

New Realistic Fiction

For Teens

Black, Holly & Cecil Castellucci (editors). *Geektastic : Stories From the Nerd Herd.*
A collection of twenty-nine short stories about geeks.

Bray, Libba. *Going Bovine.*

Cameron Smith, a disaffected sixteen year-old who, after being diagnosed with Creutzfeldt Jakob's (aka mad cow) disease, sets off on a road trip with a death-obsessed video gaming dwarf he meets in the hospital in an attempt to find a cure.

Bowler, Tim. *Blade : Playing Dead.*

A fourteen-year-old British street person with extraordinary powers of observation and self-control must face murderous thugs connected with a past he has tried to forget, when his skills with a knife earned him the nickname, Blade.

Brown, Jennifer. *Hate List.*

Sixteen-year-old Valerie, whose boyfriend Nick committed a school shooting at the end of their junior year, struggles to cope with integrating herself back into high school life, unsure herself whether she was a hero or a villain.

Day, Susie. *My Invisible Boyfriend.*

In a British alternative high school, fifteen-year-old Heidi stands out in many ways, but when she invents a boyfriend--complete with online profile--her friends turn to him for advice and she must decide how far she is willing to go to find acceptance.

Efaw, Amy. *After.*

In complete denial that she is pregnant, straight-A student and star athlete Devon Davenport leaves her baby in the trash to die, and after the baby is discovered, Devon is accused of attempted murder.

Green, John. *Will Grayson, Will Grayson.*

When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name, their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other's best friend, who produces a play revealing his relationship with them both.

Trigiani, Adriana. *Viola in Reel Life : A Novel.*

When fourteen-year-old Viola is sent from her beloved Brooklyn to boarding school in Indiana for ninth grade, she overcomes her initial reservations as she makes friends with

her roommates, goes on a real date, and uses the unsettling ghost she keeps seeing as the subject of a short film--her first.

Williams, Carol Lynch. *The Chosen One*.

In a polygamous cult in the desert, Kyra, not yet fourteen, sees being chosen to be the seventh wife of her uncle as just punishment for having read books and kissed a boy, in violation of Prophet Childs' teachings, and is torn between facing her fate and running away from all that she knows and loves.

Williams-Garcia, Rita. *Jumped*.

The lives of Leticia, Dominique, and Trina are irrevocably intertwined through the course of one day in an urban high school after Leticia overhears Dominique's plans to beat up Trina and must decide whether or not to get involved.