

# ADULT

## I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

Maya Angelou

"At eight years old and back at her mother's side in St. Louis, Maya is attacked by a man many times her age - and has to live with the consequences for a lifetime."

## The Glass Castle

Jeannette Walls

"A memoir of growing up dirt-poor on a cross-country odyssey with a charismatic, but alcoholic, father and a codependent mother."

## Please, Daddy, No: A Boy Betrayed

Stuart Howarth

"Nobody knew the truth about Stuart's abuse until one fateful day when his father tried it again and Stuart fought back in the only way he knew how."

## Big Little Lies

Liane Moriarty

"Big Little Lies is a brilliant take on ex-husbands and second wives, mothers and daughters, schoolyard scandal, and the little lies that can turn lethal."

## Goodbye, Sweet Girl

Kelly Sundberg

"In this brave and beautiful memoir, a woman chronicles how her marriage devolved from a love story into a shocking tale of abuse."

## In the Dream House: A Memoir

Carmen Maria Machado

"Tracing the full arc of a harrowing relationship with a charismatic but volatile woman, Machado struggles to make sense of how what happened to her shaped the person she was becoming."

## Half the Sky

Nicholas D. Kristof & Sheryl WuDunn

"Undertake an odyssey through Africa and Asia to meet the extraordinary women struggling there. Drawing on the breadth of their combined reporting experience, Kristof and WuDunn depict our world with anger, sadness, clarity, and, ultimately, hope."

## Educated

Tara Westover

"Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent."

# YOUNG ADULT

## The Perks of Being a Wallflower

Stephen Chbosky

“Caught between trying to live his life and trying to run from, Charlie is on a strange course through uncharted territory. The world of first dates and mixtapes, family dramas and new friends.”

## The Watcher

James Howe

“Every day, she sits at the top of the stairs leading to the beach. Always watching. No matter how closely she watches, she can't begin to know the secrets behind their lives. And they can't begin to know the truth about the strange, sad girl who sits alone and watches.”

## Look Both Ways

Jason Reynolds

“One day. Ten stories. When you look at a group of kids tearing out of a school, what do you know about them? What do you assume? These kids all have their own problems, some big and some small.”

## All the Bright Places

Jennifer Niven

“When Finch and Violet meet on the ledge of the bell tower at school—six stories above the ground—it's unclear who saves whom. But as Violet's world grows, Finch's begins to shrink.”

## Finding Audrey

Sophie Kinsella

“An anxiety disorder disrupts fourteen-year-old Audrey's daily life. When she meets Linus, she is energized. As their friendship deepens and her recovery gains momentum, a sweet romantic connection develops, one that helps not just Audrey but also her entire family.”

## Boy Toy

Barry Lyga

“Josh Mendel has a secret. Unfortunately, everyone knows what it is. Five years ago, Josh's life changed. Drastically. And everyone in his school, his town—seems like the world—thinks they understand. But they don't—they can't. It's time for Josh to face the truth about what happened.”

## Dreamland

Sarah Dessen

“When Caitlin first meets Rogerson Biscoe, he seems to be everything she wants him to be and before long, Rogerson has cast a spell over Caitlin. A spell that keeps her in a dreamland from which she can't seem to break free—even when the dreams turn into nightmares.”

# CHILDREN

## Have You Filled a Bucket Today?

Carol McCloud

"All day long, we are either filling up or dipping into each other's buckets by what we say and what we do. When you're a bucket filler, you make the world a better place to be!"

## It Feels Good to be Yourself: A Book About Gender Identity

Theresa Thorn & Noah Grigni

"This sweet, straightforward exploration of gender identity will give children a fuller understanding of themselves and others."

## Love Makes a Family

Sophie Beer

"Whether a child has two moms, two dads, one parent, or one of each, this simple preschool read-aloud demonstrates that what's most important in each family's life is the love the family members share."

## Some Secrets Should Never Be Kept

Jayneen Sanders

"A beautifully illustrated children's picture book that sensitively broaches the subject of keeping children safe from inappropriate touch."

## Hands Are Not for Hitting

Martine Agassi

"It's never too soon for children to learn that violence is never okay, hands can do many good things, and everyone is capable of positive, loving actions."

## Train Your Angry Dragon

Steve Herman

"Having a pet dragon is very fun. But what do you do if he gets angry or upset? What do you do when your dragon loses his cool and wants to burn everything to the ground?"

## Healing Days

Susan Farber Straus

"Healing Days is a sensitive and reassuring story intended for children who have experienced trauma and covers the feelings, thoughts, and behaviors that many kids have after a bad and scary thing happens."

## A Terrible Thing Happened

Margaret M Holmes

"After Sherman sees something terrible happen, he becomes anxious and then angry, but when a counselor helps him talk about these emotions he feels better."