

New Fiction Books at Cal Young ~ 2013-2014 Issues

Balliett, Blue

Hold Fast

When Early's father disappears, she, her mother, and her brother are forced to flee their Chicago apartment and join the ranks of the homeless--and it is up to Early to hold her family together and solve the mystery surrounding her father. +Issues

Cooner, Donna

Skinny

2013 Teen Top Ten Nominee

After undergoing gastric-bypass surgery, a self-loathing, obese teenaged girl loses weight and makes the brave decision to start participating in high school life, including pursuing her dream of becoming a singer and finding love.

Cronn-mills, Kirstin

Beautiful Music for Ugly Children

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

Mature Content

"Gabe has always identified as a boy, but he was born with a girl's body. With his new public access radio show gaining in popularity, Gabe struggles with romance, friendships, and parents--all while trying to come out as transgendered. An audition for a station in Minneapolis looks like his ticket to a better life in the big city. But his entire future is threatened when several violent guys find out Gabe, the popular DJ, is also Elizabeth from school."

Crowley, Cath

Graffiti Moon

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

Mature Content

Told in alternating voices, an all-night adventure featuring Lucy, who is determined to find a graffiti artist named Shadow, and Ed, the last person Lucy wants to spend time with, except for the fact that he may know how to find Shadow. +Romance

Dessen, Sarah

What Happened to Goodbye

YRCA 2014 Nominee

Moving frequently with her restaurant consultant father after her parents' bitter divorce, Mclean adopts various personas in each of her temporary residences before an opportunity for a long-term home and a new relationship tempt Mclean to be herself. +Romance

Fitzpatrick, Huntley

My Life Next Door

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

Mature Content

When Samantha, the seventeen-year-old daughter of a wealthy, perfectionistic, Republican state senator, falls in love with the boy next door, whose family is large, boisterous, and just making ends meet, she discovers a different way to live, but when her mother is involved in a hit-and-run accident Sam must make some difficult choices. +Romance

Greenwald, Lisa

My Summer of Pink & Green

In the sequel to *My Life in Pink & Green*, Lucy Desberg discovers that rather than spending a summer of fun transforming her family's pharmacy into an eco-spa, she must face her sister Claudia's new boyfriend Bean, investor Gary's irritating daughter Bevin and a spa coordinator who is put in charge of the plans.

Herbach, Geoff

Nothing Special

Mature Content

When Felton Reinstein's little brother Andrew goes missing, Felton puts his football aspirations on hold to travel cross-country to Florida to find him. Follow-up to *Stupid Fast* +Humor

I'm With Stupid

Facing tough choices throughout his senior year of high school, nerd-turned-jock Felton Reinstein tries out a sequence of identities in an effort to figure out who he is, an endeavor that leads to his suspension from the track team, his mother's departure and a dive in his popularity. +Humor

Jordan, Dream

Bad Boy

Kate is devastated to find herself back in a group home after a peaceful year of living with her loving foster parents and soon falls prey to good-looking Percy, who begins a cycle of controlling, abusive behavior.

Knowles, Jo

See You at Harry's

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

Twelve-year-old Fern feels invisible in her family, where grumpy eighteen-year-old Sarah is working at the family restaurant, fourteen-year-old Holden is struggling with school bullies and his emerging homosexuality, and adorable, three-year-old Charlie is always the center of attention, and when tragedy strikes, the fragile bond holding the family together is stretched almost to the breaking point.

Lake, Nick

In Darkness

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

Following the Haitian earthquake, Shorty, a gang member, is trapped in the rubble of a hospital, and as he grows weaker he has visions of his life and of Toussaint L'Ouverture, who liberated Haiti from French rule in 1804. +Historical Fiction

Levine, Kristin

Lions of Little Rock

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

In 1958 Little Rock, Arkansas, painfully shy twelve-year-old Marlee sees her city and family divided over school integration, but her friendship with Liz, a new student, helps her find her voice and fight against racism. +Historical Fiction

Matson, Morgan

Second Chance Summer

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

After Taylor's father receives devastating news, her parents decide the family will spend the summer at their old lake house in the Pocono Mountains where Taylor discovers the people she thought she left behind are still around.

McDaniel, Lurlene

Red Heart Tattoo

Mature Content

In the aftermath of a bombing at Edison High that occurred the day before Thanksgiving break, survivors and seriously injured students struggle to cope with the loss and destruction while searching for new meaning in the face of inexplicable violence. +Romance

Myers, Walter Dean

Darius & Twig

Struggling to find his way in a Harlem neighborhood marked by cruel bullies and the absence of adults, where his only allies are his athletic best friend and his peregrine falcon alter ego, Darius pursues limited goals while his talented friend resolves to set his own standards for success.

