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Twisted

Laurie Halse Anderson

Tyler Miller was a socially invisible nerd before he sprayed some attention-getting graffiti and became a legend. Sentenced to a summer of hard labor, he enters his senior year with new muscles that attract Bethany, whose father is Tyler's dad's boss. On probation for his graffiti stunt, Tyler struggles to balance his consuming crush with pressure that comes from schoolwork and his explosive father. And after Tyler is implicated in a drunken crime, his balancing act starts to fall apart.

The Making of Dr. Truelove

Derrick Barnes

When sexual uncertainty creeps into Diego Montgomery's love life and messes up his brewing romance with Roxy, Diego schemes with his friend J to win her back. Together, the two invent Dr. Truelove, whose worldly wise tips on the ins and outs of love soon raise him to celebrity status, both at school and in the community. Things slide out of control, however, when J decides to actually be Dr. Truelove, and his antics land both teens more notoriety and partners than they ever could have imagined.

All the Way

Andy Behrens

Ian has spent the summer before senior year working at a Chicago mall Dunkin' Donuts, while his best friends Lance and Felicia have been working and visiting France. But all hope is not lost. Ian has been chatting up Danielle in South Carolina, a girl he met via IM, and on the last weekend before school Ian has decided to drive to Charleston and get "better acquainted". Ian, Lance and Felicia end up taking the 1800-mile drive together, making for some hilarious dialogue, nearly all of it raunchy without using any of those funny words.

Trouble With Girls

Marshall Boswell

Parker is a 14-year-old Memphis teenager paralyzed by his raging hormones and the fear of being branded a geek. Whether he's looking for ways to steer clear of his older brother, who is a master of torture, or simply trying to be seen by the woman of his dreams, Parker's best intentions always seem to be a magnet for the dysfunction.

24 Girls in 7 Days

Alex Bradley

When Jack Grammar was little, his sisters used to dress up and pretend he was their prom date. Now it's two weeks until his senior, and he's dateless. But Natalie and Percy, his two best friends, have a solution. Jack is not amused, but he agrees to go along with the plan because his friends have a list of girls eager to go out with him. The result is a hilarious adventure as Jack tries to speed-date 24 girls in 7 days.

The Prince and the Snowgirl

Simon Cheshire

15-year-old Tom works as a professional "look-alike" for a prince. With his resemblance to the royal heartthrob, he gets plenty of attention from the girls at school, but Tom is only interested in Louise. So when Louise starts dating rival Allan, Tom's solution is to impersonate the prince 24/7. Things start to go wrong when Tom, Louise, and Allan head to a ski competition. How can he impersonate the prince when the real royal suddenly shows up at the same hotel?

The Perks Of Being A Wallflower

Stephen Chbosky

Charlie reveals his innermost thoughts in letters while trying to discover who he is and who he is to become. Whether it's his family members, his first date, or even his first sexual encounter, Charlie gets it all off his chest. But at least his new friends make more sense to him than his star football-playing older brother ever did. And they're able to teach him far more about life than an older sister doesn't have the time for him.

Ordinary Ghosts

Eireann Corrigan

Like a modern-day Holden Caulfield, high-school junior Emil Simon searches for meaning in a world of lies. Still mourning the death of his mother, who lost a battle with cancer, Emil barely has time to cope before his older brother, Ethan, mysteriously disappears. Searching through Ethan's belongings, Emil finds a master key to their prestigious school. Prowling around the academy at night, Emil meets Jade, and as their relationship intensifies, Emil learns the shocking truths behind the "disappearances" of his family members.

Hoops of Steel

John Foley

Haunted by his father's alcoholism, which led to a climactic night of violence and self-defense, Jackson is labeled "Mr. Killer" by wary classmates. Estranged from his parents and living with Granny Dwyer, he hangs out on weekends with Danny and other new friends on rival Shoreview's basketball team. As the boys wisecrack and compete on Danny's backyard "High Court," they banter about racial attitudes, their rich versus poor New Jersey towns, girls and sex, acne and body odor, and their basketball dreams.

