

## ***New Fiction Books at Cal Young ~ 2014-2015 Issues and Realistic Fiction***

Anderson, Laurie Halse

### ***Impossible Knife of Memory***

*Mature Content*

Enduring a transient existence before starting school in her Iraq War veteran father's hometown, a troubled Hayley Kincaid longs for a normal life and pursues a relationship with a secretive boy before her father's PTSD leads to a disturbing drug problem.

Bauer, Joan

### ***Almost Home***

Sixth-grader Sugar and her mother lose their beloved house and experience the harsh world of homelessness.

Behrens, Rebecca

### ***When Audrey Met Alice***

When the Secret Service squashes yet another chance for the president's daughter, Audrey, to make any new friends, Audrey discovers former first daughter Alice Roosevelt's hidden diary, which gives Audrey endless ideas for having fun--and more problems than she can handle.

Bick, Ilsa J.

### ***Sin-Eater's Confession***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

*Mature Content*

In a small Wisconsin town, rumors about Jimmy and Ben ruin Ben's life and brutally end Jimmy's. Three years later, Ben decides to set the record straight.

Bradbury, Jennifer

### ***A Moment Comes***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

As the partition of India nears in 1947, bringing violence even to Jalandhar, Tariq, a Muslim, finds himself caught between his forbidden interest in Anupreet, a Sikh girl, and Margaret, a British girl, whose affection for Tariq might help him attain his dream of studying at Oxford.

Brenna, Beverley

### ***White Bicycle***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

Taylor Jane Simon, an eighteen-year-old girl with Asperger's Syndrome, travels to France, as she struggles to become independent of her controlling mother and meets a new mentor.

Brown, Jennifer

### ***Torn Away***

Born and raised in the Midwest, Jersey Cameron knows all about tornadoes. Or so she thinks. When her town is devastated by a twister, Jersey survives -- but loses her mother, her young sister, and her home. As she struggles to overcome her grief, she's sent to live with her only surviving relatives: first her biological father, then her estranged grandparents...

Coriell, Shelley

***Goodbye, Rebel Blue***

Rebecca "Rebel" Blue completes the bucket list of Kennedy Green, a do-gooder classmate who dies in a car accident following a stint in detention where both girls were forced to consider their morality and write bucket lists.

Davis, Tanita S.

***Happy Families***

In alternating chapters, sixteen-year-old twins Ysabel and Justin share their conflicted feelings as they struggle to come to terms with their father's decision to dress as a woman.

Deuker, Carl

***Swagger***

High school senior point guard Jonas Dolan is on the fast track to a basketball career until an unthinkable choice puts his future on the line.

Dubosarsky, Ursula

***Golden Day***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

A tale set during the span of a year that begins and ends with local deaths is set against a backdrop of the Vietnam War and follows the chilling stories of 11 school girls who struggle to identify a mysterious poet in the aftermath of a teacher's innocence-shattering disappearance.

Erskine, Kathryn

***Seeing Red***

When twelve-year-old Frederick "Red" Porter's father dies in 1972, his mother wants to sell their automobile repair shop and move her two sons back to Ohio, but Red is desperate to stop the sale even if it means unearthing some dark family secrets in a Virginia rife with racial tensions.

Federle, Tim

***Better Nate Than Ever***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

An eighth-grader who dreams of performing in a Broadway musical concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of "E.T."

Feinstein, John

***Foul Trouble***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

When his best friend, the most talented high school basketball player in the country, is targeted by top colleges, the NBA and money managers, Danny Wilcox realizes that a lot of the people surrounding his friend are corrupt back-room dealers who do not have his best interests at heart.

Flores-Scott, Patrick

***Jumped In***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

*Mature Content*

Living by a personal set of rules to become virtually invisible after being abandoned by his mother, Sam, a teen who harbors a passion for the music of the Pacific Northwest, is paired with a scary gang member during a slam poetry unit in school and fears that his partner will destroy him, in a tale interspersed with evocative poetry.

Freedman, Paula J.

***My Basmati Bat Mitzvah***

Busily studying for her upcoming bat mitzvah, Tara Feinstein misses her maybe-boyfriend Ben-O and worries that her best friend has been spending too much time with a stuck-up classmate, a situation that is complicated by her efforts to bridge her Indian and Jewish identities.

Gardner, Sally

***Maggot Moon***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

Following a stray football to the other side of a wall where there is a secret, Standish Treadwell discovers astonishing truths about a moon landing that the overseeing Motherland, a ruthless regime, is determined to hide.

Goodman, Shawn

***Kindness for Weakness***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

*Mature Content*

A fifteen-year-old boy from an abusive home desperately seeking his older brother's love and approval starts pushing drugs for him and suffers the consequences.

Griffin, Adele

***Loud Awake and Lost***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

Eight months after a debilitating car accident leaves her with brain trauma and a back injury, Ember tries to piece together the weeks leading up to the accident--and determine why no one is willing to talk about it.

