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Every Parent Should Read This Book Ben Brooks 2020-09-03 'AN INDISPENSABLE USER'S GUIDE TO ADOLESCENTS.. THE MOST REASSURING THING ABOUT THIS BOOK IS THAT IT'S SO GOOD' Daily Mail 'EVERY PARENT SHOULD READ THIS BOOK' Clover Stroud 'A MUST-READ FOR THOSE WITH TEENAGE KIDS' Candice Brathwaite ---------- A GUIDE TO TEENAGERS FROM THIS CENTURY - FOR PARENTS FROM THE LAST CENTURY Written from a teenager's perspective, this is a unique field guide for parents about the secret lives of 21st century adolescents - from mental health to self-harm, from drugs to sexting - and how you can help them and yourself through these turbulent years without losing their trust. Things They Don't Want You To Know is a look at modern life through the eyes of a teenager, by someone who recently graduated from that club. Along the way, Brooks takes readers on a tour of the websites that most parenting manuals would rather pretend don't exist. Yet this is the stuff your kids are all over, on a daily basis. There is porn, there are hallucinogens, there is cyberbullying and suicidal ideation. Brooks' point is that to remain completely unaware of their existence can mean that as a parent, you end up getting blindsided. And being blindsided means you won't know what to say and how to say it when things go wrong. You'll be surprised, shocked but you'll also be reassured. This book will help you to understand and support your kids. They won't thank you, but they might hate you less.

*You Don't Have to be Loud* Ben Brooks 2022-04-28 Drawing on the narrative of his own life growing up as painfully shy child, Ben Brooks explores what it is to be 'quiet' - what it means, what it can feel like and how we can embrace it - and debunks some of the myths about what it means to be a shy person. Around 60% of adults identify as 'shy' - just one of the facts that Ben uses to 'normalise' shyness, outlining stories of famously shy people from the past and the present - Charles Darwin, David Bowie, Greta Thunberg, Rosa Parks, Beyonce, Emma Watson - revealing the stories of successful adults who grew up shy but didn't let it get in the way of their passion and creativity. Shy kids often have great innate skills - listening, creativity, kindness, compassion and problem-solving - so being shy or quiet is not something to 'outgrow' but something to embrace and be proud of. Unique to the children's market, this book will help shy kids to thrive in their own (quiet) way ...

*Never Too Young!* Aileen Weintraub 2018-09-04 Everyone--even children--can make a difference! From Picasso to Malala Yousafzai, the 50 kids profiled in Never Too Young! are inspiring and empowering. This book includes historical and contemporary figures; diverse races, genders, and cultural backgrounds; and prominent names as well as more obscure stories. The featured kids have shone in philanthropy, the arts, science, sports . . . and everything in between. Includes: Louis Armstrong, Louis Braille, Ruby Bridges, Thandiwe Chama, Michael Chang, Nadia Comaneci, Kelvin Doe, Bobby Fisher, Anne Frank, Tavi Gevinson, Om Prakash Gurjar, S.E. Hinton, Askrit Jawal, Joan of Arc, Helen Keller, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Pelé, Pablo Picasso, Pocahontas, Sacagawea, Shirley Temple, Venus and Serena Williams. Stevie Wonder, Malala Yousafzai, and more!

*The Greatest Inventor* Ben Brooks 2020-10-29 Join the adventure. Break the curse. Find your way home. A magical new adventure from the bestselling author of THE IMPOSSIBLE BOY. Victor is skeptical when Walter Swizwit comes to the village of Rainwater. He's the latest in a string of inventors passing through, and no one wants to buy his cheap magic tricks. But Walter doesn't take rejection well, and puts a curse on the village. Only Victor is unaffected and he must leave Rainwater for the first time in his life if he's to find the cure. Victor's path takes him past other villages that Walter has damaged, and he picks up new companions on the way: Elena, handy with bow and arrow, Mo-Lan, a science prodigy, and scaredy-cat Mingus. It's soon clear that they underestimated Walter's power. Only he has the cure for his magic and he's locked away in his castle a thousand leagues away. But he's not the only inventor out there... If Victor and his friends can get someone more powerful on their side, maybe they can win: find Walter, break the curse and return as heroes. After all, there's no place like home...

