

## ***New Fiction Books at Cal Young ~ 2012-2013 Issues/Relationships/and some romance***

### **Abdel-fattah, Randa - *Where the Streets Had a Name***

Thirteen-year-old Hayaat of Bethlehem faces check points, curfews, and the travel permit system designed to keep people on the West Bank when she attempts to go to her grandmother's ancestral home in Jerusalem with her best friend; full of humor and mystery.

### **Asher, Jay and Mackler, Carolyn - *Future of Us***

Receiving her first computer and an America Online CD-ROM in 1996, student Emma and her best friend, Josh, log on and discover themselves on Facebook, 15 years in the future, and learn astonishing things about their adult selves. Co-written by the award-winning author of *Tangled* and the best-selling author of *Thirteen Reasons Why*.

### **Barnhill, Kelly - *Mostly True Story of Jack***

Jack is practically invisible at home, but when his parents send him to Hazelwood, Iowa, to spend a summer with his odd aunt and uncle, he suddenly makes friends, is beaten up by the town bully, and is plotted against by the richest man in town. Great reviews!

### **Bauer, Joan - *Close to Famous***

Twelve-year-old Foster McFee and her mother escape from her mother's abusive boyfriend and end up in the small town of Culpepper, West Virginia, where they use their strengths and challenge themselves to build a new life, with the help of the friends they make there.

### **Bock, Caroline - *Lie***

Told in several voices, a group of Long Island high school seniors conspire to protect eighteen-year-old Jimmy after he brutally assaults two Salvadoran immigrants, until they begin to see the moral implications of Jimmy's actions and the consequences of being loyal to a violent bully.

### **Boll, Rosemarie - *Second Trial (YRCA 2013)***

When his father's sentencing for domestic abuse isn't enough to protect them, Danny and his family are put into protective custody.

### **Bondoux, Anne-Laure; Maudet, Y. (TRN) - *Time of Miracles***

Mature Content

Raised by a woman in the Republic of Georgia who claims that his critically-injured mother begged her to save him when he was just a baby, 7-year-old Blaise is forced to flee with his adoptive mother and embark on a revelatory five-year journey by foot through Europe following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

### **Buffie, Margaret - *Winter Shadows (YRCA 2013)***

Tells the joined stories of Cass, whose father remarried a woman with a nasty, ill-tempered daughter; and Beatrice, who more than a century earlier explores her own problems through a journal that connects both girls.

### **Butcher, Kristin - *Cheat***

As a reporter for her school newspaper, fifteen-year-old Laurel Quinn investigates a cheating scam at her school.

Caletti, Deb - ***Stay***                      Mature Content

Clara and her father rent a summer house on the seashore to escape Clara's pathologically possessive stalker ex-boyfriend.

Caletti, Deb - ***Story of Us***

Taking a break from a long-term relationship at the same time her commitment-phobic mother prepares for another wedding, Cricket encounters additional complications in the form of a handsome boy, her future stepsisters' disapproval, a shocking revelation and a canine rivalry.

Carlson, Melody - ***Last Dance***

As graduation and last good-byes approach, the Carter House girls make prom plans and find themselves in heated competition for the limelight in a Mother's Day fashion show.

- ***Stealing Bradford***

DJ's efforts to make sense of Christianity, prayer, and the Bible only seem to make it harder for her to deal with the inability of the girls in her grandmother's boardinghouse to get along, especially when Taylor begins flirting with Rhiannon's boyfriend.

Chandler, Kristen - ***Girls Don't Fly***

Myra, a high school senior, will do almost anything to win a contest and earn money for a study trip to the Galapagos Islands, which would mean getting away from her demanding family life in Utah and ex-boyfriend Erik, but Erik is intent on winning the same contest. (Good for fans of Sarah Dessen.)

Dowell, Frances O'Roark - ***Ten Miles Past Normal***

Because living with "modern-hippy" parents on a goat farm means Janie Gorman cannot have a normal high school life, she tries joining Jam Band, making friends, and spending time with elderly former civil rights workers.

Downham, Jenny - ***You Against Me***                      Mature Content

Traces the precarious relationship forged by complicated circumstances and the absolute positions taken by Mikey and Ellie when Mikey's sister accuses Ellie's brother of sexual assault and both believe their sibling's claims.

Edwardson, Debby Dahl - ***My Name Is Not Easy***

Alaskans Luke, Chickie, Sonny, Donna, and Amiq relate their experiences in the early 1960s when they are forced to attend a Catholic boarding school where, despite different tribal affiliations, they come to find a sort of family and home.

Ellis, Deborah - ***No Ordinary Day***

After learning that her family adopted her, Valli runs away from home to live on the streets of Kolkata, India, where she begs, steals, and resists help from a doctor who reveals that she has leprosy.

