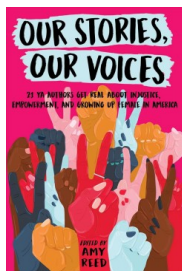
A Thousand Beginnings & Endings : 15 Retellings of Asian Myths and Legends

[YA THOUSAND](#)

Fifteen authors of Asian descent reimagine the folklore and mythology of East and South Asia, in short stories ranging from fantasy to science fiction to contemporary, from romance to tales of revenge.

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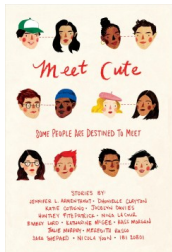
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Our Stories, Our Voices [YA 305.42 REE](#)

In this collection of essays, young adult authors explore their experiences of injustice, empowerment, and growing up female in America. They explore themes on the intersection of race and gender; women and weight; first sexual experience; the devastation of rape culture; and much more.

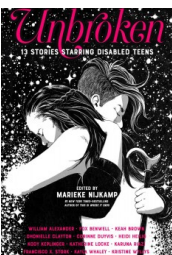
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Meet cute : Some People Are Destined to Meet [YA MEET](#)

A collection of short stories exploring the moment when a couple meets for the first time--from an African American girl in upstate New York who simultaneously finds a prom dress and a date to a transgender girl who confronts the student blocking her right to use the school restroom.

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Unbroken : 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens [YA UNBROKEN](#)

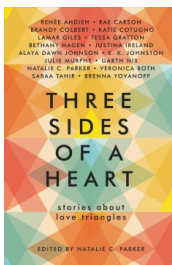
An anthology of stories in various genres, featuring disabled characters and written by disabled creators, ranging from established best selling authors to debut authors.



A Phoenix First Must Burn : Sixteen Stories of Black Girl Magic, Resistance, and Hope [YA PHOENIX](#)

Black girls, including gender non-conforming individuals, star in this collection of sixteen stories of fantasy, science fiction, and magic.

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Three Sides of a Heart : Stories About Love Triangles [YA TREEE](#)

Zombies in the Civil War South. The girl next door, the boy who loves her, and the girl who loves them both. Vampires at a boarding school. Three teens fighting monsters in an abandoned video rental store. Literally the last three people on the planet. This collection tackles the much-debated trope of the love triangle, and the result is sixteen fresh, diverse, and romantic stories you don't want to miss.

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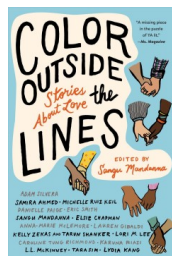


Summer Days and Summer Nights : Twelve Love Stories [YA SUMMER](#)

Summer meets love in both fantasy and reality in this anthology featuring renowned writers of both teen and adult fiction.

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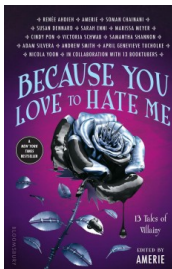
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Color Outside the Lines : Stories About Love [YA COLOR](#)

An anthology of short stories exploring interracial and other relationships, in which differences are front and center, but may or may not matter. And they're about Chinese pirate ghosts, black girl vigilantes, colonial India, a flower festival, a garden of poisons, and so, so much else.



Because You Love to Hate Me : 13 Tales of Villainy [YA BECAUSE](#)

A collection of classic fairy tales and stories, from Medusa to Sherlock Holmes, retold from the villains' points of view by teams of authors and "BookTubers."

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The Great War : Stories Inspired by Items from the First World War [YA GREAT](#)

Writers of this collection of short stories were inspired to write about the First World War by physical objects associated with the war.



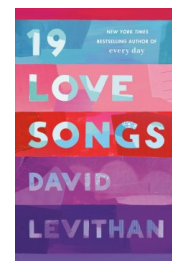
Hope Nation [YA 158.1 HOP](#)

A collection of essays and original stories by some of today's most influential young adult authors that speaks directly to teens on how to find hope and comfort in today's turbulent society.



Fear : 13 Stories of Suspense and Horror [YA FEAR](#)

Turn the pages if you dare. . . . In this collection of thirteen fabulously chilling stories from thirteen true masters of suspense, all edited by none other than R. L. Stine, nothing is what it seems. From cannibalistic children, to an unwitting date with a vampire, to a crush on a boy who just might be a werewolf, no scary stone is left unturned. A must-have for all fans of the genre!



19 Love Songs [YA LEVITHAN](#)

A collection of fiction, nonfiction, and a story in verse celebrating love.

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