



Grief, Death, & Dying

The following books are located in the Teen (YA) section, alphabetical by author's name unless noted.

Asher, Jay. **13 Reasons Why**

When high school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, he spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death.

Auseon, Andrew. **Freak Magnet**

Two teenagers, both burdened by grief and loss, find each other and gradually develop a strong connection to one another.

Ayrabe, Heidi. **Freeze Frame**

Fifteen-year-old Kyle believes he does not deserve to live after accidentally shooting and killing his best friend.

Chaltas, Thalia. **Displacement**

After tragedy strikes her family, Vera runs away to a small desert town where she tries unsuccessfully to forget her grief and sorrow.

Clipston, Amy. **Roadside Assistance**

After her mother dies and she and her father move in with her wealthy aunt, Emily struggles when her car-loving, tomboy identity and her way of expressing her faith clash with the expectations of others.

Crutcher, Chris. **Deadline**

Given a diagnosis of one year to live, high school senior Ben decides to fulfill his greatest fantasies, ponders his life's purpose and legacy, and converses through dreams with a spiritual guide known as "Hey-Soos."

Donly, Jan. **The Side Door**

Mel and her best friend Frank become obsessed with knowing why another teen, Alex, killed himself. When Mel happens upon a pair of Alex's cargo pants, she takes them. And what she finds inside the pockets brings into focus the story of Alex's brief life and his death.

Donnelly, Jennifer. **Revolution**

Andi is on the edge. She's angry at her parents and heartbroken by the loss of her younger brother. Rage and grief are destroying her, but when she finds an antique diary, she recognizes something in the girl's words and is moved to the point of obsession.

Downham, Jenny. **Before I Die**

Tessa has just months to live. Fighting back against hospital visits, endless tests, drugs with excruciating side-effects, Tessa compiles a list. It's her To Do Before I Die list.

Easton, Kelly. **Aftershock**

In shock and unable to speak after being in a car accident in Oregon which has killed his parents, seventeen-year-old Adam journeys across the country to his home in Rhode Island.

Hills, Lia. **The Beginners Guide to Living**

Struggling to cope with his mother's sudden death and growing feelings of isolation from his father and brother, seventeen-year-old Will turns to philosophy for answers to life's biggest questions, while finding some solace in a new love.

Hoban, Julia. **Willow**

Sixteen-year-old Willow, who was driving the car that killed both of her parents, copes with the pain and guilt by cutting herself, until she meets a smart and sensitive boy who is determined to help her stop.

Hubbard, Jenny. **Paper Covers Rock**

At the beginning of his junior year at a boys' boarding school, 16-year-old Alex is devastated when he fails to save a drowning friend. When questioned, Alex and his friend Glenn, who was also at the river, begin weaving their web of lies.

Kephart, Beth. **Dangerous Neighbors**

It is 1876 and Katherine has lost her twin sister Anna in a tragic skating accident. One wickedly hot September day, Katherine sets out for the exhibition grounds to cut short the haunted life she no longer wants to live.

Kraus, Daniel. **Rotters**

Sixteen-year-old Joey's life takes a very strange turn when his mother's tragic death forces him to move from Chicago to rural Iowa with the father he has never known, and who is the town pariah.

Marchetta, Melina. **The Piper's Son**

After his favorite uncle's violent death, Tom Mackee watches his family implode, quits school, and turns his back on music and everyone who matters.



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Matson, Morgan. ***Amy & Roger's Epic Detour***

After the death of her father, Amy, a high school student, and Roger, a college freshman, set out on a carefully planned road trip from California to Connecticut, but wind up taking many detours, forcing Amy to face her worst fears and come to terms with her grief and guilt.

McGhee, Allison. ***All Rivers Flow to the Sea***

After a car accident in the Adirondacks leaves her older sister Ivy brain-dead, seventeen-year-old Rose struggles with her grief and guilt as she slowly learns to let her sister go.

Mitchard, Jacquelyn. ***All We Know of Heaven***

When Maureen and Bridget, two sixteen-year-old best friends who look like sisters, are in a terrible car accident and one of them dies, they are at first incorrectly identified at the hospital.

Nadin, Joanna. ***Wonderland***

Sixteen-year-old Jude hopes a prestigious drama program will help her escape her outcast status and her pathetic dad, who hasn't gotten past her mother's death. Then Stella, Jude's childhood best friend, swaggers in after years away. With bold and magnetic Stella by her side, Jude knows she's capable of anything.

Nelson, Jandy. ***The Sky is Everywhere***

In the months after her sister dies, seventeen-year-old Lennie falls into a love triangle and discovers the strength to follow her dream of becoming a musician.

Nolan, Han. ***Crazy***

Fifteen-year-old loner Jason struggles to hide his father's declining condition after his mother's death, but when his father disappears he must confide in the other members of a therapy group he has been forced to join at school.

Roth, Ty. ***So Shelly***

When their friend Shelly drowns, high school junior John Keats and his classmate decide to steal Shelly's ashes and return them to the island where her body washed up, but the journey proves more revealing and complicated than either of them had anticipated.

Ryan, Amy Kathleen. ***Zen & Xander Undone***

Zen and Xander are sisters - truly, madly, deeply sisters, and this is their last summer together. They have three things in common: they're brown-eyed blondes, they've noticed the boy next door has turned into a hottie, and they miss their mom, who died almost a year ago.

Schmidt, Gary D. ***Trouble***

Fourteen-year-old Henry, wishing to honor his brother Franklin's dying wish, sets out to hike Maine's Mount Katahdin, but fate adds another companion - the Cambodian refugee accused of fatally injuring Franklin - and reveals troubles that predate the accident.

Schroeder, Lisa. ***Chasing Brooklyn***

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, the two begin to rediscover their passion for life . . . and each other.

Schutz, Samantha. ***You Are Not Here***

Annaleah's grief over the tragic death of seventeen-year-old Brian is compounded by the fact that her friends did not like him, while his friends and both of their families knew nothing of their intimate relationship.

Scott, Mindy. ***Freefall***

Seth was the last person to see his best friend Isaac alive, and the first to see him dead. It was just another party, just another time where Isaac drank too much and passed out on the lawn. But this time he didn't wake up.

Sparks, Beatrice. ***Jay's Journal***

When Jay falls in with a crowd that's dabbling in drugs and the occult, he finds himself in over his head and doing things he never thought possible. Seeing no way out, Jay tragically takes his own life at the age of sixteen.

Stork, Francis X. ***The Last Summer of the Death Warriors***

Pancho is bent on avenging the senseless death of his sister, but after he meets D.Q, who is dying of cancer, and Marisol, one of D.Q.'s caregivers, both boys find their lives changed by their interactions.

Summers, Courtney. ***Fall for Anything***

Eddie's father has killed himself, and Eddie is struggling for answers far beyond the one-line note her father left behind. Then she meets Culler, a student of her father's, who is also searching for answers and whom Eddie latches onto as a last hope for understanding.

Valentine, Jenny. ***Broken Soup***

After the death of her brother, Rowan's family falls apart. Then a cute boy shoves a photo negative into her hands. She has the negative developed and discovers a photo of her brother smiling. Rowan's heartrending journey from despair to hope begins with this new mystery.

Wesselhoeft, Conrad. ***Adios, Nirvana***

As sixteen-year-old Jonathan helps a dying man come to terms with a tragic event he experienced during World War II, Jonathan begins facing his own demons, especially the death of his twin brother.

Zevin, Gabrielle. ***Elsewhere***

After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to "live."

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