

HUMOROUS

Adams, Douglas

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (and sequels)

Join hapless hero Arthur Dent as he travels the galaxy with his intrepid pal Ford Prefect, getting into horrible messes and generally wreaking hilarious havoc. Dent is grabbed from Earth moments before a cosmic construction team obliterates the planet to build a freeway.

Barson, K. A.

45 Pounds (More or Less)

Ann Galardi is 16. And a size 17. Her perfect mother is a size 6. Her aunt Jackie is getting married in 10 weeks and wants Ann to be a bridesmaid. So Ann makes up her mind. Time to lose 45 pounds (more or less) in time for the wedding!

Boyce, Kristy

Hot Dutch Daydream

No one has ever accused Sage Cunningham of being easily distracted. She has a plan, and she won't be swayed. She'll spend the summer interning in her mentor's lab in Amsterdam, and then she'll be ready for college. All she needs to do to pay for the summer abroad is agree to serve as the au pair for Dr. Reese's three-year-old. Sage has it all down to a science, but she doesn't anticipate the surprise arrival of Dr. Reese's teenage son. Ryland is spontaneous, flirty, and impulsive--everything Sage isn't. He's a talented artist, but he's desperately in need of someone to keep him focused. And as nannying proves harder than Sage had expected, it turns out she might need help too. The two strike a deal. Sage will stop Ryland from going out with a different girl every day, and Ryland will pitch in with his little brother. Spending the summer stuck together is the perfect way to keep distractions to a minimum. Right?

Brody, Jessica

In Some Other Life

Kennedy chose to pursue the boy of her dreams rather than attend an elite private school—but as their romance ends, she gets a glimpse of the not-so-perfect life she might have had.

Brown, Scott

XL

Will has always been troubled by his short stature, but on his 16th birthday, he starts to grow--and grow, and grow. Will's sardonic voice strikes the perfect tone, and the cast of characters plays wonderfully off his bizarre situation.

Bryant, Elise

Reggie and Delilah's Year of Falling

Pretending to be someone they're not, Delilah, who is unable to open up, and Reggie, a D&D Dungeon Master who is role-playing someone confident, fall for a version of each other that doesn't really exist when fate keeps throwing them together.

Chao, Gloria

American Panda

A freshman at MIT, seventeen-year-old Mei Lu tries to live up to her Taiwanese parents' expectations, but no amount of tradition, obligation, or guilt prevent her from hiding several truths--that she is a germaphobe who cannot become a doctor, she prefers dancing to biology, she decides to reconnect with her estranged older brother, and she is dating a Japanese boy.

Cherry, Alison

The Pros of Cons

"Callie, Vanessa, and Phoebe are staying at the same hotel but attending three different conventions. Callie is hoping to have quality time with her father at the World Taxidermy Championships as his assistant, but when she discovers a big secret he's been hiding, their relationship is in jeopardy. Vanessa is geeking out at the We Treasure Fandom convention, where she will meet her online girlfriend and fanfiction coauthor Soleil in person for the first time. Phoebe is hoping to beat the competition at the Indoor Percussion Association convention but keeps getting distracted by her cute band mate Scott and former best friend Christina. When the three teenagers serendipitously meet because of a mix-up in the hotel lobby, they form a fast and strong friendship." SLJ 12/1/17

Dinan, Kurt

Don't Get Caught

To his great surprise, uncool eleventh-grader Max Cobb is invited to join the Chaos Club, an exclusive group of students responsible for some of the biggest pranks at his high school.

Easton, T. S.

Boys Don't Knit (in Public)

After a brush with the law, Ben, a dyed-in-the-wool worrier, must take up a new hobby and chooses knitting, an activity at which he excels but must try to keep secret from his friends, enemies, and sports-obsessed father.

Elston, Ashley

10 Truths and a Dare

It's Senior Party Week, that magical in-between time after classes have ended but before graduation, chock-full of gimmicky theme parties, last-minute bonding, and family traditions. Olivia couldn't be more ready ... But when the tiny hiccup of an unsigned off-campus P.E. form puts Olivia in danger of not graduating at all, she has one week to set things straight without tipping off her very big and very nosy extended family.

Geiger, J. C.

Wildman

Lance Hendricks, eighteen, is an over-achiever headed to the last big party before graduation when his car breaks down in a remote Washington town—and his life will never be the same.

Hall, Sandy

A Prom to Remember

Relates the events of Senior Prom at Roosevelt High School from seven different points of view.

Hand, Cynthia

My Plain Jane

Mysteries abound on the moors—and not all of them are of this world. When Charlotte Brontë's best friend, Jane Eyre, is offered a job with the Society for the Relocation of Wayward Spirits, Charlotte is dismayed that Jane takes a position as a governess at Thornfield Hall instead—so Charlotte decides that she's the right person for the job, even if she can't see ghosts like Jane can. Nevertheless, she persists, joining her brother and his mentor, Alexander Blackwood, in serving the Society by trying to recruit Jane. Jane, however, has fallen in love with her employer, Mr. Rochester, and has no interest in leaving. A domino line of events follows the two friends as they find love, work, ghosts, and strengths they never suspected.

