



The Power of Words...

Popular Novels In Verse for Teens



Bingham, Kelly

Shark Girl (2007)

After a shark attack causes the amputation of her right arm, 15 year old Jane, struggles with the changes in her day-to-day life and her plans for the future.

Bryant, Jen

Ringside 1925 (2008)

In 1925, visitors, spectators, and residents of Dayton, Tennessee, describe the Scopes "monkey trial" and its effects on that small town and its citizens.

Burg, Ann

All the Broken Pieces (2009)

Two years after being airlifted out of Vietnam in 1975, Matt is in a loving adopted home in the US, but is haunted by the terrible secret he left behind.

Chaltas, Thalia

Because I Am Furniture (2009)

A girl feels relieved and neglected that her father abuses her siblings but ignores her, but things change when she catches him with one of her friends.

Frost, Helen

Hidden (2011)

When Wren and Darra meet at a summer camp, both are overwhelmed by memories from six years earlier when Darra's dad stole a car unaware that Wren was inside.

Fullerton, Alma

Walking on Glass (2007)

Through a series of diary entries, a young man's struggles to cope with his mother's suicide attempt, which has left her on life support.

Grimes, Nikki

Bronx Masquerade (2002)

When a teacher hosts open-mike poetry in his classroom, his students find a forum to express their identity issues and forge unexpected connections with one another.

Grover, Lorie Ann

On Pointe (2004)

Clare must deal with changes in her life as her summer growth spurt threatens to end her dreams of becoming a ballet dancer and her grandfather suffers a stroke.

Herrick, Steven

Cold Skin (2009)

In a rural Australian town after WWII, Eddie makes a startling discovery when he investigates the murder of a local high school girl.

Hesse, Karen

Aleutian Sparrow (2003)

A girl recounts her suffering during WWII in American internment camps designed to "protect" the population from the Japanese.

Hopkins, Ellen

Tilt (2012)

Three teens, connected by their parents' bad choices, tell in their own voices of their lives and loves.

- Koertge, Ron **Shakespeare Makes the Playoffs** (2010)
Kevin is a poet and first baseman, torn between his girlfriend and a new girl. Sequel to **Shakespeare Bats Cleanup** (2003).
- Levithan, David **Realm of Possibility** (2004)
A variety of students at the same high school describe their ideas, experiences, and relationships in a series of interconnected free verse stories.
- Marcus, Kimberly **Exposed** (2011)
Liz, a gifted photographer, can no longer see things clearly after her best friend accuses Liz's older brother of a terrible crime.
- McCormick, Patricia **Sold** (2004)
A 13 year old girl in Nepal thinks she is going to work in the city as a maid only to find that she has been sold into the sex slave trade in India with no hope of escape.
- Myers, Walter Dean **Street Love** (2006)
Set against a background of street gangs and poverty in Harlem. 17 year old Damien takes a bold step to ensure that he and his new love will not be separated.
- Richards, Jame **Three Rivers Rising: A Novel of the Johnstown Flood** (2010)
A girl from a wealthy family falls in love with a hired hand and is disowned by her family, but the disastrous Johnstown flood of 1889 changes everyone's fate.
- Sandell, Lisa Ann **Song of the Sparrow** (2006)
Being a girl in the military camp of King Arthur can be lonely for 16 year old Elaine of Ascolat, but when Gwynivere joins their world, jealousy and rivalry begin.
- Schroeder, Lisa **The Day Before** (2011)
Amber hopes to spend a perfect day alone at the beach before her world turns upside down, but meets Cade who is looking for his own escape for a very different reason.
- Sones, Sonya **What My Mother Doesn't Know** (2001)
14 year old Sophie is having a hard time trying to figure out the difference between love and lust. Followed by **What My Girlfriend Doesn't Know** (2007).
- Tregay, Sarah **Love and Leftovers** (2012)
Marcie's life is in upheaval and her relationships are strained when her father starts dating a man and her depressed mother moves her out of state.
- Williams, Carol Lynch **Glimpse** (2010)
Two sisters take care of each other and when the older one attempts suicide, the younger one tries to uncover the reason.
- Wolf, Allan **The Watch That Ends the Night: Voices from the Titanic** (2011)
Recreates the 1912 sinking of the Titanic as observed by passengers, the captain and even the iceberg itself.
- Wolff, Virginia Euwer **Make Lemonade** (1993)
In order to earn money for college, 14 year old LaVaughn babysits for a teenage mother. Followed by **True Believer** (2001) and **This Full House** (2009).