Hattermer, Kate

***Vigilante Poets of Selwyn Academy***

When a sleazy reality television show takes over Ethan's arts academy, he and his friends concoct an artsy plan to take it down.

Heldring, Thatcher

***League***

Fourteen-year-old Wyatt, hoping to impress a girl and ward off a bully, decides to join his older brother's summer football league, "The League of Pain," against the advice of his parents, who think golf is the right sport for him.

Herrera, Robin

***Hope Is a Ferris Wheel***

After moving from Oregon to a trailer park in California, ten-year-old Star participates in a poetry club, where she learns some important lessons about herself and her own hopes and dreams for the future. (*Also Known as Harper* by Ann Haywood Lee is a similar book.)

Hoblin, Paul

***Beast***

When a concussion takes out the team's talented starting goalie Alyssa Duncan, a teammate replaces her temporarily and plays so well that Alyssa wonders whether she will be healed and good enough to retake her old position by the playoffs.

Jayne, Hannah

***Truly, Madly, Deadly***

*Mature Content*

When her abusive boyfriend dies in what seems to be a drunk-driving accident, Sawyer is secretly relieved until she opens her locker and finds a note from a secret admirer that says "You're welcome."

Keil, Melissa

***Life in Outer Space***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

Sixteen-year-old Sam Kinnison is perfectly happy as a game-playing, movie-obsessed geek until beautiful, friendly, and impossible to ignore Camilla Carter starts him wondering if he has been watching all the wrong movies.

Koertge, Ronald

***Coaltown Jesus***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

Praying for help after the sudden death of his brother, Walker is astonished by the appearance of an irreverent Jesus in his bedroom who imparts unexpected strength and comfort while helping him understand some of life's biggest questions.

Konigsberg, Bill

***Openly Straight***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

*2014 Teen Top Ten Nominee*

*Mature Content*

Tired of being known as "the gay kid", Rafe Goldberg decides to assume a new persona when he comes east and enters an elite Massachusetts prep school--but trying to deny his identity has both complications and unexpected consequences.

Laban, Elizabeth

***Tragedy Paper***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

While preparing for the most dreaded assignment at the prestigious Irving School, the Tragedy Paper, Duncan gets wrapped up in the tragic tale of Tim Macbeth, a former student who had a clandestine relationship with the wrong girl, and his own ill-fated romance with Daisy.

Lafleur, Suzanne

***Love, Aubrey***

While living with her Gram in Vermont, eleven-year-old Aubrey writes letters as a way of dealing with losing her father and sister in a car accident, and then being abandoned by her grief-stricken mother.

Lecesne, James

***Trevor: A Novella***

Bullied at school, dumped by his friends, and pressured at home, an artistic teenager struggling with his sexuality and identity makes a desperate attempt to end his loneliness.

Levithan, David

***Two Boys Kissing***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

*Mature Content*

Harry and Craig are going for the Guinness World Record for the longest kiss, and everyone is watching, including generations of gay men that have gone before them.

Lynch, Chris

**Pieces**

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

His world shattered in the wake of his brother's death, hockey enthusiast Eric embarks on a quest to meet the people whose lives were saved when his family donated his brother's organs and is astonished when he makes new friends who encourage him to heal and rebuild.

McCafferty, Megan

**Jessica Darling's It List: The (Totally Not) Guaranteed Guide to Popularity, Prettiness & Perfection**

The day before seventh grade begins, twelve-year-old Jessica Darling gets a list from her sister, whose popularity and beauty made her a junior-high standout, but when she tries to follow it, all goes awry, including losing her best friend.

Medina, Meg

**Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass**

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

*Mature Content*

Informed that a bully she does not know is determined to beat her up, Latin American teen Piddy Sanchez struggles to learn more about the father she has never met, until the bully's gang forces her to confront more difficult challenges.

Metzger, Lois

**Trick of the Light**

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

*Mature Content*

What's wrong with Mike? According to the voice in his head, he's just fine. But how can that be, considering his anorexia and family trauma?

Miller, Ashley Edward; Stentz, Zack

**Colin Fischer**

*2015 ORCA Nominee*

The screenplay writers for X-Men: First Class present the story of a boy who taps the investigative talents of a peer with Asperger's syndrome to prove he is innocent of blowing up a birthday cake in the school cafeteria, a case that teaches both boys about the mysterious qualities of human emotions.

Murdoch, Emily

**If You Find Me**

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

*Mature Content*

Enduring a difficult existence in the woods with her younger sister and the mentally ill mother who abducted them, 14-year-old Carey is found by her father and thrust into a perplexing world filled with new clothes, busy stores and plentiful food that is overshadowed by a painful secret about her sister's silence.

Myers, Walter Dean

**Invasion**

*Mature Content*

Josiah Wedgewood and Marcus Perry were friends in Virginia, but now that they are both involved in the Normandy invasion, the differences in their positions is uncomfortable, for Josiah is a white infantryman and Marcus is a black transport driver, the only role the segregated army will allow him.

