

**The Education of Robert Nifkin**  
by Daniel Pinkwater  
Set in 1950s Chicago, Robert Nifkin tells of his wild high school experiences in the form of a college application essay.

**Three Clams and an Oyster**  
by Randy Powell  
During their humorous search to find a fourth player for their flag football team, three high school guys are forced to examine their friendship and their individual flaws.

**The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents** by Terry Pratchett  
A talking cat, intelligent rats, and a strange boy cooperate in a Pied Piper scam until they try to con the wrong town and are confronted by the evil rat king.

**Planet Janet** by Dyan Sheldon  
Janet Bandry keeps a diary as she deals with an annoying family, school, a quirky best friend, vegetarianism, literature, romance, and her "Dark Phase."

**Surviving the Applewhites**  
by Stephanie S. Tolan  
Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy.

**Never Trust a Dead Man** by Vivian Vande Velde  
Wrongly convicted of murder and sealed in the tomb with the dead man, Selwyn enlists the help of a witch and the resurrected victim to find the true killer.

**Teen Angst? Naaah - A Quasi-Autobiography**  
By Ned Vizzini  
A hilarious collection of essays written by a high school student which capture his most mortifying moments.

**Regular Guy** by Sarah Weeks  
If you've ever wondered whether you were switched at birth, read about Guy Strang's hilarious attempts to prove he definitely could not be related to the "weirdos" who raised him.

**Meely LaBauve** by Ken Wells  
Follow the wacky adventures of Meely living by his wits on a Louisiana bayou.

**Lord of the Fries** by Tim Wynne-Jones  
These hilarious stories feature small town eccentric characters.



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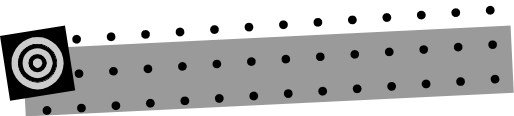
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**Need a Good Laugh?**

**Or even a mild chuckle?**

**Great Books For Teens**



### **The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy**

by Douglas Adams

Seconds before the Earth is demolished for a galactic freeway, Arthur Dent is saved by Ford Prefect and together they stick out their thumbs to begin a wild journey through time and space.

### **Thwunk** by Joan Bauer

A cupid doll comes to life and offers romantic assistance to A.J., a teenage photographer suffering from unrequited love.

### **All-American Girl** by Meg Cabot

After stopping a presidential assassination attempt, a sophomore girl is appointed Teen Ambassador to the United Nations and catches the eye of the very cute First Son.

### **Truth or Dairy** by Catherine Clark

Angry and humiliated after a breakup with "such a Dave," Courtney vows to survive senior year on the "anti-guy" plan, as written in her journal.

### **King of the Mild Frontier: An Ill-Advised Autobiography** by Chris Crutcher

Telling the story of growing up in a tiny Idaho town, Crutcher relates how "an unusual path leads from my life as a coonskin-cap-wearing, pimply-faced, 123-pound offensive lineman with a string of spectacularly dismal attempts at romance, to a storyteller of modest acclaim."

**Born Too Short: The Confessions of an Eighth Grade Basket Case** by Dan Elish  
Matt admires but envies his buddy Keith so much that one night he wishes nasty stuff to happen to Keith, and when it begins to come true, Matt is "blindsided" by a "mega guilt wave."

### **Oy, Joy** by Lucy Frank

Although her weird uncle creates problems for the entire family when he moves in with them, Joy survives his bungling attempts at matchmaking while doing a bit herself.

### **Love Among the Walnuts** by Jean Ferris

Born and raised in isolation in a wealthy, eccentric family, Sandy is shocked when he, his parents, and their servants become victims of a vicious plot.

### **Hoot** by Carl Hiaasen

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls with some unexpected results.

### **Adventures of Blue Avenger: a Novel**

by Norma Howe

On his 16th birthday, still trying to cope with the unexpected death of his father, David Schumacher decides - or does he? - to change his name to Blue Avenger and become a superhero. *Read the sequels, too.*

### **Confess-O-Rama** by Ron Koertge

While his mother grieves the death of her fourth husband, Tony vents his feelings to the Confess-O-Rama, never suspecting who's on the other end of the phone.

**Son of the Mob** by Gordon Korman  
Vince's life is constantly complicated by the fact that he is the son of a powerful mafia boss, a relationship that threatens to destroy his romance with the daughter of an FBI agent.

### **There's a Hair in My Dirt: A Worm's Story** by Gary Larson

During a typical family dinner, a young worm discovers a hair in his plate of dirt which upsets him greatly and prompts his father to tell him an inspiring invertebrate story.

### **Extreme Elvin** by Chris Lynch

As he enters high school, Elvin continues to deal with the usual - his looks, his love life, his mother. *Sequel to Slot Machine.*

### **Spellbound** by Janet McDonald

Add inner city attitude (with a capital A), babies, a teenage mother, and a spelling bee to equal a great read.

### **How Angel Peterson Got His Name: And Other Outrageous Tales about Extreme Sports** by Gary Paulsen

Paulsen relates comical adventures from his youth in a small town in northwestern Minnesota in the late 1940s and early 1950s, such as skiing behind a souped-up car and imitating daredevil Evel Knievel.

