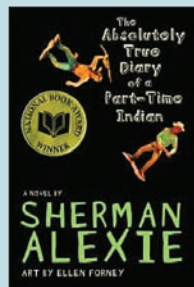




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The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

Sherman Alexie

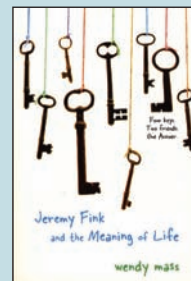
Junior lives on the Spokane Indian Reservation where widespread poverty and alcoholism make simple survival difficult. When Junior decides to attend an all-white school off the reservation where the only other Indian is the mascot, he begins to wonder if he's made a terrible mistake.



Cover-up: Mystery at the Super Bowl

John Feinstein

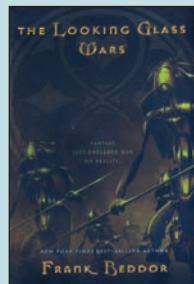
Stevie and Susan, 14-year-old sports reporters with their own cable TV show, discover that five offensive linemen on a team about to play in the Super Bowl have allegedly failed a drug test. Who's covering it up?



Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life

Wendy Mass

What's in the box Jeremy receives from his father, who has been dead for five years, right before Jeremy's thirteenth birthday? In order to find out, Jeremy and friend Lizzy must travel all over New York City to find four different keys to open it.



The Looking Glass Wars

Frank Beddor

Evil Queen Redd assassinates her sister, the good Queen Genevieve, wielding her magical powers to turn Wondertropolis into a crime-ridden wasteland. But Alyss Heart, the true heir to the throne, escapes—through the looking glass—and still lives.



Invisible

Pete Hautman

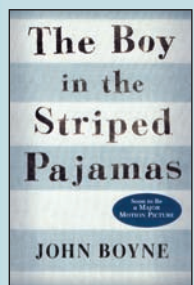
Normally a loner, Dougie develops an unlikely friendship with athletic and popular Andy. One thing they don't talk about is what happened a few years before at the Tuttle place. Soon their secrets are revealed.



A Small White Scar

K.A. Nuzum

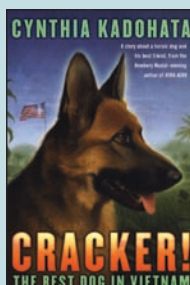
Will, 15, runs away from his ranch home on his horse, Deep, hoping to win a regional rodeo and be hired off to another ranch where he'll be on his own. But he doesn't count on his brother, Denny, who has Downs Syndrome, following him.



The Boy in the Striped Pajamas: A Fable

John Boyne

Nine-year-old Bruno is confused. Why must he leave his beautiful house, gardens and best friends when his father gets a new job? Who is his father's new boss, the Fury? And why are so many people living in such an ugly place, on the other side of the fence, wearing pajamas?



Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam

Cynthia Kadohata

Cracker, a trained military dog, and his handler, Rick, carry out several successful missions in the Vietnam War before Rick is wounded. Will this end their relationship?



Peak

Roland Smith

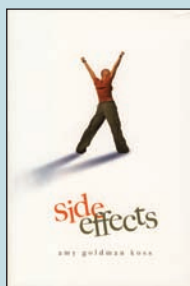
After Peak is arrested for illegally climbing a New York City skyscraper, his estranged father, a world famous mountain climber and guide, whisks him off to Tibet, secretly planning for Peak to become the youngest climber to reach the summit of Mt. Everest.



We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success

Sampson Davis

Three childhood friends, Rameck, Sampson, and George, tell the true story of their pact to escape their tough Newark, New Jersey, neighborhood by attending college to become doctors. Easy to say, hard to do!



Side Effects

Amy Goldman Koss

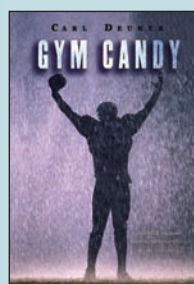
Once she's diagnosed with lymphoma, Isabella's normal life changes into constant hospital stays, IVs, chemo treatments, and the resulting hair loss. But even tougher to deal with is how her so-called friends treat her now.



Kipling's Choice

Geert Spillebeen

Despite being spoiled by an upper class, privileged upbringing and having poor eyesight, John Kipling (son of famous writer Rudyard) yearns to serve in World War I. With his father's help, he enters the military and, in his first major battle, is seriously wounded. Unable to speak or move, John tries to forget his pain.



Gym Candy

Carl Deuker

After Mick starts taking steroids, his football playing and his father's approval skyrocket. But the side effects soon start showing. Is performing better worth the toll it takes on his body?



Hattie Big Sky

Kirby Larson

It's 1918 and 16-year-old orphan Hattie hears she has inherited a farm in Montana from her late uncle. She travels from Iowa to "prove the claim" by living and farming successfully for the required ten months. If she can't, she'll lose it.



The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp

Rick Yancey

Alfred, 16, is a bit of a slacker. He reluctantly agrees to help his uncle in a theft, but when things go wrong, he is flung into a world of supercharged danger, excitement and violence.