

Be Good, Be Real, Be Crazy

By Chelsey Philpot

YA PHILPOT

Homer, Mia, and Einstein are three aimless teenagers searching for meaning on an epic road trip up the East Coast--a journey that will take them to the most unexpected places.

Kissing in America

By Margo Rabb

YA RABB

When she falls for a boy who moves to California without any warning, sixteen-year-old Eva and her best friend, Annie, set off on a road trip to the West Coast to see him again, confronting the complex truth about love along the way.

Red Glass

By Laura Resau

YA RESAU

Sixteen-year-old Sophie has been frail and delicate since her premature birth, but discovers her true strength during a journey through Mexico, where the six-year-old orphan her family hopes to adopt was born, and to Guatemala, where her would-be boyfriend hopes to find his mother and plans to remain.

You Are Here

By Jennifer E. Smith

YA SMITH

Sixteen-year-old Emma Healy has never felt that she fit in with the rest of her family, so when she discovers that she had a twin brother who died shortly after they were born, she takes off on an impulsive road trip to try to discover who she really is.

So B. It

By Sarah Weeks

YA WEEKS

After spending her life with her mentally retarded mother and agoraphobic neighbor, twelve-year-old Heidi sets out from Reno, Nevada, to New York to find out who she is.

The Museum of Intangible Things

By Wendy Wunder

YA WUNDER

Best friends Hannah and Zoe, seventeen, leave their down-and-out New Jersey town and drive west chasing storms, making new friends, and seeking the intangibles--audacity, insouciance, happiness--that their lives have lacked.

Sometimes We Tell the Truth

By Kim Zarins

YA ZARINS

In this contemporary retelling of The Canterbury Tales, a group of teens on a bus ride to Washington, DC, each tell a story--some fantastical, some realistic, some downright scandalous--in pursuit of the ultimate prize: an automatic A in civics class.

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Let's Get Lost

By Adi Alsaid

YA ALSAID

During her cross-country adventures following the tragic death of her family, Leila touches the lives of four strangers. While forever changing their lives, Leila also discovers an important truth about herself.

The Haters

By Jesse Andrews

YA ANDREWS

A road trip adventure about a trio of jazz-camp escapees who, against every realistic expectation, become a band.

Mosquitoland

By David Arnold

YA ARNOLD

After the sudden collapse of her family, Mim Malone is dragged from her home in northern Ohio to the "wastelands" of Mississippi. But when she learns her mother is sick back in Cleveland, she ditches her new life and hops aboard a northbound Greyhound bus to her real home and her real mother, meeting a quirky cast of fellow travelers along the way.

Going Bovine

By Libba Bray

YA BRAY

In an attempt to find a cure after being diagnosed with Creutzfeldt-Jakob's (aka mad cow) disease, Cameron sets off on a road trip with a death-obsessed video gaming dwarf he meets in the hospital.

Perfect Escape

By Jennifer Brown

YA BROWN

Kendra, living in the shadow of her brother's OCD, takes a life-changing road trip with him.

Jess, Chunk, and the Road Trip to Infinity

By Kristin Elizabeth Clark

YA CLARK

A male-to-female transgender teen, Jess, and her best friend, Chunk, take a road trip across country to attend Jess's father's wedding to her mother's former best friend.

An Abundance of Katherines

By John Green

YA GREEN

Having been recently dumped for the nineteenth time by a girl named Katherine, recent high school

graduate and former child prodigy Colin sets off on a road trip with his best friend to try to find some new direction in life.

Paper Towns

By John Green

JFIC GREEN

One month before graduating from his Central Florida high school, Quentin "Q" Jacobsen basks in the predictable boringness of his life until the beautiful and exciting Margo Roth Spiegelman, Q's neighbor and classmate, takes him on a midnight adventure and then mysteriously disappears.

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.

13 Little Blue Envelopes

By Maureen Johnson

YA JOHNSON

When seventeen-year-old Ginny receives a packet of mysterious envelopes from her favorite aunt, she leaves New Jersey to criss-cross Europe on a sort of scavenger hunt that transforms her life.

Gadget Girl: the Art of Being Invisible

By Suzanne Kamata

YA KAMATA

Aiko, a teenager with cerebral palsy, dreams of going to Japan to meet her father and become a great manga artist, but takes a life-changing trip to Paris, instead.

Runaway Twin

By Peg Kehret

YA KEHRET

Sunny, accompanied by a stray dog, takes advantage of a windfall to travel from her Nebraska foster home to Enumclaw, Washington, to find the twin sister from whom she was separated at age three.

The Last True Love Story

By Brendan Kiely

YA KIELY

Hendrix and Corrina bust Hendrix's grandfather out of assisted living, and leave LA for New York in pursuit of freedom, truth, and love.

Don't Fail Me Now

By Una LaMarche

YA LAMARCHE

Interracial half-siblings come together for the first time and embark on a cross-country road trip to confront their absentee father before he dies.

The Lost and Found

By Katrina Leno

YA LENO

Fannie and Louis, two teens who belong to an online support group for trauma survivors, embark on a road trip to finally meet each other.

Amy and Roger's Epic Detour

By Morgan Matson

YA MATSON

After the death of her father, Amy, a high school student, and Roger, a college freshman, set out on a carefully planned road trip from California to Connecticut, but wind up taking many detours, forcing Amy to face her worst fears and come to terms with her grief and guilt.

Rose By Any Other Name

By Maureen McCarthy

YA MCCARTHY

During a road trip with her mother from Melbourne to Fairy Point, Australia, to see her dying grandmother, nineteen-year-old Rose gains a new perspective on events of the previous year, when family problems, the end of a long-term friendship, and bad personal choices dramatically transformed her near-perfect life.

Drive Me Crazy

By Terra Elan McVoy

YA MCVOY

When Lana's and Cassie's grandparents marry each other, the girls find themselves stuck together on a crazy summer road trip that will change the course of their friendship.

First Love

By James Patterson and Emily Raymond

YA PATTERSON

Runaways Axi, sixteen, and Robinson, seventeen, who met on a cancer ward, leave small-town Oregon on a cross-country trip to experience the best of life before it is too late.