**Groundbreaking Guys** Stephanie True Peters 2019-06-11 An illustrated book of biographies highlighting the inspiring and innovative qualities of forty very different men throughout history, for fans of Heroes for My Son and Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls. Our history books are full of great men, from inventors to explorers to presidents. But these great men were not always good men. It's time for our role models to change. This book pays tribute to Mr. Rogers, Barack Obama, Hayao Miyazaki, and more: men whose masculinity is grounded in compassion and care. These men have varying worldviews and are accomplished in a range of fields, but they share important commonalities. They served their communities. They treated people with respect. They lifted others up. And they went on to create change, inspire others, and, indeed, do great things--not in spite of their goodness, but because of it. These men's stories will educate, entertain, and encourage the next generation of writers, activists, entrepreneurs, and other leaders of all genders to do better and be better--to be truly groundbreaking.

**Above All** Rebecca Brooks 2018-07-20 Reeling from a sudden breakup, Casey Webb leaves Brooklyn, drives north, and settles in a sleepy mountain town in upstate New York. She's convinced she's happy being alone—until she reads the acknowledgments in her ex-boyfriend's hit debut novel, thanking his new girlfriend "above all." Good thing Ben Mailer is in town. The hot, young Brooklyn-bound chef offers the perfect distraction. Soon the backwoods are heating up... But as their fling turns into more, the demands of Ben's family and budding career make moving to her idyllic town impossible. Now Casey must decide what she can't live without—her life in the mountains, or the man she wants to be hers above all...

**Things They Don't Want You to Know** Ben Brooks 2021-04-08

*The Icebox* Ben Brooks 1987

**Grow Up** Sandy Turner 2003-04-01 A young boy imagines many possibilities when asked what he wants to be when he grows up.

**Single Dad** Harry Borden 2021-03-04 The image of the single dad is often distorted by out-of-date notions of masculinity the strong and resilient father, the working father, the emotionally distant dad. In this book, esteemed portrait photographer, Harry Borden, himself a separated father with four children, reveals the vulnerabilities, tenderness and love of 48 single fathers.

**The Flamer** Ben Rogers 2018-09 The coming of age of Oby Brooks, an intelligent though accident prone young man struggling with how and where to point his adolescent energies after he burns down his house.

**An Island of Fifty** Ben Brooks 2010 Fiction. "AN ISLAND OF FIFTY is a new literary bomb, resulting in the shrapnel of gold, ships, ocean, chandeliers, dreams, blood, and flame. Old and stale literature won't know what just hit. This is something new masking itself in the old and I'm so so so excited"—Shane Jones. "Ben Brooks is popping quarks with AN ISLAND OF FIFTY, spilling new flavors of literature on the swampy bookstacks of old. Call it new political, new ecological, new sociological, new poetic activism, or even new imaginary creationism. This book builds up to tear down and tears down to build up. Desire as melancholia, progress as slippage, and wanting for wanting's sake. The floodgates crumble. I relish the shape of this new wordspace, the play of noise and whisper, the unfamiliar voices, and the ache of nihilism paradoxically juxtaposed with the gleam of hopeful invention"—Christopher Higgs.

*Steroid Nation* Shaun Assael 2007-10-02 An investigative journalist looks at America's complex relationship with steroids and how it has become the country's most dangerous and pervasive drug addiction, examining incidence of steroid use throughout the world of sports, from the bodybuilders of the 1970s, to the baseball scandals of today, and profiling the godfather of the steroid movement, Dan Duchaine. 75,000 first printing.

