

# HUMOR FOR YOUNG ADULTS



## **Hitchhiker's Guide to The Galaxy Series** by Douglas Adams (M,S)

Book 1: *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*: Arthur Dent, a refugee from the late planet Earth, and his pal from the planet Betelgeuse, Ford Prefect, thumb their way through comic misadventures throughout the universe.

## **Me, Earl, and the Dying Girl** by Jesse Andrews (S)

Seventeen-year-old Greg has managed to become part of every social group at his Pittsburgh high school without having any friends, but his life changes when his mother forces him to befriend Rachel, a girl he once knew in Hebrew school who has leukemia.

## **Beauty Queens** by Libba Bray (S)

When a plane crash strands thirteen teen beauty contestants on a mysterious island, they struggle to survive, to get along with one another, to combat the island's other diabolical occupants, and to learn their dance numbers in case they are rescued in time for the competition.

## **The Princess Diaries Series** by Meg Cabot (M)

Book 1: *The Princess Diaries*: Fourteen-year-old Mia, who is trying to lead a normal life as a teenage girl in New York City, is shocked to learn that her father is the Prince of Genovia, a small European principality, and that she is a princess and the heir to the throne. Book 1 of the Princess Diaries series.

## **Love Among the Walnuts** by Jean Ferris (M,S)

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 by his greedy uncles to incapacitate them and take their money. It's up to Sandy, a nurse named Sunny, and a rag-tag group of patients from the near-by insane asylum to put a stop to Sandy's uncles.

## **Joey Pigza Series** by Jack Gantos (M)

Book 1: *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key*: To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription medications wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired.

## **An Abundance of Katherines** by John Green (S)

Having been recently dumped for the nineteenth time by a girl named Katherine, recent high school graduate and former child prodigy Colin sets off on a road trip with his best friend to try to find some new direction in life while also trying to create a mathematical formula to explain his relationships.

## **No More Dead Dogs** by Gordon Korman (M)

Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsal of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.

## **Son of the Mob Series** by Gordon Korman (S)

Book 1: *Son of the Mob*: Seventeen-year-old 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.

## **Ruby Oliver Series** by E. Lockhart (S)

Book 1: *The Boyfriend List*: A Seattle fifteen-year-old explains some of the reasons for her recent panic attacks, including breaking up with her boyfriend, losing all her girlfriends, tensions between her performance-artist mother and her father, and more.

**Necromancer Series** by Lish McBride (M,S)

Book 1: *Hold Me Closer, Necromancer*: Sam LaCroix, a Seattle fast-food worker and college dropout, discovers that he is a necromancer, part of a world of harbingers, werewolves, satyrs, and one particular necromancer who sees Sam as a threat to his lucrative business of raising the dead.

**Year of the Secret Assignments** by Jaclyn Moriarty (M,S)

Three female students from Ashbury High write to three male students from rival Brookfield High as part of a pen pal program, leading to romance, humiliation, revenge plots, and war between the schools.

**The Teacher's Funeral** by Richard Peck (M)

In rural Indiana in 1904, fifteen-year-old Russell's dreams of quitting school and joining a wheat threshing crew are disrupted when his older sister takes over the teaching at his one-room schoolhouse after mean, old Myrt Arbuckle "hauls off and dies."

**Confessions of Georgia Nicholson Series** by Louise Rennison (M,S)

Book 1: *Angus, Thongs, and Full Frontal Snogging*: The humorous journal of a year in the life of a fourteen-year-old British girl who tried to reduce the size of her nose, stop her mad cat from terrorizing the neighborhood animals, and win the love of the handsome hunk, Robbie.

**Holes** by Louis Sachar (M,S)

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune, which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

**Antsy Bonano Series** by Neal Shusterman (M,S)

Book 1: *The Schwa Was Here*: A Brooklyn eighth-grader nicknamed Antsy befriends the Schwa, an "invisible-ish" boy who is tired of blending into his surroundings and going unnoticed by nearly everyone.

**The Mysterious Benedict Society Series** by Trenton Lee Stewart (M)

Book 1: *The Mysterious Benedict Society*: After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

**Alfred Kropp Series** by Rick Yancy (M)

Book 1: *The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp*: Through a series of dangerous and violent misadventures, teenage loser Alfred Kropp rescues King Arthur's legendary sword Excalibur from the forces of evil.

**Grade Level Interest**

- M Middle School (grades 5-8)
- S Senior High (grades 9-12)

