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## Carter Finally Gets It

Join Will Carter for his freshman year, when he'll search for sex, love, and acceptance anywhere he can find it. In the process, he'll almost kill a trombone player, face off with his greatest nemesis, get caught up in a messy love triangle, suffer a lot of blood loss, narrowly escape death, run from the cops (not once, but twice), meet his match in the form of a curvy drill teamer, and surprise everyone, including himself.

## Winter Town

Anya, embarrassed by her Russian immigrant family and self-conscious about her body, has given up on fitting in at school, but when she falls down a well and makes friends with the ghost there, she thinks she's found just what she needs--or has she? Simultaneous.

### **I See Reality**

After producing three horror movies that went mostly ignored on YouTube, Justin and his filmmaking buddies decide it's time they create something noteworthy, something epic. They're going to film the Greatest Zombie Movie Ever. They may not have money or a script, but they have passion. And, after a rash text message, they also have the beautiful Alicia Howtz-Justin's crush-as the lead. With only one month to complete their movie, a script that can't possibly get worse, and the hopes and dreams of Alicia on the line, Justin is feeling the pressure. Add to that a cast of uncooperative extras and incompetent production assistants, and Justin must face the sad, sad truth. He may actually be producing The Worst Zombie Movie Ever "Fans of Strand's other novels of outrageous circumstance will not be disappointed. A delightfully ludicrous read."-School Library Journal on I Have a Bad Feeling About This

### **Anya's Ghost**

An seiner neuen Schule versucht sich der Ich-Erzähler ein neues Image zu geben: Happyface! Happyface ist cool, beliebt und steht immer im Mittelpunkt. Die Wahrheit sieht allerdings anders aus. Und das

bekommen die Freunde - und die Freundin - irgendwann auch mit. Ab 14.

## **Bright Lights, Dark Nights**

YouTube star Connie Glynn is back with the sparkling follow-up to *Undercover Princess*, which Kirkus described as "Cinderella meets Mean Girls while at Hogwarts." Lottie Pumpkin never expected to become a royal during her first year at Rosewood Hall. But now that she and secret princess Ellie Wolfe's fates have been inextricably entwined by the dramatic events of the last school year, they're both just hoping for a peaceful return to Rosewood. The ivy-covered walls of Rosewood tend to hold secrets, though--and when students start being targeted by members of the mysterious undercover society Leviathan, Lottie and Ellie must find the culprit before the danger threatens to close down the one place where they both feel at home. A new princess, an old enemy--readers will devour this captivating sequel, perfect for fans of Meg Cabot and Shannon Hale.

## **Shooter**

In the moving and compelling debut novel from Benjamin Zephaniah, a young man's life is completely changed when his face is badly scarred in a car accident. Martin seems to have it all. He's cool, funny, and he's the undisputed leader of the Gang of Three, who roam their East London estate during the holidays looking for fun. But one night after the Gang leave a late night rap club, Martin accepts a ride from

Pete, a Raider's Posse gang member. Too late, he realises that the car is stolen, and that the police are after them. What happens next will change Martin's life and looks, and show him the true meaning of strength, courage, discrimination and friendship. Brilliantly written and with a real ear for dialogue, fans of Angie Thomas and Malorie Blackman will love Benjamin Zephaniah's novels for young adult readers: Refugee Boy Face Gangsta Rap Teacher's Dead

### **Then He Ate My Boy Entrancers**

In this fearless portrayal of a boy on the edge, highly acclaimed Printz Honor author A.S. King explores the desperate reality of a former child "star" struggling to break free of his anger. Gerald Faust started feeling angry even before his mother invited a reality TV crew into his five-year-old life. Twelve years later, he's still haunted by his rage-filled youth--which the entire world got to watch from every imaginable angle--and his anger issues have resulted in violent outbursts, zero friends, and clueless adults dumping him in the special education room at school. No one cares that Gerald has tried to learn to control himself; they're all just waiting for him to snap. And he's starting to feel dangerously close to doing just that until he chooses to create possibilities for himself that he never knew he deserved.

### **Happyface**

Emo Boy, a hero for the world's losers, uses his superhuman sensitivity and his unpredictable powers

to bring down his enemies and sabotage his own happiness.