Ockler, Sarah

***Book of Broken Hearts***

*Mature Content*

Jude has learned a lot from her older sisters, but the most important thing is this: The Vargas brothers are notorious heartbreakers. She's seen the tears and disasters that dating a Vargas boy can cause, and she swore an oath--with candles and a contract and everything--to never have anything to do with one...

Pennypacker, Sara

***Summer of the Gypsy Moths***

*2015 ORCA Nominee*

A foster child named Angel and 12-year-old Stella, who are living with Stella's great-aunt Louise at the Linger Longer Cottage Colony on Cape Cod, secretly assume responsibility for the vacation rentals when Louise unexpectedly dies and the girls are afraid of being returned to the foster care system.

Pfeffer, Susan Beth

***Shade of the Moon (Life As We Knew It Book 4)***

Jon Evans is one of the lucky ones--until he realizes that escaping his safe haven may be the only way to truly survive.

Pike, Aprilynne

***Life After Theft***

Jeff is the new guy in school and the only one who can see Kimberlee, a ghost with a lot of (stolen) baggage. To help her move on, Jeff must return everything she stole when she was alive. But being Kimberlee's accomplice turns into more than he bargained for when his crush and the cops get involved.

Richards, Natalie D.

***Six Months Later***

*2014 Teen Top Ten Nominee*

*Mature Content*

Waking up six months after dozing off in study hall to discover that she is on track to become the school valedictorian, a super jock is her boyfriend and her former best friend is not speaking to her, Chloe struggles to remember what happened and how the baffling changes occurred.

Rowell, Rainbow

***Fangirl***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

*Mature Content*

Feeling cast off when her best friend outgrows their shared love for a favorite celebrity, Cath, a dedicated fan-fiction writer, struggles to survive on her own in her first year of college while avoiding a surly roommate, bonding with a handsome classmate who only wants to talk about words, and worrying about her fragile father.

Sales, Leila

***This Song Will Save Your Life***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adults*

*2014 Teen Top Ten Nominee*

*Mature Content*

Nearly a year after a failed suicide attempt, sixteen-year-old Elise discovers that she has the passion, and the talent, to be a disc jockey.

Schrefer, Eliot

***Threatened***

Luc is an orphan, living in debt slavery in Gabon, until he meets a Professor who claims to be studying chimpanzees, and they head off into the jungle--but when the Professor disappears, Luc has to fend for himself and join forces with the chimps to save their forest.

Schroeder, Lisa

***Chasing Brooklyn***

*Mature Content*

As Brooklyn and Nico work to help each other recover from the deaths of Brooklyn's boyfriend--Nico's brother Lucca--and their friend Gabe, they begin to rediscover their passion for life, and a newly growing love for one another.

Sloan, Holly Goldberg

***Counting by 7s***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adults*

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

Sones, Sonya

***To Be Perfectly Honest: A Novel Based on an Untrue Story***

Colette is a compulsive liar spending a miserable summer in San Luis Obispo, California, babysitting her seven-year-old brother while her famous mother shoots a movie, but things look up when Connor enters the scene.

Strasser, Todd

***Fallout***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

Scott's house is the only one in the neighborhood with a bomb shelter. When the unthinkable happens, 10 people must survive for two weeks in a room meant for only four. Set during the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962.

Sullivan, Tara

***Golden Boy***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

A Tanzanian albino boy finds himself the ultimate outsider, hunted because of the color of his skin.

Telgemeier, Raina

***Sisters***

A companion book to *Smile*.

Raina uses her signature humor and charm in both present-day narrative and perfectly placed flashbacks to tell the story of her relationship with her sister, which unfolds during the course of a road trip from their home in San Francisco to a family reunion in Colorado. (Amazon summary)  
Graphic Novel (GN)

Terry, Chris L.

***Zero Fade***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

Thirteen-year-old Kevin Phifer deals with bullies, girl problems at school, his mom's dating, his uncle coming out of the closet, and being grounded.

Thompson, Holly

***Language Inside***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

Raised in Japan, American-born tenth-grader Emma is disconcerted by a move to Massachusetts for her mother's breast cancer treatment, because half of Emma's heart remains with her friends recovering from the tsunami.

Vawter, Vince

***Paperboy***

Taking over a friend's newspaper route in 1959 Memphis, an 11-year-old baseball enthusiast struggles with a speech disability while attempting to communicate with customers, a situation that turns dangerous when he has a confrontation with a thieving local junkman.

Vernick, Audrey

***Screaming at the Ump***

Twelve-year-old Casey lives with his father and grandfather at their family-run umpire school, and as he deals with middle school and his mother's unwelcome return, he stumbles on a sensational story that has him questioning his dream of becoming a journalist.

Wiles, Deborah

***Revolution***

It's 1964, and Sunny's town is being invaded. Or at least that's what the adults of Greenwood, Mississippi are saying. All Sunny knows is that people from up north are coming to help people register to vote. They're calling it Freedom Summer...

Zarr, Sara

***Lucy Variations***

*2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult*

Lucy has always played piano to please others, but after walking away from the profession, she meets a young piano teacher who begins to show her another way.