



# Looking for Laughs?



*Try these Teen reads with humor*

- Curtis, Christopher Paul      **Bucking the Sarge** (2004)  
Luther T. Farrel has got to get out of Flint, but the only way to do it is to bust out of the Evil Empire his mother, a.k.a. the Sarge, has him trapped in.
- Elston, T.S.      **Boys Don't Knit: (in public)** (2015)  
After a brush with the law, Ben must take up a new hobby and chooses knitting, an activity at which he excels but tries to keep secret from his friends, enemies, and sports-obsessed father.
- Emond, Stephen      **Happyface** (2010)  
After going through traumatic times, a troubled, socially awkward teen moves to a new school where he tries to reinvent himself.
- Hand, Cynthia      **My Lady Jane** (2016)  
At 16, Lady Jane Grey is to be married off to a stranger and caught up in a conspiracy to rob her cousin, King Edward, of his throne. But Jane isn't worried, she gets to be Queen of England.
- Hiaasen, Carl      **Skink No Surrender** (2014)  
When your cousin goes missing under suspicious circumstances, who do you call? There's only one man for the job: a half-crazed, half-feral, one-eyed ex-governor named Skink.
- Halpern, Julie      **Into the Wild Nerd Yonder** (2009)  
When Jessie's best friend turns into a punk and goes after Jessie's would-be boyfriend, Jessie decides to seek true friends among the nerd crowd.
- Hartinger, Brent      **Project Sweet Life** (2009)  
Three friends dedicate their summer vacation to fooling their parents into thinking that they are working, which is even harder than having real jobs.
- Kizer, Amber      **Seven Kinds of Ordinary Catastrophes** (2011)  
When her boyfriend makes a confession, Gert must also deal with working a job as a donut filler, her father's health scare, and trying to stay focused at school in order to get into college.
- Korman, Gordon      **Son of the Mob** (2002)  
Son of a powerful mafia boss, Vince's life is continually complicated by the fact that he's in love with an FBI agent's daughter.
- Lieb, Josh      **I Am A Genius of Unspeakable Evil and I Want to be Your Class President** (2009)  
Oliver seems stupid and lazy, but he is actually a wealthy, evil genius who decides nothing will stand in his way when he decides to be class president.
- Lockhart, E.      **The Boyfriend List** (2005)  
Ruby explains the reasons for her recent panic attacks, including a break up, losing her girlfriends, tensions between her parents, and more.
- Murphy, Julie      **Dumplin** (2015)  
Will has always been at home in her own skin. When she takes a job at a fast-food joint and meets Bo, it shakes her confidence. So she does the most terrifying thing and enters a beauty pageant.

- Paulsen, Gary      **Harris and Me** (1993)  
Sent to live with relatives because of his unhappy home life, a boy meets his distant cousin Harris and is given an introduction to a whole new world.
- Pierson, D.C.      **Crap Kingdom** (2013)  
Tom Parking's dream of being swept away to a fantasy land where he becomes a hero nearly comes true when he finds himself the Chosen One of a nameless world.
- Rennison, Louise      **Angus, Thongs, and Full-Frontal Snogging** (1999)  
The journal of a British girl who tries to reduce the size of her nose, stop her cat from terrorizing other animals, and win the love of handsome hunk Robbie.
- Rosoff, Meg      **There is no Dog** (2012)  
When Lucy prays to fall in love, God, an irresponsible youth named Bob, chooses to answer her prayer personally which results in catastrophes.
- Rubin, Lana      **Denton Little's Deathdate** (2015)  
In a world where everyone knows the day they will die, a teenage boy is determined to outlive his upcoming expiration date.
- Schmidt, Gary      **The Wednesday Wars** (2007)  
In 1967, while his friends are in religious education class, Holling Hoodhood is stuck in Mrs. Baker's class reading the plays of Shakespeare.
- Smale, Holly      **Geek Girl** (2015)  
When she is accidentally discovered by a modeling agent, fifteen-year-old Harriet jumps at the chance to transform herself from a geek to a fashion model.
- Tromly, Stephanie      **Trouble is a Friend of Mine** (2015)  
After her parents' divorce, Zoe moves from Brooklyn to upstate New York where she meets weirdly compelling misfit, Philip, and finds herself in a series of hilarious and dangerous situations.
- Vaughn, Lauren Roedy      **O.C.D., the Dude, and Me** (2013)  
Danielle doesn't fit in at her school, but when her English essays land her in a social skills class, she meets Daniel, another social misfit who may break her resolve to keep everyone at arm's length.
- Whaley, John      **Noggin'** (2014)  
Travis' head was removed and frozen for five years before being attached to another body, Travis is alive again, but he is still 16 and a sophomore in high school.
- Williams, Gabrielle      **Beatle Meets Destiny** (2010)  
When superstitious John "Beatle" Lennon meets Destiny McCartney, their instant rapport and shared quirkiness make it seem that their fate is written in the stars.
- Zadoff, Allen      **Food, Girls, and Other Things I Can't Have** (2009)  
Andrew, the second fattest student at his high school, joins the varsity football team to get the attention of a new girl on whom he has a crush.
- Zeitlin, Meredith      **Freshman Year and Other Unnatural Disasters** (2012)  
Smart, ambitious, and occasionally insecure freshman Kelsey attempts to "rebrand" herself for high school but without much success.

