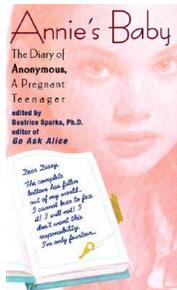


The Harsh Reality

(Ages 12-18)



Annie's Baby

By Beatrice Sparks

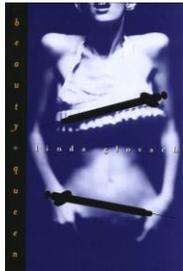
When Annie discovers she's pregnant, she's devastated. With no one she can talk to, she pours her heart out to her diary. She decides she wants to keep her baby, but in her diary she faces the agonizing question: can she really raise this child on her own?



By the Time you Read This, I'll be Dead

By Julie Anne Peters

After a string of suicide attempts, Daelyn's determined to get her death right. But then a boy named Santana begins to sit with her after school. Is it too late for Daelyn to be letting people into her life?



Beauty Queen

By Linda Glovach

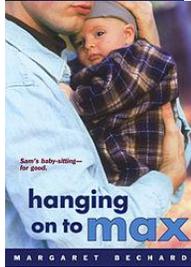
19-year-old Samantha sounds like a normal teenager, writing in her diary about an ex-boyfriend, but a mere three months later, she moves out and everything changes.



Crank

By Ellen Hopkins

Crank, Glass and Fallout are the continuing story of Kristina and her addiction to the "monster" Crystal Meth. Told in verse, it's a harrowing and disturbing look at addiction and the damage that it inflicts.



Hanging on to Max

By Margaret Bechard

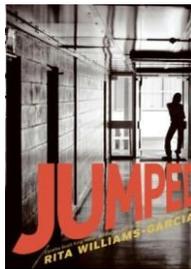
Sam never dreamed he'd spend his senior year pushing a stroller. But when his former girlfriend, Brittany, decided that she couldn't handle being a parent, Sam knew he had to try.



Hold Still

By Nina LaCoeur

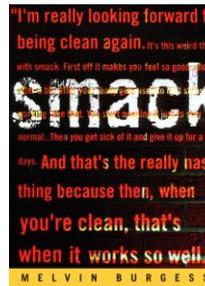
Left alone after her best friend's suicide, Caitlin is struggling to find hope. But with the help of family and newfound friends, Caitlin will encounter first love, broaden her horizons, and start to realize that true friendship didn't die with Ingrid.



Jumped

By Rita Williams-Garcia

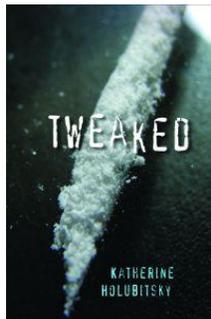
All Leticia wants to do is to mind her own business. When she overhears Dominique threaten to beat up Trina she realizes that Trina has no idea that she's going to get jumped. Will she warn Trina of the danger she faces, before a potential tragedy can unfold?



Smack

By Melvin Burgess

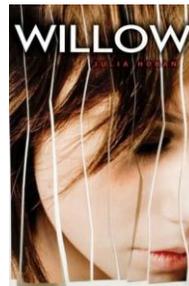
Tar and Gemma run away in search of freedom, and find it in the form of a "squat." They are met by two older teens who share everything with them (including their heroin habits). For a while, everything is perfect, but slowly Tar and Gemma find themselves growing more and more dependent on the drug.



Tweaked

By Katherine Holubitsky

Gordie is living a nightmare. His older brother Chase, addicted to crystal meth, is arrested, released on bail and sent home. When Chase's dealers come after him, Gordie risks everything he has in the hopes of bringing his family some peace.



Willow

By Julia Hoban

Seven months ago, Willow's parents drank too much and asked her to drive them home. She lost control of the car and her parents died in the accident. Now she secretly cuts herself. But when she meets a boy as sensitive and complicated as she is, she begins an intense, life-changing relationship.