

I am the messenger by Markus Zusak. Nineteen-year-old, Ed, a cab driver aimlessly through life. But one day he stops at a bank which is being robbed, and his new adventurous life starts by getting messages delivered to him by a stranger via playing cards.

Inexcusable by Chris Lynch. Keir is a good guy, at least he thought he was until Gigi, his childhood friend and lifelong love accused him of doing something horrible. What Gigi says seems impossible to Keir....It is something inexcusable — the worst thing he can imagine.

My Father's Son by Terri Fields. High school junior Kevin Windor leads the most normal of lives, until his father is arrested for a particularly brutal series of murders.

Hunger: A Gone Novel by Michael Grant. It is three months after everyone fifteen and older have vanished and youth in the FAYZ (Fallout Alley Youth Zone) are barely surviving. Sequels: ***Lies, Plague***

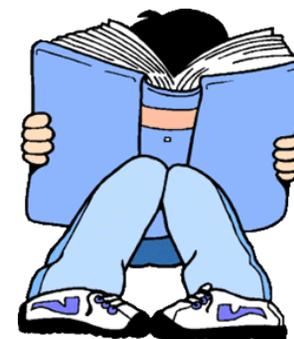
Paranoid Park by Blake Nelson. When he gets a chance to visit Paranoid Park, where the rougher element skates, he is so there. On his second visit, he jumps a train and when a transit cop tries to stop him, the boy fights back, hitting the cop with his skateboard, and then watches in horror as a train crumples the man. Now what?

Repossessed by A.M. Jenkins. Adolescence is hard enough even when you aren't a demon experiencing the physical world for the first time!

Road of the Dead by Kevin Brooks. Two brothers set out in search of their sister's murderer. Cole, 17, is a dark-eyed devil who doesn't care if he lives or dies, while Ruben, 14, is a strange child who sometimes, inexplicably, experiences sensations above and beyond his own. Where will this journey take them?

Marbury Lens by Andrew Smith. After being kidnapped and barely escaping, sixteen-year-old Jack goes to London with his best friend Connor, where someone gives him a pair of glasses that send him to an alternate universe where war is raging, he is responsible for the survival of two younger boys, and Connor is trying to kill them all.

Books for Guys



Why I Fight by J. Adams Oaks. After his house burns down, Wyatt takes off with his uncle and the two of them drive from town to town for six years earning money by fighting.

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko. Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

Beastly by Alex Flinn. Obnoxious, rich and good looking, Manhattan high schooler Kyle Kingsbury has been changed into a smelly beast. He will stay beastly unless he finds true love within two years.

Be More Chill by Ned Vizzini. Nerd Jeremy actually keeps Humiliations Sheets on which he tallies the number and types of affronts that he encounters in his daily life. So he buys an extreme bit of illegal nanotechnology called a "squip," which embeds itself in his brain and advises him on all the cool things to say and do.

Firestorm by David Klass. Jack thinks he is a lucky and athletic high school student, but he has been sent back from the future to save the present. His life is about to change.

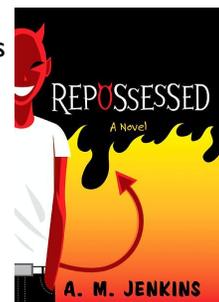
Being by Kevin Brooks. A 16-year-old boy with a stomach ache discovers that he has strange filaments and fluids inside him, making him the target of a scary government investigation.

Black and White by Paul Volponi. Markus and Eddie are inseparable, watching each other's backs, both on and off the basketball court. But one night--and one wrong decision--will change their lives forever. Will their mistake cost them their friendship and future?

Code Orange by Caroline Cooney. While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and all of NYC.

Damage by A. M. Jenkins. Austin Reid seems to have the ideal life, a beautiful girl is pursuing him, an amazing football player adored by everyone. But inside he is crying for help, he withdraws from friends and the game. Depression seems to have a hold on him.

Deadline by Chris Crutcher. What happens when 18-year-old Ben Wolf decides not to tell anyone he is dying of cancer?



Epic by Conor Kostick. The fantasy computer game Epic, on planet "New Earth", is both a challenge to and challenged by 14-year-old Erik, his family and friends.

Evil Genius by Catherine Jinks. Cadel is earnestly studying "Infiltration, Misinformation, and Embezzlement," he privately plots to extricate himself from the paterfamilias. Comic-book fans will enjoy the school's aspiring villains, including one who floors foes with deadly B.O.

Night Tourist by Katherine Marsh. Jack Perdu suffers a near-fatal accident, after which he meets Euri, a young ghost who introduces him to New York's ghostly underworld. Sequel: **Twilight Prisoner**.

Lockdown by Alexander Smith. When fourteen-year-old Alex is framed for murder, he becomes an inmate in the Furnace Penitentiary, where brutal inmates and sadistic guards reign, boys who disappear in the middle of the night sometimes return weirdly altered, and escape might just be possible. Sequel: **Solitary**.