Hawkins, Rachel

Royals

Daisy Winters, an unconventional 16-year-old from ordinary Perdido, Florida, becomes embroiled in royal drama when her older sister, the impeccable, blonde Ellie, becomes engaged to Prince Alexander of Scotland. Daisy is whisked across the Atlantic into a world of drafty castles, snobbish relatives, and endless run-ins with tabloid paparazzi. Although Daisy does her best to support her sister, her inability to keep her mouth shut and follow the rules get her into all kinds of trouble with her sister's future in-laws, especially the icy Queen Clara.

Henry, Katie

Gideon Green in Black and White

Gideon's short-lived run as a locally famous boy detective ended when middle school started, and everyone else moved on. Now he's sixteen and officially retired—that is, until Lily shows up suddenly at Gideon's door, needing his help. As a cover, Gideon joins Lily on the school paper. Surprisingly, he finds himself warming up to the welcoming, close-knit staff—especially Tess, the cute, witty editor-in-chief.

Hill, Kaitlyn

Love from Scratch

This summer Reese Camden is trading sweet tea and Southern hospitality for cold brew and crisp coastal air. She's landed her dream marketing internship at Friends of Flavor, a wildly popular cooking channel in Seattle. The only problem? Benny Beneventi, the relentlessly charming, backwards-baseball-cap-wearing culinary intern—and her main competition for the fall job. Reese's plan to keep work a No Feelings Zone crumbles like a day-old muffin when she and Benny are thrown together for a video shoot that goes viral, making them the internet's newest ship. Audiences are hungry for more, and their bosses at Friends of Flavor are happy to deliver. Soon Reese and Benny are in an all-out food war, churning homemade ice cream, twisting soft pretzels, breaking eggs in an omelet showdown—while hundreds of thousands of viewers watch. Reese can't deny the chemistry between her and Benny. But the more their rivalry heats up, the harder it is to keep love on the back burner.

Kaplan, Ariel

We Regret to Inform You

When high-achiever Mischa is rejected from every college she applies to, she teams up with a group of hacker girls to find who altered her transcript and to set things right. Written with humor and heart, this cautionary tale is a reminder that students are more than their GPA and test scores—or, as one Ophelia puts it, “That avatar is not you.”

Kinsella, Sophie

Confessions of a Shopaholic

At age 25, Rebecca Bloomwood has everything she wants. Or does she? Can her career as a financial journalist, a fab flat, and a closet full of designer clothes lessen the blow of the letters from credit card companies and banks that have been arriving too quickly to be contained by the drawer in which Rebecca hides them?

Korman, Gordon

Son of the Mob (and sequel)

Seventeen-year-old Vince's life is constantly complicated by the fact that he is the son of a powerful Mafia boss—a relationship that threatens to destroy his romance with the daughter of an FBI agent.

LaRochelle, David

Absolutely, Positively Not

Sixteen-year-old Steven Denarski enjoys square dancing with his mother. He doesn't like sports. He's very neat. He's never had a girlfriend—but his best friend is a girl. Despite all that, he is absolutely positively not gay. He's sure of it, so he sets out to prove it to himself and the world.

Liang, Ann

This Time It's Real

When seventeen-year-old Eliza Lin's entirely fictional essay about meeting her perfect boyfriend goes viral at her international school in Beijing, she has to make a deal with the handsome and charming Caz Song to play the part—but when the relationship starts to feel real all her career plans are suddenly threatened.

Loutzenhiser, Katy

The Girl Least Likely

Leading a double life as Sabrina, a funny-girl alter-ego that frees her to explore who she really is and what she really wants, teen stand-up comic Gretchen is torn between two boys as she learns to be her truest self.

Matson, Morgan

Save the Date

When seventeen-year-old Charlie Grant's four older siblings reunite for a wedding, she is determined they will have a perfect weekend before the family home is sold, but last-minute disasters abound.

McCahan, Erin

The Lake Effect

It's the summer after senior year, and Briggs Henry is out the door. He's leaving behind his ex-girlfriend and his parents' money troubles for Lake Michigan and its miles of sandy beaches where he will be working a summer job as a personal assistant and living in a gorgeous Victorian on the shore. But then he gets there. And his eighty-four-year-old boss tells him to put on a suit for her funeral. So begins a summer of social gaffes, stomach cramps, fraught beach volleyball games, moonlit epiphanies, and a drawer full of funeral programs. Add to this Abigail, the mystifying girl next door on whom Briggs's charms just won't work, and "the lake effect" is taking on a whole new meaning.

Noone, Gabby

Layoverland

Beatrice Fox deserves to go straight to hell. At least, that's what she believes. Her last day on Earth, she ruined the life of the person she loves most--her little sister Emmy. So when Bea awakens from a fatal car accident to find herself on an airplane headed who knows where, she's confused, to say the least. Once on the ground, Bea receives some truly harrowing news: she's in purgatory. If she ever wants to catch a flight to heaven, she'll have to help five thousand souls figure out what's keeping them from moving on.