Freitas, Donna - ***Survival Kit***                      Mature Content

Receiving a playlist of songs and several symbolic objects to give her courage when her mother dies, Rose explores each object, from a paper star for wish-making to a paper kite for letting go, and turns for comfort to family gardener and school hockey star Will.

Frost, Helen - ***Hidden***

When fourteen-year-olds Wren and Darra meet at a Michigan summer camp, both are overwhelmed by memories from six years earlier when Darra's father stole a car, unaware that Wren was hiding in the back.

Grimes, Nikki - ***Planet Middle School***

Having enjoyed an uncomplicated life of friendship and basketball throughout her first 12 years, Joylin Johnson finds everything changing when her friends begin to form crushes and romantic relationships, in a story told through a series of short poems.

Harrison, Lisi - ***Movers and Fakers (Alphas)***

At the elite Alpha Academy, where every girl is used to being the best, Charlie's efforts to encourage Allie and Darwin's romance backfire, while Skye finds it increasingly difficult to focus on dance.

Harrison, Lisi - ***Top of the Feud Chain***

While the fickle Skye is forced to continue her relationship with sensitive Sydney in order to retain her position, Charlie devises a way to claim Shira's top-Alpha spot and Allie struggles to obtain a pair of designer boots to save her reputation, in a final entry in the best-selling series

Hautman, Pete - ***What Boys Really Want***

The crumbling friendship between writer Lita and entrepreneurial Adam is compromised by unexpected jealousies over each other's romantic entanglements, stolen blog posts, and a premature offer to sell a new self-help book.

Herbach, Geoff - ***Stupid Fast***

Mature Content

Just before his sixteenth birthday, Felton Reinstein has a sudden growth spurt that turns him from a small, jumpy, picked-on boy with the nickname of "Squirrel Nut" to a powerful athlete, leading to new friends, his first love, and the courage to confront his family's past and current problems.

Howe, James - ***Addie on the Inside***

A versed companion to The Misfits and Totally Joe continues the anti-bullying adventures of the Gang of Five, who assist outspoken seventh-grader Addie during a challenging time of loss, teasing and low self-esteem.

Johnson, Maureen - ***Scarlett Fever***

As she begins to get over her break-up with Eric, Scarlett stays busy as assistant to her theatrical-agent friend who is promoting Scarlett's brother Spencer and a new client whose bad-boy brother has transferred to her school.

Kittredge, Caitlin - ***Iron Thorn***

In an alternate 1950s, Aoife Grayson, whose family has a history of going mad at sixteen, must leave her city and venture into the world of magic to investigate her brother's disappearance and the mysteries surrounding her father.

Leavitt, Lindsey - ***Sean Griswold's Head***

In order to avoid thinking about her dad's multiple sclerosis, Payton picks an object to focus on instead: the head of the boy in front of her in class. The problem is, she starts to fall for him.

Martinez, Jessica - ***Virtuosity***

Just before the most important violin competition of her career, seventeen-year-old prodigy Carmen faces critical decisions about her anti-anxiety drug addiction, her controlling mother, and a potential romance with her most talented rival.

Mazer, Harry; Lerangis, Peter - ***Somebody, Please Tell Me Who I Am***

Wounded in Iraq while his Army unit is on convoy and treated over the course of many months for a traumatic brain injury, the first person Ben remembers from his earlier life is his autistic brother, and although Ben will never be the person he once was, this is the story of his struggle and transformation.

Mccall, Guadalupe Garcia - ***Under the Mesquite***

Throughout her high school years, as her mother battles cancer, Lupita takes on more responsibility for her house and seven younger siblings, while finding refuge in acting and writing poetry. Includes glossary of Spanish terms.

McMann, Lisa - ***Cryer's Cross***

Mature Content

Seventeen-year-old Kendall, who suffers from obsessive-compulsive disorder, lives with her parents on a potato farm in a tiny community in Montana, where two teenagers go missing within months of each other, with no explanation.

Michaels, Rune - ***Nobel Genes***

A boy whose manic-depressive mother has always told him that his father won a Nobel Prize spends his time taking care of her and searching for clues to the identity of the Nobel Prize-winning sperm donor.

Myers, Walter Dean - ***Checkmate (Cruisers Book 2, but can stand alone)***

Four middle-schoolers who publish an alternative newspaper at their Harlem academy for gifted students investigate why a classmate--one of the best chess players in New York City--was caught trying to buy drugs.

- ***Star Is Born (Cruisers Book 3, but can stand alone)***

Zander's play, Act Six, brings Da Vinci Academy into the spotlight, especially when LaShonda's costume designs win her an opportunity she can accept only if she is willing to leave her autistic brother and their group home behind.