**Fish Change Direction in Cold Weather** Pierre Szalowski 2013-01-03 Once upon a time in a frozen city . . . strangers fall in love, wishes come true, and lives will never be the same again When his parents split up, and his dad leaves home, a ten-year-old boy begs the sky to help him. The next day an ice storm covers his city. When the power goes out and the temperature drops, people must turn to each other to survive. But for one neighbourhood the catastrophe brings surprising new beginnings. Julie, the dancer who lives across the street, helps Boris, an eccentric Russian mathematician, save his fish from the cold weather. And the urbane Michel and Simon open their door to Alexis, their embittered neighbour, and his son. But will the ice storm bring the boy's parents back together? Hilarious and heartwarming, Fish Change Direction in Cold Weather reminds us that happy endings might still be possible.

*Stories for Boys Who Dare to Be Different 2* Ben Brooks 2020-10-13 Boys can be anything they want to be! In this sequel to the New York Times bestseller Stories for Boys Who Dare to Be Different, Ben Brooks introduces seventy-six more boys and men who will inspire young readers to live boldly and true to themselves. What do environmental activist Xiuhtezcatl Martinez, philosopher Socrates, and singer Ed Sheeran all have in common? Each of them defied expectations -- going against the grain and pursuing their dreams despite a seemingly impossible barrage of obstacles and difficulties. Their stories are incredible, as are those of tap dancer Evan Ruggiero, Pokémon creator Satoshi Tajiri, the brave Chernobyl Divers, and the other inspirational boys who fill the pages of this extraordinary book. Together, their stories offer young boys the welcome alternative message that masculinity can mean many things -- that it's okay to be sensitive, to be bold, and to follow their hearts.

**The Book of Dares** Ted Bunch 2021-01-05 "This collection of 100 original dares will help boys expand their worldview, inspire more respect toward girls and non-binary kids, and generally develop a healthier idea of manhood."--Amazon.

**Witches' Brew** Terry Brooks 2009-07-29 An acorn falls far from the tree Former Chicago lawyer Ben Holiday was very proud and quite happy. And why shouldn't he be? The Magic Kingdom which he ruled as High Lord was finally at peace. He was free to lie back and watch as his new daughter grew. And grow she did—by leaps and bournds, shooting through infancy in a matter of months. She took her first steps and learned to swim in the same week. An amalgam of magic and heredity, Mistaya was born a seedling, nourished by soils from Landover, Earth, and the fairy mists, come into being in the dank, misty deadness of the Deep Fell. She was as lovely as her mother, the sylph Willow, with dazzling green eyes that cut to the soul. Ben wished he could enjoy his daughter's childhood and his happy kingdom forever. Alas, those idyllic days were not to last. For Rydall, king of lands beyond the fairy mist, rode up to the gates of Sterling Silver and shattered peace of Landover. His armies were poised on the border, ready to invade unless Ben accepted a challenge: Rydall would send seven champions to face Ben, each in a different form. If Ben triumphed over all seven, Rydall would then abandon his claims to the kingdom. Some counseled the High Lord to refuse Rydall's challenge, but Holiday could not, for Mistaya had been snatched from her guardians by foul magic. And Rydall held the key to her fate. . . .

The Delinquents Criena Rohan 2014-11-19 Brownie and Lola are young and in love. But the odds - not to mention their mothers, the cops, welfare officers and the stifling conventions of 1950s Brisbane - are against them. When they are forced to face adult responsibilities, will they rise to the challenge, or fall apart? The Delinquents, Criena Rohan's classic novel of rock and roll, youthful rebellion and big dreams, is a love story for the ages. Deirdre Cash, who published under the pseudonym Criena Rohan, was born in 1924 in Melbourne. She grew up in South Australian and Melbourne, and went on to attend the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music. She married twice, had two children and worked variously as a singer and ballroom-dancing teacher. Ill-health inspired her to pursue her love of writing in the late 1950s. She published her first novel, The Delinquents in 1962. It was followed by Down by the Dockside in 1963. Cash passed away from cancer that same year at the age of thirty-eight. 'A back-street Tristan and Isolde.' Daily Mail, 1962

