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YOU'RE  
BRAVE AND  
HONEST,  
YOU MAKE IT  
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THE NEXT  
PERSON.**

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YOUNG TEENS

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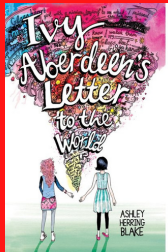


## YOUNG TEEN FICTION

*Lisa Jenn Bigelow (YT BIGELOW)*

### **Drum Roll, Please**

Melly only joined the school band because her best friend, Olivia, begged her to. But to her surprise, quiet Melly loves playing the drums. Now she and Olivia are about to spend the next two weeks at Camp Rockaway, jamming under the stars in the Michigan woods. But this summer brings a lot of big changes for Melly: her parents split up, her best friend ditched her, and Melly finds herself unexpectedly falling for another girl at camp.



*Ashley Herring Blake (YT BLAKE)*

### **Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World**

Twelve-year-old Ivy Aberdeen's house is destroyed in a tornado, and in the aftermath of the storm, she begins to develop feelings for another girl at school.

*Christian Burch (YT BURCH)*

### **The Manny Files**

A shy young boy learns how to be more outgoing and self-confident from his male nanny.

*Cat Clarke (YT CLARKE)*

### **The Pants Project**

Eleven-year-old Liv fights to change the middle school dress code requiring girls to wear a skirt and, along the way, finds the courage to tell his moms he is meant to be a boy.

*Donna Gephart (YT GEPHART)*

### **Lily and Dunkin**

Lily Jo McGrother, born Timothy McGrother, is a girl. But being a girl is not so easy when you look like a boy. Especially when you're in the eighth-grade. Norbert Dorfman, nicknamed Dunkin Dorfman, is bipolar and has just moved from the New Jersey town he's called home for the past thirteen years. This would be hard enough, but the fact that he is also hiding from a painful secret makes it even worse. One summer morning, Lily Jo McGrother meets Dunkin Dorfman, and their lives forever change.

*M.G. Hennessey (YT HENNESSEY)*

### **The Other Boy**

Twelve-year-old Shane Woods is just a regular boy. He loves pitching for his baseball team, working on his graphic novel, and hanging out with his best friend, Josh. But Shane is keeping something private, something that might make a difference to his friends and teammates, even Josh. And when a classmate threatens to reveal his secret, Shane's whole world comes crashing down.

*Shannon Hitchcock (YT HITCHCOCK)*

### **One True Way**

From the moment she met Samantha, star of the school basketball team, on her first day at Daniel Boone Middle School, Allison Drake felt she had found a friend, something she needs badly since her brother died and her father left--but as their friendship grows it begins to evolve into a deeper emotion, and in North Carolina in 1977, it is not easy to discover that you might be gay.

*Dana Alison Levy (YT LEVY)*

### **This Would Make a Good Story Someday**

Although not thrilled when her summer plans are upended for a surprise cross-country train trip with her family and embarrassed because one of her moms is writing a tell-all book about the trip, twelve-year-old Sara Johnston-Fischer finds herself changing along with the landscape outside the train windows.

*Hannah Moskowitz (YT MOSKOWITZ)*

### **Marco Impossible**

Best friends Stephen and Marco attempt a go-for-broke heist to break into the high school prom and get Marco onstage to confess his love for (and hopefully steal the heart of) Benji, the adorable exchange student and bass player of the prom band. Of course, things don't always go according to plan, and every heist comes with its fair share of hijinks.

*Justin Sayre (YT SAYRE)*

### **Husky**

Twelve-year-old Davis loves people-watching in Prospect Park, visiting his mom in the bakery she owns, and listening to the biggest operas he can find as he walks everywhere. But Davis is having a difficult summer. As questions of sexuality begin to enter his mind, he worries people don't see him as anything other than "husky."

## YT GRAPHIC NOVELS

*Aliza Layne (YT GN LAYNE)*

### **Beetle and the Hollowbones**

Twelve-year-old goblin and witch-in-training Beetle enlists her former best friend, Kat Hollowbones, to help stop Kat's sorceress aunt from demolishing the mall where Beetle's friend Blob Ghost is trapped.

*Kate Leyh (YT GN LEYH)*

### **Snapdragon**

Snap's town had a witch. At least, that's how the rumor goes. But in reality, Jacks is just a crocks-wearing, internet-savvy old lady who sells roadkill skeletons online--after doing a little ritual to put their spirits to rest. It's creepy, sure, but Snap thinks it's kind of cool, too. They make a deal: Jacks will teach Snap how to take care of the baby opossums that Snap rescued, and Snap will help Jacks with her work. But as Snap starts to get to know Jacks, she realizes that Jacks may in fact have real magic--and a connection with Snap's family's past.

*Niki Smith (YT GN SMITH)*

### **The Deep and Dark Blue**

When a political coup causes them to flee, Hawke and Grayson assume new identities as Hanna and Grayce to find the Communion of Blue, an order of magical women, and the twins hatch a plan to avenge their family and retake their home.

*James Tynion IV (YT GN BACKSTAGERS #1)*

### **The Backstagers. Vol. 1, Rebels Without Applause**

When Jory transfers to an all-boys private high school, he's taken in by the only ones who don't treat him like a new kid, the lowly stage crew known as the Backstagers. Not only does he gain great, lifetime friends, Jory is also introduced to an entire magical world that lives beyond the curtain.

*Jeremy Whitley (YT GN PRINCELESS #1)*

### **Princess. Vol. 1, Save Yourself**

Meet Princess Adrienne, a princess who's tired of waiting to be rescued. Along with her guardian dragon, Sparky, they begin their own quest in an all-ages action adventure designed specifically for those who are tired of waiting to be rescued -- and who are ready to save themselves.