

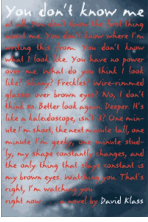

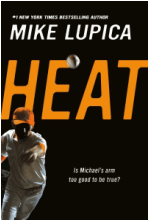


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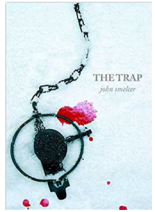
Cover	Details & Summary
<b>TEEN ISSUES</b>	
	<p>Vrettos, Adrienne Maria. <u><a href="#">Skin</a></u>. 2006.</p> <p>When his parents decide to separate, eighth-grader Donnie watches with horror as the physical condition of his sixteen-year old sister, Karen, deteriorates due to an eating disorder.</p>
	<p>Zarr, Sara. <u><a href="#">Story of a Girl</a></u>. 2006.</p> <p>During the summer after her sophomore year, Deanna Lambert tries to come to terms with the reputation with which she was slapped in the eighth grade when she was caught by her father in the backseat of a car with a high school senior, and struggles with her still-strained relationship with her father and her changing feelings for her best friend, Jason.</p>
	<p>Klass, David. <u><a href="#">You Don't Know Me</a></u>. 2001.</p> <p>Fourteen-year-old John creates alternative realities in his mind as he tries to deal with his mother's abusive boyfriend, his crush on a beautiful, but shallow classmate and other problems at school.</p>
	<p>Schmidt, Gary. <u><a href="#">Okay for Now</a></u>. 2011.</p> <p>Fourteen-year-old Doug Swieteck faces many challenges, including an abusive father, a brother traumatized by Vietnam, suspicious teachers and police officers, and isolation, but when he meets a girl known as Lil Spicer, he develops a close relationship with her and finds a safe place at the local library</p>
<b>SPORTS</b>	
	<p>Lupica, Mike. <u><a href="#">Heat</a></u>. 2007.</p> <p>Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.</p>



Coy, John. Crackback. 2005.

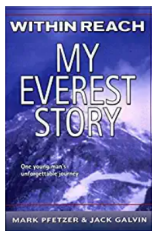
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## ADVENTURE



Smelcer, John. The Trap. 2007.

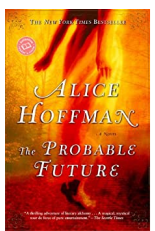
Seventeen-year-old Johnny Least-Weasel knows that his grandfather Albert is a stubborn old man and won't stop checking his own traplines even though other men his age stopped doing so years ago. But Albert Least-Weasel has been running traplines in the Alaskan wilderness alone for the past sixty years. Nothing has ever gone wrong on the trail he knows so well. When Albert doesn't come back from checking his traps, with the temperature steadily plummeting, Johnny must decide quickly whether to trust his grandfather or his own instincts.



Pftzer, Mark. Within Reach: My Everest Story. 2000.

The gripping story of sixteen-year-old Mark Pftzer's expedition to Mount Everest. Not only was he the youngest climber ever to attempt the summit, he also witnessed a tragedy in which eight climbers perished in a sudden storm. Within Reach is Mark's extraordinary account of this experience and of his triumphs over several other challenging peaks. At once triumphant and tragic, this story will be an inspiration to climbers, athletes, and armchair enthusiasts alike.

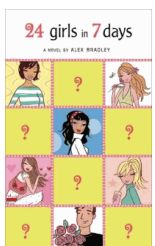
## FANTASY / OTHER WORLDS



Hoffman, Alice. The Probable Future. 2004.

Women of the Sparrow family have unusual gifts. Elinor can detect falsehood. Her daughter, Jenny, can see people's dreams when they sleep. Granddaughter Stella has a mental window on the future—a future that she might not want to see.

## ROMANCE



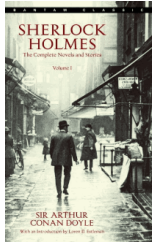
Bradley, Alex. 24 Girls in 7 Days. 2006.

Jack Grammar, an average American senior, has no date for the prom until his so-called best friends post an ad in the school newspaper and assemble a list of eager girls, giving him just seven days to meet and date them all before asking one special girl to the prom.

	<p>Zarr, Sara. <u>Sweethearts</u> 2008.</p> <p>Jennifer Harris, years after being the tormented outsider on the playground, has reinvented herself into Jenna Vaughn, a popular girl with what seems to be the perfect life, but when a childhood friend re-enters her life, she is forced to confront the most traumatic event of her past and question who she really is.</p>
<h2>HISTORICAL FICTION</h2>	
	<p>Myers, Walter Dean. <u>Sunrise Over Fallujah</u>. 2008.</p> <p>Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.</p>
<h2>MYSTERY / SUSPENSE / THRILLERS</h2>	
	<p>Bauer, Joan. <u>Peeled</u>. 2008.</p> <p>In an upstate New York farming community, high school reporter Hildy Biddle investigates a series of strange occurrences at a house rumored to be haunted.</p>
	<p>Giles, Gail. <u>Dead Girls Don't Write Letters</u>. 2004.</p> <p>Fourteen-year-old Sunny is stunned when a total stranger shows up at her house posing as her older sister Jazz, who supposedly died in a fire months earlier.</p>
<h2>FRIENDSHIPS</h2>	
	<p>Marchetta, Melina. <u>Jellicoe Road</u>. 2008.</p> <p>Abandoned by her drug-addicted mother at the age of eleven, high school student Taylor Markham struggles with her identity and family history at a boarding school in Australia.</p>
	<p>Connor, Leslie. <u>Waiting for Normal</u>. 2008.</p> <p>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.</p>

<b>SOCIAL ISSUES</b>	
	<p>Crutcher, Chris. <u>The Sledding Hill</u> 2005.</p> <p>Billy, recently deceased, keeps an eye on his best friend, fourteen-year-old Eddie, and helps him stand up to a conservative minister and English teacher who is orchestrating a censorship challenge.</p>
<b>NON-FICTION</b>	
	<p>Menzel and D'Aluisio. <u>What the World Eats</u>. 2008.</p> <p>A collection of photographs depicting twenty-five families from twenty-one different countries, and includes Chad, Ecuador, Greenland, Japan, Mongolia, and others, and also describes the cost of a week's worth of food, and other cultural information for each listed country.</p>
	<p>Spinelli, Jerry. <u>Knots in My Yo-Yo String</u>. 1998.</p> <p>This Italian-American Newbery Medalist presents a humorous account of his childhood and youth in Norristown, Pennsylvania.</p>
	<p>Paulsen, Gary. <u>My Life in Dog Years</u>. 1998.</p> <p>The author describes how dogs have impacted his life from childhood through the present day, recounting the stories of his first dog, Snowball, in the Philippines; Dirk, who protected him from bullies; and Cookie, who saved his life.</p>
<b>MULTICULTURAL</b>	
	<p>Myers, Walter Dean. <u>The Greatest: Muhammad Ali</u>. 2001.</p> <p>An illustrated biography of boxing great Muhammad <b>Ali</b> that addresses his politics, his fight against Parkinson's disease, and boxing's dangers.</p>
	<p>Alexie, Sherman. <u>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</u>. 2007.</p> <p>Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Native American is the school mascot.</p>

## CLASSICS



Doyle, Arthur Conan. The Complete Stories of Sherlock Holmes. 1986.

Presents short stories and novels featuring Conan Doyle's hero, Sherlock Holmes.