*Not Your Hero* Anna Brooks 2017-03-07 My hot new tenant isn't the kind of woman I usually go for. At all. She's a single mom and even I'm smart enough to know there will only be complications getting involved with her, no matter how good she might be for me. But when her past comes back into her life and threatens them, I'm forced to face my own demons in order to keep them safe. "This book makes you mad, it makes you cry, but it also makes you smile. The sign of a good book is its ability to make you FEEL and boy did it ever." --DayreaderReviews "Talk about freaking pleasantly surprised by a book. I mean damn. I went into this book not even reading a blurb and came out of it loving a hot ass male named Sam." --Tara, Two Unruly Girls With A Romance Book Buzz "There is nothing more enticing for me than a story about a jaded "A-hole"who is transformed by love, and NOT YOUR HERO by Anna Brooks is that all that and more!!" --EpicRomanceReviews

Things They Don't Want You to Know Ben Brooks 2020-03-31 A field guide for parents about the secret lives of 21st century teenagers - from relationships to self-harm, from drugs to sexting - and how you can help them and yourself through these turbulent years."When I turned into a teenager, I watched my parents panic with questions they were unprepared for: is the computer killing his brain? is he watching porn? are those cuts on his arms? what the hell do we do now?The child-rearing tactics they'd read about in parenting manuals or learned from their own parents were useless. Anyway, how do you punish someone who's already so miserable?Things They Don't Want You To Know is a field guide for confused parents who are currently custodians of any teenager who's feeling lost, alone, depressed or horny.I'm not an expert, a psychologist, or even a particularly good person, but I do understand the unique kinds of troubles that come with trying to grow up in the current climate, and I wanted to share what would have helped me, my friends, and everyone else I spoke to while writing this book. It might be hard to read what I write about self-harming, body piercings, gender confusion, drugs and social media angst. It might involve unpleasant surprises and be occasionally disgusting, but it could also help you to understand and support your kids. They won't thank you, but they might hate you less."

*Fences* Ben Brooks 2010-01

**The Tenth Justice** Brad Meltzer 2011-02 A young Supreme Court law clerk, Ben Addison, gets himself in trouble when he accidentally gives away a secret. Now he has to fight to keep his job and figure out a way to stop people from blackmailing him.

Growing Pangs Kathryn Ormsbee 2022-05-03 New grade. New friends. New worries? Introducing an irresistibly honest, relatable graphic novel about friendship, anxiety, and growing up--just right for fans of Real Friends and Guts! Katie knows there's stuff that makes her different. She's homeschooled, she has freckles, and her teeth are really crooked. But none of these things matter to Kacey. They're best friends forever—just like their necklaces say. But when they go to summer camp, Kacey starts acting weird. What happened to the "forever"? And when Katie gets home, she can't stop worrying. About getting braces. About 6th grade. About friends. She knows tapping three times or opening and closing a door three times won't make everything better . . . but sometimes it helps stop the worrying. Is something wrong with her? And will anyone want to be friends with her if they find out?

*The Broken Dark*

Heidi Johanna Spyri 1915 A Swiss orphan is heartbroken when she must leave her beloved grandfather and their happy home in the mountains to go to school and to care for an invalid girl in the city.

*Field Trip* Ben Brooks 2021-03-18 What do you think of when you hear the word 'hero'? Is it the wall-climbing, cape-wearing, villain-fighter you see in comics and films? Heroes can actually come in all forms, shapes and sizes. Some cook for the hungry. Some nurse the poorly back to health. Others raise money for important causes. From small acts of kindness to inventions that have saved the lives of hundreds of people, every person in this book has found their passion - or their superpower. No matter how big or small it might be, your power can be used to change the world for the better too. So put away the cape, climb down from that wall and discover how ordinary people can still do extraordinary things and become heroes. Written by Ben Brooks, the bestselling author of the Dare to Be Different books, and paired with vibrant comic-style illustrations throughout, this is the perfect guide for the budding superhero in your life!

