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Abbott, Tony. *Firegirl*.

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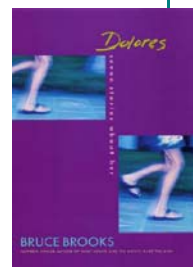
A middle school boy's life is changed when Jessica, a girl disfigured by burns, starts attending his Catholic school while receiving treatment at a local hospital.



Brooks, Bruce. *Dolores: Seven Stories About Her*.

Available through interlibrary loan.

A series of events captures the life of a free-spirited girl as she grows from a savvy seven-year-old to a self-assured sixteen-year-old.



Haddon, Mark. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*.

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Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. Although gifted with a superbly logical brain, Christopher is autistic. Everyday interactions and admonishments have little meaning for him. Routine, order, and predictability shelter him from the messy wider world. Then, at fifteen, Christopher's carefully constructed world falls apart when he finds his neighbor's dog, Wellington, impaled on a garden fork, and he is initially blamed for the killing. Christopher decides that he will track down the real killer and turns to his favorite fictional character, the impeccably logical Sherlock Holmes, for inspiration. But the investigation leads him down some unexpected paths and ultimately brings him face to face with the dissolution of his parents' marriage. As he tries to deal with the crisis within his own family, we are drawn into the workings of Christopher's mind.

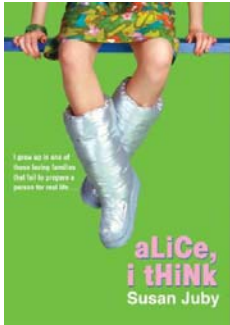
Howe, James. *The Misfits*.

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Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names.



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Juby, Susan. *Alice, I Think.*

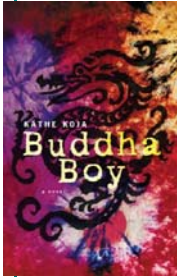
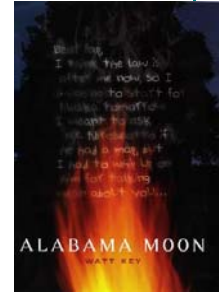
YA F JUB

Fifteen-year-old Alice keeps a diary as she struggles to cope with the embarrassments and trials of family, dating, school, work, small town life, and a serious case of “outcastitis.”

Key, Watt. *Alabama Moon.*

YA F Key

After the death of his father, ten-year-old Moon leaves their forest shelter home and is sent to an Alabama institution, becoming entangled in the outside world he has never known and making good friends, a relentless enemy, and finally a new life.



Koja, Kathe. *Buddha Boy.*

Available through interlibrary loan.

Justin spends time with Jinsen, the unusual and artistic new student whom the school bullies torment and call Buddha Boy, and ends up making choices that impact Jinsen, himself, and the entire school.

Korman, Gordon. *Schooled.*

Available through interlibrary loan.

Homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Capricorn (Cap) Anderson has never watched television, tasted a pizza, or even heard of a wedgie. But when his grandmother lands in the hospital, Cap is forced to move in with a guidance counselor and attend the local middle school. While Cap knows a lot about tie-dyeing and Zen Buddhism, no education could prepare him for the politics of public school.



Van Draanen, Wendelin. *Flipped.*

Available through interlibrary loan.

In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.

Wittlinger, Ellen. *Razzle.*

YA F Wit

When his retired parents buy a group of tourist cabins on Cape Cod, fifteen-year-old Kenyon Baker's days are filled with repair work until he becomes friends with an eccentric girl and makes her the subject of a series of photographs.