### **Until We Have Faces**

A brother and sister cope with loss and trauma—and fight to keep what’s left of their family together—in a “compelling” novel by a Newbery Honor Medal winner. Jenna and Jeremy knew their parents’ marriage was in trouble. That was pretty obvious. But no one who knew the family could have predicted what would come next. One afternoon, Jenna and Jeremy are pulled from class and given horrifying news: their father, a college psychologist, has just shot their mother to death on a public street. Now, Mom is dead, Dad is in jail, and a fifth-grade boy and his fourteen-year-old sister have a lot to reconcile. Not only grief, anger, confusion, and guilt—but their dad’s motive, the secrets in their mother’s diary, and shifting loyalties that are driving Jenna and Jeremy even further apart. With their fragile new lives in free fall, and their father about to stand trial, they’re now going to have to confront the unimaginable. From an author who has been a finalist for the National Book Award, among numerous other honors, this is “a compelling story suffused with raw and honest emotion” (Kirkus Reviews) and “a taut psychological mystery” (Publishers Weekly).

### **HOW TO BE REALLY, REALLY, REALLY HAPPY!**

It’s been a year since a meteor collided with the

moon, catastrophically altering the earth's climate. For Miranda Evans, life as she knew it no longer exists. Her friends and neighbors are dead, the landscape is frozen, and food is increasingly scarce. The struggle to survive intensifies when Miranda's father and stepmother arrive with a baby and three strangers in tow. One of the newcomers is Alex Morales, and as Miranda's complicated feelings for him turn to love, his plans for his future thwart their relationship. Then a devastating tornado hits the town of Howell, and Miranda makes a decision that will change their lives forever.

### **Ball Don't Lie**

The author of *The Great Railway Bazaar* explores the South Pacific by kayak: "This exhilarating epic ranks with [his] best travel books" (Publishers Weekly). In one of his most exotic and adventuresome journeys, travel writer Paul Theroux embarks on an eighteen-month tour of the South Pacific, exploring fifty-one islands by collapsible kayak. Beginning in New Zealand's rain forests and ultimately coming to shore thousands of miles away in Hawaii, Theroux paddles alone over isolated atolls, through dirty harbors and shark-filled waters, and along treacherous coastlines. Along the way, Theroux meets the king of Tonga, encounters street gangs in Auckland, and investigates a cargo cult in Vanuatu. From Australia to Tahiti, Fiji, Easter Island, and beyond, this exhilarating tropical epic is full of disarming observations and high adventure.

## **Face**

With the help of smiley-face charts, Josh learns to express his anger appropriately.

## **Mister Monday**

An amazingly humorous book that will seize your heart with its depth, warmth and wisdom.

## **This World We Live In**

The book that inspired HOME, now a major motion picture! It all starts with a school essay. When twelve-year-old Gratuity ("Tip") Tucci is assigned to write five pages on "The True Meaning of Smekday" for the National Time Capsule contest, she's not sure where to begin. When her mom started telling everyone about the messages aliens were sending through a mole on the back of her neck? Maybe on Christmas Eve, when huge, bizarre spaceships descended on the Earth and the aliens—called Boov—abducted her mother? Or when the Boov declared Earth a colony, renamed it "Smekland" (in honor of glorious Captain Smek), and forced all Americans to relocate to Florida via rocketpod? In any case, Gratuity's story is much, much bigger than the assignment. It involves her unlikely friendship with a renegade Boov mechanic named J.Lo.; a futile journey south to find Gratuity's mother at the Happy Mouse Kingdom; a cross-country road trip in a hovercar called Slushious; and an outrageous plan to save the Earth from yet another alien invasion. Fully illustrated with "photos,"

drawings, newspaper clippings, and comics sequences, this is a hilarious, perceptive, genre-bending novel from best-selling author Adam Rex.

### **The Happy Isles of Oceania**

Fourteen-year-old Kristin Folger knows that things are changing as she watches her own body change before her eyes and sees her best friend dating strange boys in this diary-format tale set in the early 1970s.

### **The Day the World Stopped Turning**

Newbery Award-winning and New York Times bestselling author Matt de la Peña's *Ball Don't Lie* "is a must-read." [The Bulletin] Sticky is a beat-around-the-head foster kid with nowhere to call home but the street, and an outer shell so tough that no one will take him in. He started out life so far behind the pack that the finish line seems nearly unreachable. He's a white boy living and playing in a world where he doesn't seem to belong. But Sticky can ball. And basketball might just be his ticket out . . . if he can only realize that he doesn't have to be the person everyone else expects him to be. Matt de la Peña's breakout urban masterpiece, *Ball Don't Lie* takes place where the street and the court meet and where a boy can be anything if he puts his mind to it. ★ "[An] inspiring story. Sticky is a true original, and de la Peña has skillfully brought him to life." -School Library Journal, Starred "RivetingTeens will be strongly affected by the unforgettablebasketball action; and the questions about race, love, self-worth, and what it

means to build a life without advantages."-Booklist  
"Stunningly realistic."-VOYA "Gritty and  
mesmerizing."-Kirkus Reviews "I have never before  
seen blacktop ball depicted so well. In this novel, you  
will find its flash, its power, and its elegance without  
chains. This is powerful stuff."-Antawn Jamison,  
forward for the Los Angeles Clippers "Truly authentic  
in its examination of both the game I love and the  
invariable missteps toward manhood. You cannot fail  
to be moved by the eloquence and truth of this  
story."-Rick Fox, former forward for the Los Angeles  
Lakers An ALA Best Book for Young Adults An ALA  
Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers

### **When Dad Killed Mom**

Every winter, straight-laced, Ivy League bound Evan looks forward to a visit from Lucy, a childhood pal who moved away after her parent's divorce. But when Lucy arrives this year, she's changed. The former "girl next door" now has chopped dyed black hair, a nose stud, and a scowl. But Evan knows that somewhere beneath the Goth, "Old Lucy" still exists, and he's determined to find her even if it means pissing her off. Garden State meets Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist in this funny and poignant illustrated novel about opposites who fall in love.

### **The Homecoming**

Twin brothers Ty and Cory Bic are on the run. When they encounter a dying deer in the middle of a remote mountain road with fresh tire tracks swerving down

into a ravine, they know they have to help. But when they reach the wrecked car the vehicle appears empty, with signs that the driver escaped. Until they hear a sound coming from the trunk. Ty and Cory are escaping demons of their own. But what they discover in the trunk puts them in the crosshairs of something darker and more sinister than their wildest nightmares. Told through a gripping, lightning-fast narrative that alternates between present and past, this unputdownable survival thriller unravels the tangled circumstances that led Ty and Cory to the deer in the road and set them on a perilous course through the wilderness of the Pacific Northwest.

### **The Greatest Zombie Movie Ever**

Toby had it all. The looks, the popularity, a promising rugby career ahead of him. Until he came into his life.

### **Whip It**

This National Book Award Finalist is a thought-provoking exploration of emotional abuse, self-reliance and the nature of evil. A heart-wrenching portrait of family crisis, this is perfect for fans of Laurie Halse Anderson's *Speak* and Jay Asher's *Thirteen Reasons Why*. For Matt and his sisters, life with their cruel, physically abusive mother is a day-to-day struggle for survival. But then Matt witnesses a man named Murdoch coming to a child's rescue in a convenience store; and for the first time, he feels a glimmer of hope. Then, amazingly, Murdoch begins dating Matt's mother. Life is suddenly almost good.

But the relief lasts only a short time. When Murdoch inevitable breaks up with their mother, Matt knows that he'll need to take some action. Can he call upon Murdoch to be his hero? Or will Matt have to take measures into his own hands? A gripping, powerful novel that will stay with you long after you've read it. Nancy Werlin, the New York Times Bestselling author of *Impossible*, shows why she is a master of her genre. "[A] dark but hopeful tale, with pacing and suspense guaranteed to leave readers breathlessly turning the pages."—Booklist (starred review) "Beautifully framed as a letter from Matthew to his younger sister, the suspense is paced to keep Matthew's survival and personal revelations chock-full of dramatic tension. Bring tissues."—Kirkus (starred review) "Grace and insight."—School Library Journal (starred review) National Book Award Finalist LA Times Book Prize Finalist ALA Best Books of the Year ALA Quick Pick

### **Deadfall**

The groundbreaking and widely praised novel about a school shooting, from the acclaimed author of *Monster*. Multiple narratives, a personal journal, and newspaper and police reports add perspective and pull readers into the story. "Questions of guilt and innocence drive the plot and stay with the reader," said Hazel Rochman in a starred Booklist review. "Highly readable." "A haunting story that uncovers the pain of several high school students," according to Teenreads.com. "It explores the tragedies of school violence and how the result of bullying can go to the

most dramatic extreme. Myers has a gift for expressing the voices of his characters. Shooter is not a light read, but it will leave you reeling."

### **Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie**

Michael Morpurgo's *The Day the World Stopped Turning* is a middle-grade novel about an extraordinary boy who sees the world differently. In the unique landscape of the Camargue (France) during World War II, Lorenzo lives among the salt flats and the flamingos. There are lots of things he doesn't understand—but he does know how to heal animals, how to talk to them; the flamingos especially. He loves routine, and music too: and every week he goes to market with his mother. It's there he meets Kezia, a Roma girl, who helps her parents run their carousel—and who shows him how to ride the wooden horse as the music plays. But then the German soldiers come, with their guns. Everything is threatened, everything is falling apart: the carousel, Kezia and her family, even Lorenzo's beloved flamingos. Yet there are kind people even among soldiers, and there is always hope. . .