Kevin Brooks 2015-03-01 People have simple needs. Food, water, light, space. Maybe a small measure of dignity. What happens when someone takes all that away? This pulse-pounding, award-winning novel explores what happens when your worst nightmare comes true.

Molly Brooks 2019-10-04 Sanity and Tallulah are going on a field trip-to a real live planet! Some of their classmates are nervous (none of them have been on a planet before, and they've heard terrible things), but Tallulah is beside herself with excitement. Sanity would be more excited if her grumpy older sister, Prudence, wasn't coming along to supervise the trip. Things get off to a rocky start (asteroid-y start, to be specific) and Sanity and Tallulah find themselves separated from their school group, pursued by a pirate, and stranded on a planet that's about to explode, with nothing but the wreckage of a crashed space shuttle and the contents of Tallulah's overloaded backpack to work with. These best friends will have to stretch their problem-solving skills to the limit in order to get everyone home safe, and it's going to take their whole class-plus an accountant, a math hermit, a group of mysterious beekeepers, and even the murderous pirate-to make it happen. This second adventure in the Sanity & Tallulah series by Molly Brooks is out of this world!

*The Impossible Boy*

How Everything Became War and the Military Became Everything Rosa Brooks 2016 Inside secure command centers, military officials make life and death decisions-- but the Pentagon also offers food courts, banks, drugstores, florists, and chocolate shops. It is rather symbolic of the way that the U.S. military has become our one-stop-shopping solution to global problems. Brooks traces this seismic shift in how America wages war, and provides a rallying cry for action as we undermine the values and rules that keep our world from sliding toward chaos.

*Little Bee* Ben Brooks 2019-10-31 Believe in the impossible this Christmas - a magical story celebrating the power of imagination, from the bestselling author of STORIES FOR BOYS WHO DARE TO BE DIFFERENT. Oleg and Emma entered their den to find a cardboard spaceship standing exactly where they usually sat. Slowly, the front door opened and out stepped a boy. 'My name's Sebastian Cole,' he said. 'But you already know that.' When Oleg and Emma invent a new classmate called Sebastian, they are amazed when he appears - very much real - in their secret den. Sebastian isn't like the rest of their classmates. He's never eaten pizza, he's not sure what goose bumps are, and he has a satchel that seems to hold an endless supply of hot ice cream. But as the trio begin their adventures, more impossible things keep happening, from a runaway goat appearing at school to a sighting of some snowwomen walking down the road. Things soon take a turn for the dangerous when the three friends are pursued by the mysterious Institute of Unreality, who want to capture and erase Sebastian, restoring order to the world. With the help of a cowboy gardener, an imprisoned scientist, and the rest of their class, can Emma and Oleg protect their new friend and keep the magic of the impossible alive, just in time for Christmas? After inspiring countless young readers with tales of extraordinary people in the world around them, Ben Brooks' first children's novel is a magical adventure that celebrates friendship, the power of imagination, and ice cream.

*Once We Were*

Chris Cleave 2010-02-16 Presents a tale of a precarious friendship between an illegal Nigerian refugee and a recent widow from suburban London, a story told from the alternating and disparate perspectives of both women.

Dare to Be Different Ben Brooks 2022-03-22 A fully illustrated book collecting important, impactful, and inspiring words from amazing people who have made a difference by a New York Times bestselling author and illustrator team. The *Hafiz's Words Awake*, and sing can inspire, comfort, uplift, and excite other people. But words do not only provoke emotions, they lead to action too. This book, like most others, is a collection of words. What makes these words different is how they changed the world and changed peoples' lives. Some of them were heard by millions of people around the planet, while others were written in personal letters from one person to another. Learn more about 75 people throughout history who have used their words to make a difference in the world, including Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nujeen Mustafa, Lin Yutang, Lydia Maria Child, Malala, Socrates, Sampa the Great, and more. Fully illustrated with art by Quinton Winter, this new middle grade book is sure to uplift and inspire young readers to use words to change the world.

