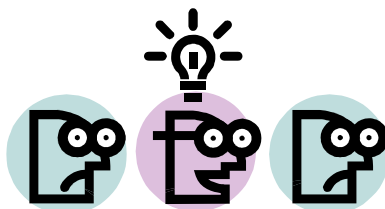


Individuality

Books about people who went against the odds



TITLE	AUTHOR	LOCATION
<i>Feed</i>	M.T. Anderson	YA AND
<p>In this futuristic society, nearly everyone has a computer implanted into his or her head that “feeds” them all the commercial and materialistic information that society would like them to know. The main character, Titus, meets a girl who refuses to join the mob of wired teens, and he soon discovers that her rebellion will not be tolerated by the mob for long.</p>		
<i>Boy Proof</i>	Cecil Castellucci	YA FIC CAS
<p>Victoria Denton is a senior at a school in Los Angeles, and she is so obsessed with movies that she tries to become her favorite character, Egg. Egg is a character from a science fiction movie, and she has tons of earrings and a shaved head. Victoria doesn’t have any friends at school because she looks and acts so weird. When a cute boy who is also into Sci-fi transfers to her school, he tries to convince Victoria that her own identity can be just as exciting as the movies.</p>		
<i>The Skin I’m In</i>	Sharon Flake	YA FIC FLA
<p>Thirteen-year-old Maleeka is embarrassed because she has the darkest skin out of anyone in her school. The other kids make fun of the way she looks and dresses, and Maleeka, although she is extremely intelligent, is starting to lose her temper at school. A teacher takes Maleeka under her wing to help her learn to accept the skin that she’s in.</p>		
<i>Breaking Point</i>	Alex Flinn	YA FIC FLI
<p>Paul is the new kid at a prim and wealthy school, and he doesn’t fit in well. His mother is a teacher at the school, and his father won’t return any of his phone calls. Paul longs for friendship and is surprised when his popular classmate Charlie starts to befriend him. As Paul spends more time with Charlie, he starts to get into trouble and uncover some of the dark secrets about his school.</p>		
<i>Shattering Glass</i>	Gail Giles	YA FIC GIL
<p>Simon Glass is a loser at his high school; no one has ever really looked twice at him. Rob, the most popular guy in school, decides to transform Simon into part of the in-crowd. Rob’s plan works, but Simon turns out to be much more sly than the boys ever realized. Rob and his friends react violently when they discover that Simon has unearthed their darkest secrets.</p>		

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The Wish

Gail Carson Levine

YA LEV

Wilma is a nobody at her school, and she longs to be popular. One day, she gives up her seat on the subway to an old lady, and in return, the old lady grants her one wish. Wilma wishes to be popular at her junior high school, and it comes true. She just forgot about one thing - she graduates from junior high in three weeks!

Rhymes with Witches

Lauren Myracle

YA FIC MYR

Jane is a high school freshman who is dying to be popular but can't seem to get in with the cool kids. Her luck turns one day when the head of an exclusive click solicits Jane to join. Jane is ecstatic, but she starts to hear rumors that her new friends use witchcraft to steal the popularity from others.

Stargirl

Jerry Spinelli

YA SPI

Stargirl turns a lot of heads when she enters Mica High School in Arizona. She is new to the town, and it is strikingly obvious that she is an outsider. She wears exotic clothes and walks around the lunchroom singing "Happy Birthday" to students with her ukulele. The students are at first intrigued but soon begin to shun her for her individuality and independence.

Girls for Breakfast

David Yoo

YA FIC YOO

Nick Park is the only Asian American in his Connecticut high school. He longs for popularity and, more than anything else, a girlfriend. What he doesn't realize is that his desire to be part of the "in-crowd" is causing him to forsake everything that should be most valuable to him.

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