

Bad Times Books

Girl Main Character

Cut
McCormick
(self-mutilation, mental health)

Go Ask Alice
Anonymous
(drug use)

The Lovely Bones
Sebold
(rape/murder)

Push
Sapphire
(teen parent, illiteracy)

White Oleander
Fitch
(sexual abuse, foster homes)

Define "Normal"
Peters
(mental illness)

Speak
Anderson
(rape)

I Never Promised You a Rose Garden
Greenberg
(mental illness)

Story of a Girl
Sara Zarr
(bad reputation—sexual behavior)

SERIES: Bluford High books, by authors Langan and Schraff: realistic tough times at a large LA high school—drugs, gangs, love, loss, trouble with friends & family.



Guy Main Character

The Burn Journals
Runyon
(suicide—non-fiction)

America
Frank
(sexual abuse, foster homes)

The Outsiders
Hinton
(gangs, absent adults)

Scorpions
Myers
(gangs, peer pressure)

Taming the Star Runner
Hinton
(rebellion)

Holes
Sachar
(youth concentration camp—fantasy and reality)

Tangerine
Bloor
(abuse by sibling; psychopathology)

Couple/Both

Smack
Burgess
(drug use, running away)

Candy
Brooks
(saving addicted girlfriend)