

Books about \$\$\$ Money \$\$\$



TITLE	AUTHOR	LOCATION
<i>Finders Keepers</i>	Mark Bowden	974.8 BOW
<p>What would you do if you stumbled across 1 million dollars one day? When Coyle finds 1 million dollars, he decides to keep it despite the fact that he has seen recent news stories reporting that someone stole 1 million dollars. Coyle's life becomes crazy after he takes the money, and he is soon a paranoid and wanted man.</p>		
<i>The Family Under the Bridge</i>	Natalie Savage Carlson	J CAR
<p>Armand is a Parisian hobo who is quite happy with his life. He knows where to find food, and he knows what to avoid- mainly children! Armand loathes children for their ability to melt people's hearts and evoke commitment from adults. Consequently, Armand is not pleased when he returns to his area below the bridge one day to discover a proud, homeless family has set up a tent in his space. Will Armand be able to remain strong, or will the children find a place in his heart?</p>		
<i>Bucking the Sarge</i>	Christopher Paul Curtis	YA 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>Nowhere to Call Home</i>	Cynthia DeFelice	J DEF
<p>12-year-old Frances hadn't felt the effects of the great depression at all until the stock market crashed and her father committed suicide. Frances is sent to live with relatives, but before she gets there, she sells her train ticket, changes herself to look like a boy, and hops aboard another train to live the life of a hobo.</p>		
<i>A Northern Light</i>	Jennifer Donnelly	YA DON
<p>It is 1907, and sixteen-year-old Mattie is angry with her father for forbidding her to accept a college scholarship. Mattie dreams of going to college and becoming a writer, but, instead, she is spending her summer working as a waitress at a hotel. When the handsome and rich neighbor starts giving Mattie attention, she worries that if she marries him she will never achieve her dream of writing.</p>		

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Trapped!

Lois Duncan

YA DUN

This unique book is a collection of short stories. Each story varies from the next, but the common theme that ties them is the concept of being trapped. Every story is about someone who is somehow trapped emotionally, physically, or mentally.

The Hundred Dresses

Eleanor Estes

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Wanda Patroski is a Polish immigrant in America, and her family is poor. Every day, she wears the same blue faded dress to school, but she boasts to her classmates that she has one hundred dresses in her closet at home. Her classmates tease Wanda relentlessly, but some of them feel guilty when Wanda stops coming to school one day.

Parrot in the Oven

Victor Martinez

YA MAR

Manuel and his Mexican-American family live in impoverished projects of a big city. His strong mother is determined to keep the family together, but his alcoholic father is an embarrassment to Manuel and his siblings. This book is told as a series of serious stories, but the overall theme is of Manuel trying to find meaning in a life of poverty and isolation.

Make Lemonade

Virginia Euwer Wolff

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Fourteen-year-old LaVaughn lives in a very poor neighborhood in the inner-city. LaVaughn is determined to go to college, so she starts babysitting for Jolly (a single mom who is only 17) to earn money. LaVaughn is a strong lead character, and she helps Jolly overcome some of the difficulties of being a single teen parent. Don't miss the exciting sequel, *True Believer!*

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