### **Reality Boy**

The gold thread promises Charlotte Miller a chance to save her family's beloved woolen mill. It promises a future for her sister, jobs for her townsfolk, security against her grasping uncle -- maybe even true love. To get the thread, Charlotte must strike a bargain with its maker, the mysterious Jack Spinner. But the

gleam of gold conjures a shadowy past -- secrets ensnaring generations of Millers. And Charlotte's mill, her family, her love -- what do those matter to a stranger who can spin straw into gold? This is an award-winning and wholly original retelling of "Rumpelstiltskin."

### **Night Boat to Freedom**

Thirteen-year-old Raspberry Hill is starved for money. She will do just about anything legal to get her hands on the almighty dollar--wash cars, sell rotten candy, skip lunch, clean houses. She is obsessed. She is driven. She is afraid. Memories of being homeless, sleeping in the streets, and eating handouts keep Raspberry's eye on the only prize that matters to her: cold, hard cash. A haunting story of greed and forgiveness by the award-winning author of *The Skin I'm In*.

### **Thief of Mind**

Let the overseas snogfest begin! Georgia and Jas are off to Hamburger-a-gogo land! Georgia plans to track down Masimo, the Italian-American dreamboat, but after a long week in America, she only succeeds in learning importantish things -- like how to ride a bucking bronco. Will Georgia reel in the Italian dreamboat? Or is she destined to live forever all aloney on her owny?

### **Princess in Practice**

Just put on a happy face! Enter Happyface's journal and get a peek into the life of a shy, artistic boy who decides to reinvent himself as a happy-go-lucky guy after he moves to a new town. See the world through his hilariously self-deprecating eyes as he learns to shed his comic-book-loving, computer-game playing ways. Join him as he makes new friends, tries to hide from his past, and ultimately learns to face the world with a genuine smile. With a fresh and funny combination of text and fully integrated art, Happyface is an original storytelling experience.

### **My Life in Smiley (Book 1 in Smiley series)**

This collection of nine indelible short stories from award-winning storyteller Michael Nye provides an intimate look into the flawed nature of humanity, the universal questions of modern life, and the unending persistence of love amidst it all.

### **Where's Smiley?**

Guided by tween "ghostorian" Virgil, readers will discover fascinating facts about calamitous events throughout history as they explore castles, palaces and dungeons and those infamous figures associated with each. For instance, did you know that many castles were made out of wood painted to look like stone? Or that wealthy prisoners in the Tower of London could keep servants? The book is chock-full of details that kids will find intriguing--dungeon life for prisoners, methods of torture, and even the most

popular methods of poisoning enemies. So join Virgil and the other ghostly inhabitants for an historical adventure on the dark side.

### **Emo Boy**

Max is in trouble, SOS trouble, he's a prisoner in the middle of nowhere. His journal is the conclusive evidence that the next two weeks at summer camp are going to be absolutely miserable . . . or not! His parents signed him up to give him some "independence," but all it's given him so far is bug bites! It's super hot, he's got no video games, no salt and vinegar chips, and—worst of all—no friends. He even has to pretend to have fun and participate in activities! But despite all that, his roomies are cool, this girl Clara is kinda pretty, and he found a mysterious diary. . . .

### **The Life History of a Star**

Warning: Do not read before 2126! My Life in Smiley: It's All Good is meant strictly for people of the future, chronicling the life and times of Max, an average eleven-year-old. Annoying siblings, stage fright, love at first sight—can you believe what kids in the 21st century had to deal with? Follow his illustrated diary as he embarks on a great journey—the first year of middle school in France. Max's journal entries, humorous drawings, and colorful smileys recount his adventures in making new friends, dealing with bullies, and surviving a ruthless P.E. teacher. Along the way, Max starts to figure out how to interact with

his peers, and he realizes that at the end of the day, no matter what life throws at him, it's all good!

### **Happyface**

Lucas and Jenna are chosen to attend a camp that promises to turn delinquents into high achieving students, but when they arrive, they realize that the camp is not what it seems.

### **Josh's Smiley Faces**

At the request of his fellow slave Granny Judith, Christmas John risks his life to take runaways across a river from Kentucky to Ohio, based on actual slave narratives recorded in the 1930s. Reprint.

### **Haunted Histories**

A new, emotional novel from Stacie Ramey, the author of *The Sister Pact* They say you can never go home-and John's about to find out just how true that is. John's mother kicked him out of the house when she couldn't handle his anger, and John's spent the last few years bouncing between relatives. But after his last scrape with the law, there's nowhere for him to go but home. Starting senior year at a new high school and fitting into the family that shut him out is a challenge. And it's all that John can do to keep from turning back to bad habits. Lacrosse training helps him focus. As does Emily, the girl next door. She's sweet and smart, and makes him think his heart may finally be healing. Maybe he's ready to trust again.