Pacton, Jamie

The Life and (Medieval) Times of Kit Sweetly

Working as a Wench--i.e., waitress--at a cheesy medieval-themed restaurant in the Chicago suburbs, Kit Sweetly wishes she could be a Knight like her brother. She has the moves, is capable on a horse, and desperately needs the raise that comes with knighthood, so she can hold a spot at her dream college and help her mom pay the mortgage. Company policy allows only guys to be Knights. So when Kit takes her brother's place, clobbers the Green Knight, and reveals her identity at the end of the show, she rockets into Internet fame and a whole lot of trouble with the management. But this Girl Knight won't go down without a fight. As other Wenches and cast members join her quest, a protest forms. In a joust before Castle executives, they'll prove that gender restrictions should stay medieval--if they don't get fired first.

Park, Suzanne

Sunny Song Will Never Be Famous

A social media influencer is shipped off to a digital detox summer camp in this funny coming-of-age story.

Parsons, Ash

Girls Save the World in This One

When ZombieCon comes to their small town, June and her best friends battle long lines for photo ops, meet their favorite actors, and save the world from actual zombies when things get real.

Philippe, Ben

Charming As a Verb

Henri can charm just about anyone. He is a star debater and popular student at the prestigious FATE academy, the dutiful first-generation Haitian son, and the trusted dog walker for his wealthy New York City neighbors. But his easy smiles mask a burning ambition to attend his dream college, Columbia University. There is only one person who seems immune to Henri's charms: his 'intense' classmate and neighbor Corinne Troy. When she uncovers Henri's less-than-honest dog-walking scheme, she blackmails him into helping her change her image at school. Henri agrees, seeing a potential upside for himself. Soon what started as a mutual hustle turns into something more surprising than either of them ever bargained for.

Pratchett, Terry

The Color of Magic (and other titles set in Discworld)

A slightly disorganized and somewhat naive interplanetary tourist named Twoflower joins up with a bumbling wizard and embarks on a chaotic voyage through a world filled with monsters and dragons, heroes and knaves. Fantasy.

Sedoti, Chelsea

It Came from the Sky

When one of his science experiments went wrong, Gideon Hofstadt and his older brother Ishmael blamed the resulting explosion on extraterrestrial activity. Their lie was embraced by the town. As the brothers go to increasingly greater lengths to keep up the ruse and avoid getting caught, the hoax flourishes. There are UFO sightings, close encounters-- even abductions! Soon Lansburg, Pennsylvania was invaded-- not by aliens, but by believers, Truth Seekers, and, above all, people who looked to the sky and hoped for more. Can Gideon find a way to banish the aliens before Lansburg, and his life, are changed forever?

Selfors, Suzanne

Saving Juliet

Seventeen-year-old Mimi Wallingford's stage fright and fight with her mother on the closing night of Romeo and Juliet are nothing compared to the troubles she faces when she and her leading man are transported to Shakespeare's Verona where she decides to give the real Juliet a happy ending.

Stohl, Margaret**Royce Rolls**

For most of her life, Bentley Royce has been a character on the set of her family's reality TV show. Her every move is calculated, down to daily outfits and breakfast choices. Though her mother, older sister, and younger brother take their scripted lives in stride, Bentley yearns for something more real, including a college education. When ratings begin to slip and renewal of their show becomes uncertain, Bentley starts working on a plan to transform her life—until everything suddenly spirals out of control.

Strohm, Stephanie Kate**The Date to Save**

A scheduling error crams the biggest events of the school year all into one weekend, forcing the students of San Anselmo Prep to confront old fears, forge new relationships, and find a missing dragon's head. When Angelica Hutcherson is given the opportunity to write an article for the school paper chronicling the upcoming Academic Battle, she tackles it with her usual determination. As she digs, however, she discovers layers of cover-ups and intrigue. Her 250-word story morphs into a 250-page oral history of the entire homecoming weekend.

Strohm, Stephanie Kate**That's Not What I Heard**

High-school seniors Kimberly Landis-Lilley and Teddy Lin have been together since kindergarten, but when someone starts a rumor that they have broken up, the whole school is suddenly taking sides.

Sutherland, Krystal**A Semi-Definitive List of Worst Nightmares**

Documenting and avoiding sources of fear as a member of a family that is cursed to die from bad luck, Esther Solar becomes the unlikely friend of a former classmate and thief who encourages her to break the curse by confronting a different fear every week.

Zolidis, Don**War and Speech**

High schooler Sydney Williams is a new student at Eaganville, a nunnery-housed arts school in Minnesota, where she's starting over following her father's imprisonment and her parents' divorce. After a verbal altercation in her very first class, Sydney's new friends--considered losers for their interests in activities such as basketball, drama, and improv--explain the school's hierarchy, which is ruled by varsity speech and debate. Made up of mean-spirited, highly competitive kids and coached by a former motivational speaker who once impacted Sydney's father, the team wins--and they don't let anyone forget it. Humiliated by several on the squad, Sydney and her friends devise a plan to take them down: if you can't beat 'em, join 'em.