Nolan, Han – ***Crazy (YRCA 2013)***

Mature Content

When his mother dies and his father succumbs to mental illness, 15-year-old Jason struggles to retain his own sanity while envisioning a host of imaginary friends to help him maintain an outward semblance of normalcy.

Palacio, R. J.- ***Wonder***

Born with a facial deformity that initially prevented his attendance at public school, Auggie Pullman enters the fifth grade at Beecher Prep and struggles with the dynamics of being both new and different, in a sparsely written tale about acceptance and self-esteem.

Pena, Matt De La - ***I Will Save You***

Mature Content

Seventeen-year-old Kidd Ellison runs away to work for the summer at a beach campsite in California where his hard work and good looks lead to friendship and love but painful past memories surface in menacing ways.

Peterson, Lois - ***Beyond Repair***

After his father's death, Cameron realizes the man responsible seems to be stalking his family.

Picoult, Jodi; Van Leer, Samantha- ***Between the Lines***

Told in their separate voices, sixteen-year-old Prince Oliver, who wants to break free of his fairy tale existence, and fifteen-year-old Delilah, a loner obsessed with Prince Oliver and the book in which he exists, work together to seek his freedom.

Quick, Matthew - ***Sorta Like a Rock Star*** (YRCA 2013) Mature Content

Although Amber Appleton lives in a school bus with her unfit mother, she is a relentless optimist who helps everyone, but eventually she experiences one burden more than she can bear and slips into a deep depression.

Sales, Leila - ***Past Perfect***

Chelsea knows what to expect when she returns for a summer of historical reenactment at Colonial Essex Village until she learns that her ex-boyfriend is working there and she meets the very attractive Dan who works nearby.

Shusterman, Neal - ***Bruiser*** (YRCA 2013) Mature Content

Inexplicable events start to occur when 16-year-old twins Tennyson and Brontd befriend a troubled and misunderstood outcast, aptly nicknamed the Bruiser, and his little brother, Cody, in a psychological thriller about friendship, family and the sacrifices we make for the people we love.

Sloan, Holly Goldberg - ***I'll Be There***

Raised by an unstable father, Sam has long been the voice of his silent younger brother, Riddle, but everything changes when Sam meets Emily and, welcomed by her family, the brothers are faced with normalcy for the first time.

Stead, Rebecca - ***Liar & Spy***

Moving into an apartment when his father loses his job, Georges befriends Safer, a twelve-year-old coffee-drinking loner and self-appointed spy, who recruits Georges into the world of espionage so that they can investigate a mysterious neighbor who lives on the top floor.

Tashjian, Janet - ***My Life As a Stuntboy***

Twelve-year-old Derek Fallon has the opportunity of a lifetime--to perform stunts in a movie featuring a popular twelve-year-old star--but complications arise involving his best friend, a capuchin monkey, and Derek's chronic inability to concentrate on schoolwork. Sequel to *My Life as a Book* but can stand alone. Guys will like this one!

Thompson, Holly - ***Orchards***

After a classmate's unexpected death, bi-racial Kana Goldberg is sent to her family's farm in Japan to reflect on her participation in events that led up to the suicide.

Vande Velde, Vivian - ***Deadly Pink*** (A companion to *Heir Apparent* and *User Unfriendly*)

Fourteen-year-old Grace must find a way to get her older sister out of a princess-filled virtual reality RPG (role playing game)--before it is too late.

Whaley, John Corey - ***Where Things Come Back*** Mature Content

Cullen's tired of small-town life, and expects to spend the summer before his senior year with friends fighting off boredom and dreaming of girls—then his younger brother disappears.

Williams, Carol Lynch - ***Miles from Ordinary***

As her mother's mental illness spins terrifyingly out of control, fourteen-year-old Lacey must face the truth of what life with her mother means for both of them.

Woodson, Jacqueline - ***Beneath a Meth Moon: An Elegy***

After losing her mother and grandmother to Hurricane Katrina, Laurel Daneau begins a new life in a new town, but when her boyfriend T-Boom introduces her to meth, her future begins to look as bleak as her past.

Yee, Lisa - ***Warp Speed***

Marley and his AV geek friends avoid the bullies while arguing the merits of Star Wars versus Star Trek.

Zarr, Sara - ***How to Save a Life***

Told from their own viewpoints, Jill, in grief over the loss of her father, and Mandy are thrown together when Jill's mother agrees to adopt Mandy's unborn child but nothing turns out as they had anticipated.

Zarr, Sara - ***Story of a Girl***

After being caught in a compromising situation with her brother's best friend in the back of a car, Deanna's life is forever changed as vicious rumors begin to spread all over town and ruin her reputation