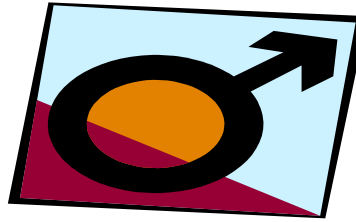


Books for Guys

Hands off, Girls; these are for the guys!



| Title | Author | Location |
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| <i>Rule of the Bone</i> | Russell Banks | FIC BAN |
| <p>This book is compiled of a very unique set of characters. Fourteen-year-old Chappie (who later changes his name to Bone) is thrown out of his house when he steals money from his mom to support his pot habit. He meets a seven-year-old girl and rescues her from the clutches of a pedophile, and they move into an abandoned school bus with an illegal alien from Jamaica. Trying to save himself from a life of crime, Chappie heads to Jamaica to seek answers from his long-lost father.</p> | | |
| <i>Tangerine</i> | Edward Bloor | YA FIC BLO |
| <p>Paul Fisher isn't exactly the type of guy who would be considered popular or athletic. He is legally blind, but he still loves to play soccer. It isn't until he moves to Tangerine, Florida that he finally has the opportunity to prove his soccer skills on a real team. He joins a very unusual team of misfits and develops new and unexpected friendships. This is an exciting book packed with unusual occurrences and a mystery about Paul's bullying older brother.</p> | | |
| <i>Tenderness</i> | Robert Cormier | YA COR |
| <p>Psychopath Eric has just been released from the juvenile facility where he was serving time for murdering his abusive mother and father. Although the law was able to convict Eric for the murder of his parents, it has yet to prove that Eric is actually a serial killer. Eric's whole world is turned upside-down when a runaway girl named Lori falls desperately in love with him.</p> | | |
| <i>Stotan!</i> | Chris Crutcher | YA CRU |
| <p>Walker Dupree is the captain of his high school swim team, and this year during Stotan week at his school the coach decides to toughen the team up by putting them through some rigorous training. The book focuses on the tales of specific members of the team, and the stories weave together giving the book overall themes of strength and friendship.</p> | | |
| <i>Whale Talk</i> | Chris Crutcher | YA CRU |
| <p>TJ's got everything going for him- he's smart, good-looking, and very athletic. The only problem is that this adopted, bi-racial high school senior despises the jocks that make up the teams in organized sports. He refuses to play on any of his high school sports teams, until his English teacher asks him to personally recruit students for a swim team. This is TJ's big opportunity to give all of the regular kids at school a chance.</p> | | |
| <i>Bucking the Sarge</i> | Christopher Paul Curtis | YA FIC CUR |
| <p>Luther is a fifteen-year-old kid growing up in Flint, Michigan; the "Sarge" is his mom. The Sarge is a sly businesswoman who forces Luther to manage a halfway house made up of people that she (the Sarge) has evicted. This is a moving novel about beating the odds and a great read for anyone who has ever wanted to "stick it to the man."</p> | | |
| <i>America</i> | E.R. Frank | YA FRA |
| <p>When an orphan boy named America is five-years-old, the welfare state decides to send him for a visit to his drug addicted mother. America disappears for eleven years after the visit, and he is only rediscovered when he is hospitalized for attempting suicide. The only way that America can get his life back is to revisit the painful experiences of his past.</p> | | |

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| <i>Looking for Alaska</i> | John Green | YA FIC GRE |
| Seeking the “great perhaps”, sixteen-year-old Miles Halter abandons his monotonous life in Florida to attend a boarding school in Alabama. He meets the brilliant and beautiful Alaska Young at his boarding school and falls instantly in love with her. His happiness is short-lived, however, as Miles discovers a much darker side to Alaska. This is an intense story that foreshadows tragedy throughout. | | |
| <i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i> | Mark Haddon | FIC HAD |
| Christopher Boone is different from other fifteen-year-old boys – he is autistic. The world doesn’t understand Christopher very well, and Christopher doesn’t understand the world very well either. He deals with extreme social phobia by solving math problems in his head. When his neighbor’s dog is discovered murdered, Christopher is determined to find the culprit. His investigation leads him to many other discoveries that change Christopher’s life. | | |
| <i>Christine</i> | Stephen King | FIC KIN |
| This horror story is one that many young men can relate to. Arnie, who has recently earned his driver’s license, falls in love with a broken down old car that he finds with his best friend. He buys it for \$250 and restores it quickly (maybe a little too quickly). This horror/thriller will have you on the edge of your seat as strange things start happening when the car is around, and Arnie eventually becomes possessed with the evil spirit of the car that he calls “Christine.” | | |
| <i>Monster</i> | Walter Dean Myers | YA MYE |
| <i>Monster</i> is a chilling story about sixteen-year-old Steve who is on trial for murder. The story is written half as a diary and half as a screenplay. Steve struggles with a sense of identity as he sits uselessly in his cell between courtroom sessions and is dubbed the “monster” by the prosecuting attorney. | | |
| <i>Rats Saw God</i> | Rob Thomas | YA THO |
| Steve has it together- he’s a straight A student and he has a great group of friends. But, when Steve decides to take a creative writing course, everything starts to crash down around him. He meets his first love and discovers the pain of love lost, and his parents get a divorce. Steve goes from a straight-A student to a flunking stoner. The only way that he can graduate is to make up his work by writing a 100 page paper for his English class. | | |
| <i>The Killer’s Cousin</i> | Nancy Werlin | YA FIC WER |
| After being acquitted of the murder of his old girlfriend, seventeen-year-old Steve moves in with his Aunt and Uncle. Many dark secrets lie behind the doors at his Aunt’s and Uncle’s house, and Steve soon discovers more details about their daughter’s suicide. Steve finds himself forced to face his own horrifying past in order to help his new family overcome their own tragedy. | | |
| <i>Girls for Breakfast</i> | 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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