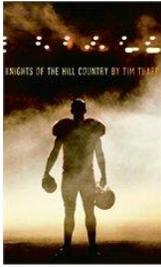


BOOKS FOR GUYS

(Ages 12-18)



KNIGHTS OF THE HILL COUNTRY

By Tim Tharp

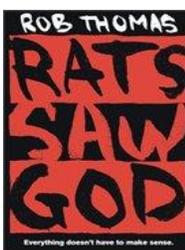
The pressure of being the star football player on his small-town team starts to get to Hampton, whose life outside the game is falling apart.



DEADLINE

By Chris Crutcher

After receiving life-altering bad news, Ben Wolf decides not to tell anyone, to live his last year as he sees fit and hopefully win over the girl of his dreams.



RATS SAW GOD

By Rob Thomas

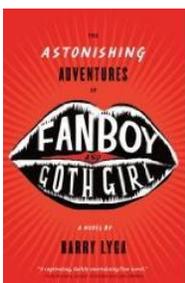
If Steve writes a hundred page paper, he'll be allowed to graduate. But writing what he knows turns out to be harder than he expected...



SAINT IGGY

By K.L. Going

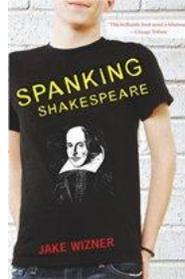
Iggy leaves public housing to make something of his life, and tries to help his friend who's tangled up with the dealer that got Iggy's mom hooked.



THE ASTONISHING ADVENTURES OF FANBOY AND GOTH GIRL

By Lyga Barry

Fanboy's dream is to publish his graphic novel and leave his small town. Will the cynical Goth Girl help him achieve his dream?



SPANKING SHAKESPEARE

By Jake Wizner

Shakespeare Shapiro writes a memoir for his senior writing project in which he records all the happenings of his life and those of his peers.



JUST IN CASE

By Meg Rosoff

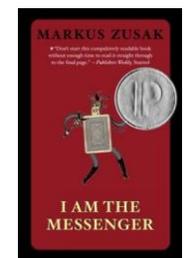
One day David changes his name to Justin, assumes a new identity, makes new friends, and buys new clothing. He's convinced fate has it in for him. And he's right.



I LOVE YOU, BETH COOPER

By Larry Doyle

On graduation day, Denis stands in front of his 512 classmates and their 3,000 relatives, and announces: "I love you, Beth Cooper." Complications ensue.



I AM THE MESSENGER

By Markus Zusak

After he stops a bank robbery, Ed begins receiving anonymous messages marked in code on playing cards in the mail, and his life begins to swerve off its beaten-down path.



FIGHTING RUBEN WOLFE

By Markus Zusak

Brothers from a poor family join with a sleazy fight promoter to make money. But they soon find themselves in a fight for identity, dignity, and each other.