



TEEN BOOKS ABOUT BULLIES AND BULLYING

Speak

By Laurie Halse Anderson
YA ANDERSON

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

Twisted

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After finally getting noticed by someone other than school bullies and his ever-angry father, seventeen-year-old Tyler enjoys his tough new reputation and the attentions of a popular girl, but when life starts to go bad again, he must choose between transforming himself or giving in to his destructive thoughts.

Thirteen Reasons Why

By Jay Asher
YA ASHER

When high school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, he spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death.

The Dark Days of Hamburger Halpin

By Josh Berk
YA BERK

When Will Halpin transfers from his all-deaf school into a mainstream Pennsylvania high school, he faces discrimination and bullying, but still manages to solve a mystery surrounding the death of a popular football player in his class.

Hate List

By Jennifer Brown
YA BROWN

Sixteen-year-old Valerie, whose boyfriend Nick committed a school shooting at the end of their junior year, struggles to cope with integrating herself back into high school life, unsure herself whether she was a hero or a villain.

Keep Holding On

By Susane Colasanti
YA COLASANTI

Bullied at school and neglected by her poor, self-absorbed, single mother at home, high school junior Noelle finally reaches the breaking point after a classmate commits suicide.

This is What I Did

By Ann Dee Ellis
YA ELLIS

Bullied because of an incident in his past, eighth-grader Logan is unhappy at his new school and has difficulty relating to others until he meets a quirky girl and a counselor who believe in him.

Playground

By 50 Cent

YA 50 CENT

After beating up Maurice on the playground, Butterball is forced to see the school therapist.

Breaking Point

By Alex Flinn

YA FLINN

Fifteen-year-old Paul enters an exclusive private school and falls under the spell of a charismatic boy who may be using him.

What Happened to Cass McBride?

By Gail Giles

YA GILES

After his younger brother commits suicide, Kyle Kirby decides to exact revenge on the person he holds responsible.

Everybody Sees the Ants

By A.S. King

YA KING

Overburdened by his parents' bickering and a bully's attacks, fifteen-year-old Lucky Linderman begins dreaming of being with his grandfather, who went missing during the Vietnam War, but during a visit to Arizona, his aunt and uncle and their beautiful neighbor, Ginny, help him find a new perspective.

Schooled

By Gordon Korman

YA KORMAN

Homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Capricorn (Cap) Anderson has never watched television, tasted a pizza, or even heard of a wedgie. But when his grandmother lands in the hospital, Cap is forced to move in with a guidance counselor and attend the local middle school. While Cap knows a lot about tie-dyeing and Zen Buddhism, no education could prepare him for the politics of public school.

The Astonishing Adventures of Fanboy and Goth Girl

By Barry Lyga

YA LYGA

A fifteen-year-old "geek" who keeps a list of the high school jocks and others who torment him, and pours his energy into creating a great graphic novel, encounters Kyra, Goth Girl, who helps change his outlook on almost everything, including himself.

Colin Fischer

By Ashley Edward Miller and Zack Stentz

YA MILLER

A boy with autism teams up with the high school bully to get to the bottom of a cafeteria crime.

Shooter

By Walter Dean Myers

JFIC MYERS

Written in the form of interviews, reports, and journal entries, the story of three troubled teenagers ends in a tragic school shooting.

By the Time You Read This, I'll Be Dead

By Julie Anne Peters

YA PETERS

High school student Daelyn Rice, who has been bullied throughout her school career and has more than once attempted suicide, again makes plans to kill herself, in spite of the persistent attempts of an unusual boy to draw her out.

Nineteen Minutes

By Jodi Picoult

FIC PICOULT

In Sterling, New Hampshire, 17-year-old Peter Houghton has endured years of verbal and physical abuse at the hands of classmates. His best friend Josie succumbed to peer pressure and now hangs out with the popular crowd that often instigates the harassment. One final incident of bullying sends Peter over the edge and leads him to commit an act of violence that forever changes the lives of Sterling's residents.

Freak

By Marcella Pixley

YA PIXLEY

Twelve-year-old Miriam, poetic, smart, and quirky, is considered a freak by the popular girls at her middle school, and she eventually explodes in response to their bullying, revealing an inner strength she did not know she had.

Bystander

By James Preller

YA PRELLER

Thirteen-year-old Eric discovers there are consequences to not standing by and watching as the bully at his new school hurts people, but although school officials are aware of the problem, Eric may be the one with a solution.

Freak Show

By James St. James

YA ST. JAMES

Having faced teasing that turned into a brutal attack and the loss of his only real friend when he could no longer keep his crush under wraps, seventeen-year-old Billy Bloom, a drag queen, decides the only to become fabulous again is to run for Homecoming Queen at his elite, private school.

Four Secrets

By Margaret Willey

YA WILLEY

Through journal entries required by their social worker at a juvenile detention center, middle-schoolers Katie, Nate, and Renata relate how they came to kidnap their tormentor, Chase, a star athlete from the town's most prominent family, who surprisingly became their willing victim.

Jumped

By Rita Williams-Garcia

YA WILLIAMS-GARCIA

The lives of Leticia, Dominique, and Trina are irrevocably intertwined through the course of one day in an urban high school after Leticia overhears Dominique's plans to beat up Trina and must decide whether or not to get involved.

Adam Canfield, Watch Your Back

By Michael Winerip

YA WINERIP

A much-welcomed snow day turns into an embarrassing nightmare for middle-grader Adam Canfield when, after being mugged by bullies for his snow-shoveling money, he becomes the focus of major media attention just as his co-editors at *The Slash* are launching a contest to out bullies at their school.

Camp

By Elaine Wolf

YA WOLF

In 1963 at a Maine summer camp, fourteen-year-old Amy Becker is forced to face the camp bully, Rory, family secrets revealed by her cousin Robin, and worry about having to leave her mentally challenged brother with their cold, harsh mother.