The Girlfriend Project

Robin Friedman

17 year-old Reed, a "Card-Carrying Dork," has never had a girlfriend or even kissed a girl, so his best friends launch "The Girlfriend Project." Twins Ronnie, a girl, and Lonnie, a guy, provide Reed with a "tip list," and Ronnie builds a Web site where classmates answer survey questions, creating an instant buzz about Reed. But even with his new social life, Reed struggles with some big questions, from how important appearance really is, to how to tell Ronnie that *she* is the girl of his dreams.

Games: A Tale of Two Bullies

Carol Gorman

Book lover and aspiring writer Mick Sullivan is a big kid who has no interest in sports, much to his alcoholic father's disappointment. Music lover Boot Quinn, whose mother has left the family, is ignored, neglected, and sometimes abused by his father and older brother. Their private pain boils over in one another's company and leads them into frequent fistfights. But neither one is ready for the solution that the new principal has devised: for two periods each day, they are forced to play board games until they can learn to get along.

Kimchi & Calamari

Rose Kent

Joseph Calderaro is stumped when his social studies teacher assigns an ancestry essay. Joseph is adopted and his parents have told him little about his background. With not much information to go on, Joseph writes an award-winning essay claiming that Olympic marathoner Sohn Kee Chung was his grandfather. Once his lie is unmasked, though, Joseph has to redo his assignment, which leads him on a search for his birth family. His search eventually leads him to a young woman who may be his cousin.

How to Get Suspended and Influence People

Adam Selzer

Selzer's zany, edgy debut thumbs its nose at censorship as its eighth-grade hero tries to make a frank, honest, and artistic sex-ed video for a peer-education project. Leon wants to avoid rehashing the usual diagrams and dramatizations. Inspired by his worldly friend and crush, Anna, who introduces him to avant-garde cinema, he creates a pastiche of the Great Masters' nudes, symbolic images, and narrated sonnets about body changes. His creative triumph, and the ensuing uproar, unfolds in comic style.

The Schwa Was Here

Neal Shusterman

Calvin Schwa is special, see? Well, no, because you can't "see" him at all. The Schwa is disturbingly unnoticeable. For years he has been marked absent in school, and he has certainly never managed to make friends. That is until he meets Antsy and *his* friends get a hold of him, and try to exploit "the Schwa effect." Sounds like a plan, but how long will the good times roll?

Mercy on These Teenage Chimps

Gary Soto

Ever since 13-year-old Ronnie and his best friend, Joey, hit puberty, they have felt particularly chimplike, with their peachy fuzz and splayed ears. But when Coach Puddlefield angrily calls Joey a monkey after he shimmies up a rafter to show off for pretty Jessica, Joey takes offense and secludes himself in his tree house. Meanwhile, Ronnie embarks on a mission to find Jessica and convince her of Joey's love. Can peace ever be restored?

Stuff: The Life of a Cool Demented Dude

Jeremy Strong

Simon, or "Stuff" as his friends call him, because of the array of all the useless trivia that fills his head, dreams of being an artist. His art teacher helps him get a head start on his dream by drawing an anonymous weekly cartoon for the school paper. In his comic, his stepmother, Tracey, becomes an evil galactic queen, his new crush at school, Sky, morphs into the heroic Skysurfer, and his family, teachers and classmates figure into the strip as well. Alas, not everyone is thrilled.

Sounding Off

Ted Staunton

Meet Sam Foster: at 14, standing six feet two, and weighing in at 130 pounds, he definitely stands out amongst his friends. To further add to Sam's indignities, he also has a crash helmet stuck to his head and he really does not want to join his dad's new rock band. But if he can find the identity of a singer he hears performing at the Fall Fair, all hope may not be lost.

Be More Chill

Ned Vizzini

Jeremy is a classic high-school dork, who transforms himself into one of the social elite by swallowing a "squip," a supercomputer in pill form that communicates directly with his brain. The squip tells him what to say and how to act, and soon he is hanging with the popular crowd and getting the "hottest" girls. But the squip's technology is imperfect and soon leads Jeremy into disaster, in extremely public circumstances.