Nielsen, Susin

Reluctant Journal of Henry K. Larsen

After his life is shattered, Henry and his father are forced to resume their lives in a new city where in spite of Henry's desire to remain invisible he befriends some oddball characters at school and in the apartment building.

Patrick, Cat

Revived

Having been brought back from the dead repeatedly by a top-secret government super drug called Revive, and forced to move so the public does not learn the truth, fifteen-year-old Daisy meets people worth living for and begins to question the heavy-handed government controls she has dealt with for eleven years. +Mystery

Patterson, James; Grabenstein, Chris; Park, Laura (ILT)

I Funny

Resolving to become the world's greatest stand-up comedian despite less-than-funny challenges in his life, wheelchair-bound middle school student Jamie Grimm endures bullying from his mean-spirited cousin and hopes he will be fairly judged when he enters a local comedy contest. +Humor

Paulsen, Jim; Paulsen, Gary

Road Trip

A father and son embark on a road trip to a distant animal shelter to save a homeless border collie puppy. +Animals

Peterson, Lois

Disconnect (Orca Currents)

Fourteen-year-old Daria's addiction to technology creates serious problems in her life.

Quick, Matthew

Boy21

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

Finley, an unnaturally quiet boy who is the only white player on his high school's varsity basketball team, lives in a dismal Pennsylvania town that is ruled by the Irish mob, and when his coach asks him to mentor a troubled African American student who has transferred there from an elite private school in California, he finds that they have a lot in common in spite of their apparent differences.

Reinhardt, Dana

Harmless

Having created a dangerous story in order to avoid getting in trouble for coming home so late, Anna, Emma, and Mariah find themselves in a very bad spot when the police get involved, the town becomes enraged, and a man is suddenly arrested for a crime that never happened.

Rivers, Karen

Encyclopedia of Me

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

As Tink Aaron-Martin writes an encyclopedia of her life, she also tells the story of the summer leading into her eighth-grade year.

Saenz, Benjamin Alire

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

Mature Content

Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before.

Schumacher, Julie

Unbearable Book Club for Unsinkable Girls

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

Forced to join a mother-daughter book club during a summer otherwise spent recovering from a knee injury, Adrienne endures unpleasant meetings along with three fellow AP English students who are not friends at the beginning but manage to forge tenuous bonds by the end.

Spafford-Fitz, Karen

Vanish (Orca Currents)

When fourteen-year-old Simone is assigned to mentor a kindergarten student as a part of her leadership class, she finds herself enjoying the relationship, but soon begins to suspect that something is very wrong with her student's family.

Stevenson, Robin

Damage (Orca Soundings)

It's an ordinary nightmare of a family trip until Theo realizes that the beautiful girl beside the hotel pool is his childhood babysitter—and his first crush. Theo hasn't seen Ronnie for five years, but when she invites him to go with her—and her toddler son, Zach—on a road trip, he leaps at the opportunity to ditch his parents and head to Hollywood. They've only gone a few miles before Theo begins to regret his impulsive decision...

Tregay, Sarah

Love & Leftovers

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

When her father starts dating a man, fifteen-year-old Marcie's depressed mother takes her to New Hampshire but just as Marcie starts falling for a great guy her father brings her back to Iowa, where all of her relationships have become strained. +Romance +Verse

Vivian, Siobhan

List

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

Every year at Mount Washington High School somebody posts a list of the prettiest and ugliest girls from each grade--this is the story of eight girls, freshman to senior, and how they are affected by the list.

Van Tol, Alex

Oracle (Orca Currents)

Owen has a crush on Kamryn, but Kamryn has a crush on Owen's jerky older brother Kyle, so Owen sets up an anonymous blog and gives out relationship advice to local teens, but Owen learns that his actions have consequences.

Williams, Kathryn

Pizza, Love, and Other Stuff That Made Me Famous

Reluctantly auditioning for a new reality show in the hope of winning a scholarship to one of America's finest culinary schools, 16-year-old Sophie, the daughter of Italian-Greek restaurateurs, finds herself in a drama-charged environment of cutthroat celebrity judges and compelling rivals who challenge her resolve to stay true to herself. +Romance +Cooking

Williams-Garcia, Rita

P.S. Be Eleven

A sequel to One Crazy Summer finds the Gaither sisters returning to Brooklyn, where they adapt to new feelings of independence while managing changes large and small, from Pa's new girlfriend to a very different Uncle Darnell's return from Vietnam. +Issues

Zettel, Sarah

Dust Girl

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adult

On the day in 1935 when her mother vanishes during the worst dust storm ever recorded in Kansas, Callie learns that she is not actually a human being. +Fantasy