

# REALISTIC FICTION

The following titles can be found in YA Fiction.

**Acevedo, E.                      With the Fire on High**

Ever since she got pregnant freshman year, Emoni's life has been about making the tough decisions, doing what has to be done for her daughter. The one place she can let all that go is in the kitchen. There she lets her hands tell her what to cook, turning her food into straight-up goodness. Even though she dreams of working in a kitchen after she graduates, Emoni knows that's impossible. Yet despite the rules she's made for her life, once Emoni starts cooking, she has to let her talent soar.

**Albertalli, B.                      Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda**

Simon has been emailing back and forth with an adorable guy he's never met. But when an email falls into the wrong hands, he suddenly finds himself blackmailed to play wingman for the class clown, otherwise he'll be outed. Simon must find a way out of this without losing his friends, his sanity and his chances with the guy he still has never met.

**Alexander, K.                      Booked**

Twelve-year-old Nick navigates soccer, school and problems at home as he learns to stand up to a bully and tries to impress the girl of his dreams. Told in verse.

**Anderson, L.                      Speak**

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

**Bowman, A.                      Summer Bird Blue**

After her sister and songwriting partner, Lee, dies in an car accident, seventeen-year-old Rumi is sent to Hawaii with an aunt she barely knows while she and her mother grieve separately. A new almost-relationship, and some new friends, may help Rumi find her way back to music and finish the song she and her sister started.

**Brown, J.                      Hate List**

Five months ago, Valerie Leftman's boyfriend, Nick, opened fire on their school cafeteria. Shot trying to stop him, Valerie inadvertently saved the life of a classmate, but was implicated in the shootings because of the list she helped create. A list of people and things she and Nick hated. The list he used to pick his targets.

**Callender, K.                      Felix Ever After**

Felix Love has never been in love—and, yes, he's aware of the irony. He desperately wants to know what it's like and why it seems so easy for everyone but him to find someone. When an anonymous student begins sending him transphobic messages—after publicly posting Felix's deadname alongside images of him before he transitioned—

Felix comes up with a plan for revenge. What he didn't count on: his catfish scenario landing him in a quasi-love triangle....

**Giff, P.      Pictures of Hollis Woods**

A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other times she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.

**Gilbert, K.      Picture Us In the Light**

Artist Danny Cheng has just won a scholarship to his top art school, and the only problem he has is that he thinks he's in love with his best friend, Harry. But then he finds a mysterious box in his parents' closet, and more and more family secrets start to come out, threatening everything in his life.

**Larbalestier, J. My Sister Rosa**

Che Taylor has just moved from Bangkok to New York, and he's making friends and maybe even a girlfriend. There's just one problem – his ten-year-old sister. She manipulates everyone and has started to hurt people. Che is convinced she's a psychopath – but can he convince his parents before someone gets hurt?

**Lupica, M.      Travel Team**

After he is cut from his travel basketball team--the very same team that his father once led to national prominence--twelve-

year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.

**Nelson, J.      I'll Give You the Sun**

Thirteen-year-old twins Jude and Noah are incredibly close. Jude is a reckless daredevil and shy Noah is falling in love with the boy next door. Three years later, Jude and Noah are no longer speaking, torn apart by an event that they may never recover from.

**Saenz, B.      Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe**

Aristotle is a loner who's angry that his brother's in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who looks at the world differently than anyone else. When they meet one summer at the swimming pool, they discover they have more in common than they ever thought.

**Stork, F.      Marcelo in the Real World**

Marcelo Sandoval, a seventeen-year-old boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum, faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father in the mailroom of a corporate law firm.

**Van Draanen, W.      Flipped**

In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.

**Yoon, N.      The Sun Is Also a Star**

Natasha believes in science, not daydreams, and she's got bigger problems anyway. Her family is about to be deported. Daniel is always trying to live up to his parents' expectations, pushing aside his desire to be a poet. Then the universe brings them together for one life-changing day.

**Zappia, F.      Eliza and Her Monsters**

Eliza has a boring, regular life – in person, that is. Online, she's the creator of *Monstrous Sea*, a hugely popular webcomic with its own fanbase. When Wallace, the biggest *Monstrous Sea* fanfic writer, transfers to her school, she starts to wonder if maybe real life has something to offer. Until her secret comes out, and she is left to pick up the pieces.

**Zentner, J.      The Serpent King**

The son of a Pentecostal preacher faces his personal demons as he and his two outcast friends try to make it through their senior year of high school in rural Tennessee, without letting the small-town culture destroy their creative spirits and sense of self.

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