But tragedy has a way of finding John, and he must decide between saving his family or saving himself. "A powerful story of redemption, forgiveness, love, and the ability to persevere."-VOYA on The Sister Pact

### **My Life in Smiley (Book 3 in Smiley series)**

A story about first love, first fights, and finding yourself in a messed up world, from the acclaimed author of Happyface. Walter Wilcox has never been in love. That is, until he meets Naomi, and sparks, and clever jokes, fly. But when his cop dad is caught in a racial profiling scandal, Walter and Naomi, who is African American, are called out at school, home, and online. Can their bond (and mutual love of the Foo Fighters) keep them together? With black-and-white illustrations throughout and a heartfelt, humorous voice, Bright Lights, Dark Nights authentically captures just how tough first love can be and why it's worth fighting for.

### **The True Meaning of Smekday**

An anthology of twelve original short stories by top authors exploring real issues for real teens. Through prose and comics alike, these heart-pounding short stories for young adults ask hard questions about a range of topics from sexuality and addiction to violence and immigration. Here is the perfect tool for starting tough discussions or simply as an introduction to realistic literary fiction. In turns funny, thought-provoking, and heartbreaking, I See Reality

will resonate with today's teens long after the last page has been turned. Contributing authors include Jay Clark, Kristin Clark, Heather Demetrios, Stephen Emond, Patrick Flores-Scott, Faith Hicks, Trisha Leaver, Kekla Magoon, Marcella Pixley, James Preller, Jason Schmidt, and Jordan Sonnenblick. "These 12 stories manage to capture all of the laughter, tears, struggles, horrors and highlights of being a teenager and I loved every minute of it!" - TeenReads

### **The Rules of Survival**

Roller derby is back, in all of its rowdy and raucous glory Meet Bliss Cavendar, an indie-rock-loving misfit stuck in the tiny town of Bodeen, Texas. Her pageant-addicted mother expects her to compete for the coveted Miss Bluebonnet crown, but Bliss would rather feast on roaches than be subjected to such rhinestone tyranny. Bliss's escape? Roller Derby. When she discovers a league in nearby Austin, Bliss embarks on an epic journey full of hilarious tattooed girls, delicious boys in bands, and a few not-so-awesome realities even the most hard-core derby chick has to learn. Shauna Cross' Whip It is then basis of the 2009 Drew Barrymore film Whip It, starring Ellen Page, Alia Shawkat, Marcia Gay Harden and Daniel Stern.

### **A Curse Dark As Gold**

"Arthur Penhaligon is not supposed to be a hero. He is supposed to die. But then he meets the sinister Mr. Monday and everything changes. Seven days. Seven

keys. One mysterious book. One strange house filled with secrets"--Page 2 of cover.

### **Money Hungry**

From first-time novelist Jordan Sonnenblick, a brave and beautiful story that will make readers laugh and break their hearts at the same time. Thirteen-year-old Steven has a totally normal life: he plays drums in the All-Star Jazz band, has a crush on the hottest girl in the school, and is constantly annoyed by his five-year-old brother, Jeffrey. But when Jeffrey is diagnosed with leukemia, Steven's world is turned upside down. He is forced to deal with his brother's illness and his parents' attempts to keep the family in one piece. Salted with humor and peppered with devastating realities, DRUMS, GIRLS, AND DANGEROUS PIE is a heartwarming journey through a year in the life of a family in crisis.

### **Brain Camp**

Between 1997 and 2006, countless comic strips poured out of cartoonist Stephen Emond's room in the shape of "STEVERINO!," the tale of a sad-sack hopeless romantic and his quest for that special anyone. "STEVERINO!" was printed and sent out as a self-published 25 page book each month and eventually went on to gain praise and correspondence from syndicate editors, win national prizes, and earned a space in local Connecticut shoreline newspapers. Read this book and see the mountains of effort that go into shaping a series and perfecting an

idea. From what works to what doesn't, from rejection letters to editor feedback and the applications of that feedback, documented here is the true evolution of a cartoonist! Emond is the author of EMO BOY and HAPPYFACE, and as those books and STEVERINO! will show, he lays it all out in the open in his intensely personal works. Witness a decade of heart and devotion, the rise and fall of STEVERINO.

### **Steverino**

Readers are asked to find the iconic Smiley faces hidden among the face-filled pages of a search-and-find title that will easily entertain children of all ages for hours.

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