

***There You'll Find Me***

**By Jenny B. Jones**

**YA JONES**

Eighteen-year-old Finley, seeking God, quiet time to prepare for an audition at a prestigious music conservatory, and knowledge of the land her deceased brother loved, spends senior year in Ireland, where teen movie idol Beckett Rush, equally troubled, desires her company.

***The Porcupine of Truth***

**By Bill Konigsberg**

**YA KONIGSBERG**

Seventeen-year-old Carson Speier is bored of Billings, Montana, and resentful that he has to help his mother take care of his father, a dying alcoholic whom he has not seen in fourteen years--but then he meets Aisha, a beautiful African American girl who has run away from her own difficult family, and together they embark on a journey of discovery that may help them both come to terms with their lives.

***Lauren Yanofsky Hates the Holocaust***

**By Leanne Lieberman**

**YA LIEBERMAN**

Lauren, a Jewish teenager, is tired of hearing about the Holocaust but must make a tough choice when some friends play Nazi war games.

***Devoted***

**By Jennifer Mathieu**

**YA MATHIEU**

Rachel Walker is devoted to God and her large family, but as her curiosity about the world her parents turned from grows and she finds that neither Calvary Christian Church nor her homeschool education has the answer she craves, she considers leaving her sheltered life, as an older sister did.

***Starring Me***

**By Krista McGee**

**YA MCGEE**

Will seventeen-year-old Kara have to give up her acting dream when she learns that her audition for a television variety show starring a big-time teen celebrity hinges on her relationship with God?

***I Love I Hate I Miss My Sister***

**By Amelie Sarn**

**YA SARN**

Originally published in France, this book paints a portrait of two Muslim sisters, once closely bonded, but now on divergent paths as one embraces her religion and the other remains secular.

***This Side of Salvation***

**By Jeri Smith-Ready**

**YA SMITH-READY**

After his older brother is killed, David turns to anger and his parents to religion, but just as David's life is beginning to make sense again his parents press him and his sister to join them in cutting worldly ties to prepare for the Rush, when the faithful will be whisked off to heaven.

***Zen and the Art of Faking It***

**By Jordan Sonnenblick**

**YA SONNENBLICK**

When thirteen-year-old San Lee moves to a new town and school for the umpteenth time, he is looking for a way to stand out. His knowledge of Zen Buddhism provides the answer--and the need to quickly become a convincing Zen master.

***If You Come Softly***

**By Jacqueline Woodson**

**YA WOODSON**

After meeting at their private school in New York, fifteen-year-old Jeremiah, who is black and whose parents are separated, and Ellie, who is Jewish and whose mother has twice abandoned her, fall in love and then try to cope with people's reactions.

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# Teen Novels about Faith and Spirituality

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***Does My Head Look Big In This?***

**By Randa Abdel-Fattah**

**YA ABDEL-FATTAH**

Year Eleven at an exclusive prep school in the suburbs of Melbourne, Australia, would be tough enough, but it is further complicated for Amal when she decides to wear the hijab, the Muslim head scarf, full-time as a badge of her faith--without losing her identity or sense of style.

***Dreidels on the Brain***

**By Joel ben Izzy**

**YA BEN IZZY**

As he tries to survive Hannukah, 1971 in the suburbs of the suburbs of Los Angeles, middle-school magician Joel learns to appreciate life's small miracles with the help of an unusual stranger he meets on a bus.

***Dark Blue: Color Me Lonely***

**By Melody Carlson**

**YA CARLSON**

Two sophomore girls, best friends since kindergarten, grow apart when one wants new friends and decides the other is a popularity liability.

***Double Take***

**By Melody Carlson**

**YA CARLSON**

Two look-alike, discontented seventeen-year-olds--one a sophisticated city girl and the other an Amish farm girl--decide to trade lives for a week.

***My Name is Chloe***

**By Melody Carlson**

**YA CARLSON**

Free spirit Chloe, refusing to change her image to fit in with the "stereotypical Christian preppy mold," forms a girl band, Redemption.

***Premiere***

**By Melody Carlson**

**YA CARLSON**

When two sisters get their own fashion-focused reality television show, vivacious Paige is excited, but Erin, a Christian who is more interested in being behind the camera than in front of it, has problems with some of the things they are asked to do. series]

***Hush***

**By Eishes Chayil**

**YA CHAYIL**

After remembering the cause of her best friend suicide at age nine, Gittel is determined to raise awareness of sexual abuse in her Borough Park, New York, community, despite the rules of Chassidim that require her to be silent.

***Roadside Assistance***

**By Amy Clipston**

**YA CLIPSTON**

After her mother dies and she and her father move in with her wealthy aunt and cousin, Emily struggles when her tomboy identity and her way of expressing her faith clash with the expectations of others.

***Vivian Apple at the End of the World***

**By Katie Coyle**

**YA COYLE**

Sixteen-year-old Vivian Apple returns home after the alleged 'Rapture' to find her devout parents gone and two mysterious holes in the roof. Vivian never believed in the Rapture, or the uber powerful Church of America. Now that she has been left behind, Vivan's quest for the truth begins.

***All the Major Constellations***

**By Pratima Cranse**

**YA CRANSE**

After Andrew's best friend is hit by a drunk driver and ends up in a coma, his enigmatic crush invites him to find comfort with her fundamentalist Christian group.

***How to Ruin a Summer Vacation***

**By Simone Elkeles**

**YA ELKELES**

When sixteen-year-old Amy, a spoiled American, goes to Israel for a three-month summer vacation with a father she barely knows, she is not prepared for his Jewish family and the changes they bring about in her life. [First in a series]

***My Basmati Bat Mitzvah***

**By Paula J. Freedman**

**YA FREEDMAN**

Tara Feinstein, proud of both her East Indian and Jewish heritage, questions what it means to have a bat mitzvah and deals with her own doubts.

***Conviction***

**By Kelly Loy Gilbert**

**YA GILBERT**

A small-town boy questions everything he holds to be true when his father is accused of murder.

***Thou Shalt Not Road Trip***

**By Antony John**

**YA JOHN**

Sixteen-year-old Luke Dorsey is sent on a cross-country tour to promote his bestselling spiritual self-help guide accompanied by his agnostic older brother and former girlfriend Fran, from whom he learns some things about salvation.

***So Not Happening***

**By Jenny B. Jones**

**YA JONES**

Forced to move from Manhattan to an Oklahoma farm when her mother remarries, sixteen-year-old Bella relies on her faith while investigating a deadly, secret organization for the school newspaper, as she slowly realizes how shallow and spoiled she has been. [First in a series]