

**Issues, Issues, Issues....Young Adult Fiction  
Dealing with Social Problems**

**Racism / Ethnic Discrimination**

*American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang  
*Devil on My Heels* by Joyce McDonald  
*Gold Dust* by Chris Lynch  
*A Heart Divided* by Cherie Bennett  
*Danger Zone* by David Klass  
*Incantation* by Alice Hoffman  
*Daniel Half Human and the Good Nazi* by David Chotjewitz  
*New Boy* by Julian Houston  
*Under the Sun* by Arthur Dorros  
*The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers

**Underage Alcohol Use**

*God of Beer* by Garret Keizer  
*Whirligig* by Paul Fleischman  
*Making the Run* by Heather Henson  
*Bottled Up* by Jaye Murray  
*We All fall Down* by Robert Cormier

**Children of Alcoholic Parents**

*A Room on Lorelei Street* by Mary E. Pearson  
*Lush* by Natasha Friend  
*The Serious Kiss* by Mary Hogan  
*The Blue Mirror* by Kathe Koja  
*Harley, Like A Person* by Cat Bauer  
*Burned* by Ellen Hopkins

**Obsessive Relationships**

*Dreamland* by Sarah Dessen  
*Painting Caitlyn* by Kimberly Joy Peters  
*Who Am I Without Him? Short Stories About  
Girls and the Boys in Their Lives* by Sharon G.  
Flake  
*Fault Line* by Janet Tashjian  
*Breathing Under Water* by Alex Flinn

**Drug Use and Abuse**

*Crank, Glass* by Ellen Hopkins  
*Saint Iggy* by K.L. Going  
*Stoner & Spaz* by Ron Koertge  
*Smack* by Melvin Burgess  
*Crackback* by John Coy  
*Candy* by Kevin Brooks  
*My Brother's Keeper* by Patricia McCormick  
*After the Wreck I picked Myself Up.....*by Joyce  
Carol Oates  
*A Hero Ain't Nothing But a Sandwich* by Alice  
Childress

**Homelessness/Foster Care**

*Runaway* by Wendelin Van Draanen  
*Can't Get There From Here* by Todd Strasser  
*Theories of Relativity* by Barbara Haworth-Attard  
*Becoming Chloe* by Catherine Ryan Hyde  
*Begging For Change* by Sharon Flake  
*Last Chance Texaco* by Brent Hartinger  
*Keesha's House* by Helen Frost  
*Born Blue* by Han Nolan  
*Tyrell* by Coe Booth  
*Shelter* by Beth Cooley  
*My Lost and Found Life* by Melodie Bowsher

**Sexual Abuse / Rape**

*Claiming Georgia Tate* by Gigi Amateau  
*Inexcusable* by Chris Lynch  
*Darkness Before Dawn* by Sharon Draper  
*I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This* by Jacqueline  
Woodson  
*Such a Pretty Girl* by Laura Wiess  
*Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*Identical* by Ellen Hopkins  
*Prey* by Lurlene McDaniel  
*Bait* by Alex Sanches  
*Boy Toy* by Barry Lyga

### **Bullying / Hazing**

*Good Girls* by Laura Ruby  
*Shattering Glass* by Gail Giles  
*Returnable Girl* by Pamela A. Lowell  
*Sleep Rough Tonight* by Ian Bone  
*The Girls and Poison Ivy* by Amy Goldman Koss  
*Inventing Elliot* by Graham Gardener  
*Drowning Anna* by Sue Mayfield  
*Breaking Point* by Alex Flinn  
*The Misfits* by James Howe  
*The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier

### **Depression / Suicide**

*Cut* by Patricia McCormick  
*Wrecked* by E.R. Frank  
*Trigger* by Susan Vaught  
*Impulse* by Ellen Hopkins  
*It's Kind of a Funny Story* by Ned Vizzini  
*Aimee* by Mary Beth Miller  
*Under the Wolf Under the Dog*

### **Mental Illness**

*17* by Liz Rosenberg  
*Where I Want to Be* by Adele Griffin  
*Invisible* by Pete Hautman  
*Inside Out* by Terry Trueman  
*Kissing Doorknobs* by Terry Spencer Hesser  
*Stop Pretending: What Happened When My Sister Went Big Crazy* by Sonja Sones  
*Wild Roses, The Nature of Jade* by Deb Caletti  
*Lisa Bright and Dark* by John Neufeld

### **Body Image /Eating Disorders**

*Massive* by Julia Bell  
*The Earth, My Butt and Other Big, Round Things*  
by Carolyn Mackler  
*Skin* by Adrienne Maria Vrettos  
*Perfect* by Natasha Friend  
*The Hanged Man* by Francesca Lia Block  
*Girls Under Pressure* by Jacqueline Wilson  
*Lovesick* by Jake Coburn  
*A Dance of Sisters* by Tracy Porter

### **Divorce**

*Night Hoops* by Carl Deuker  
*Invisible* by Pete Hautman  
*My Not So terrible Time at the Hippie Hotel* by Rosemary Graham  
*Rats Saw God* by Rob Thomas  
*Running With the Reservoir Pups* by Colin Bateman  
*Bounce* by Natasha Friend

### **Teen Moms**

*Imani All Mine* by Connie Porter  
*Like Sisters on the Homefront* by Rita Williams-Garcia  
*Make Lemonade* by Virginia Euwer Wolff  
*Spellbound and Chill Wind* by Janet McDonald  
*Girls in Trouble* by Caroline Leavitt  
*November Blues* by Sharon Draper

### **Teen Dads**

*Mahalia* by Joanne Horniman  
*The First Part Last* by Angela Johnson  
*Hanging On To Max* by Margaret Bechard  
*Too Soon For Jeff* by Marilyn Reynolds

### **Questioning Sexual Identities**

*Far From Xanadu* by Julie Anne Peters  
*Empress of the World* by Sarah Ryan  
*So Hard to Say* by Alex Sanchez  
*Annie on My Mind* by Nancy Garden  
**(see our GLBT booklist)**

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