Ben Brooks 2012-04-24 In this bawdy, raucous, and unabashedly frank novel, youth is certainly not wasted on the young Hailed as "one of the most hilarious and well-observed accounts of teenage debauchery you are ever likely to read" by the trendsetting British lifestyle magazine Dazed & Confused, Ben Brooks's Grow Up is a shocking, stylish, and very modern coming-of-age story. As Jasper J. Wolf careens through high school, his list of to-dos includes: get high with friends, seduce the hottest girl in school, and, last but not least, expose his stepfather as a murderer. But as growing up soon teaches him, what he wants and what he gets are often wildly different—and decidedly unexpected.

Tom Bromley 2005 Knebworth 1996, and as the crowds wait for Oasis to appear Ben is thinking about his girlfriend, Sarah, who has embarked on a year's teaching English in Japan. While she is away, exploring a new country, savouring new friendships, Ben is left behind in England, whiling away the hours working for New Labour at Millbank. Ben isn't entirely alone, for there's Bex, his flatmate, voluntarily parted from her boyfriend, Si. Bex is a folk guitarist, and at one of her gigs, Ben meets Mika, a Japanese folkie and a big Nick Drake fan. And though it is Sarah who is doing all the travelling, it's Ben who's experiencing some wanderlust of his own . . . 'A shrewd and ingenious riff on modern relationships, but finally more than that: it's about politics and music as well as feelings, and how you have to insist on the highest standards in all three. A comic gem with a serious undertow' Jonathan Coe

**The Secret Chord** Geraldine Brooks 2015-10-06 "A page turner. . .Brooks is a master at bringing the past alive. . .in her skillful hands the issues of the past echo our own deepest concerns: love and loss, drama and tragedy, chaos and brutality." – Alice Hoffman, The Washington Post A rich and utterly absorbing novel about the life of King David, from the Pulitzer Prize–winning author of People of the Book and March. With more than two million copies of her novels sold, New York Times bestselling author Geraldine Brooks has achieved both popular and critical acclaim. Now, Brooks takes on one of literature's richest and most enigmatic figures: a man who shimmers between history and legend. Peeling away the myth to bring David to life in Second Iron Age Israel, Brooks traces the arc of his journey from obscurity to fame, from shepherd to soldier, from hero to traitor, from beloved king to murderous despot and into his remorseful and diminished dotage. The Secret Chord provides new context for some of the best-known episodes of David's life while also focusing on others, even more remarkable and emotionally intense, that have been neglected. We see David through the eyes of those who love him or fear him—from the prophet Natan, voice of his conscience, to his wives Mikhal, Avigail, and Batsheva, and finally to Solomon, the late-born son who redeems his Lear-like old age. Brooks has an uncanny ability to hear *Indivisible*, transform characters from history, and this beautifully written, unvarnished saga of faith, desire, family, ambition, betrayal, and power will enthrall her many fans.

**Stories for Boys Who Dare to Be Different 2** Ben Brooks 2019-03-07 ***THE FOLLOW UP TO THE AWARD-WINNING AND BESTSELLING STORIES FOR BOYS WHO DARE TO BE DIFFERENT*** Tom Daley, Oliver Sacks, the Jamaican Bobsled team, Amrou Al-Kadhi, Carlos Acosta... all dared to be different. This is the follow-up to the much loved and hugely successful Stories for Boys Who Dare to be Different, the bestselling book that changed countless boys' lives around the world and gave them the confidence to be themselves. What have the footballer Kylian Mbappé, the philosopher Socrates and the singer Ed Sheeran all got in common? All three of them defied expectations - going against the grain and pursuing their dreams - despite a seemingly impossible barrage of obstacles and difficulties. Their stories are incredible, as are those of the tap-dancer Evan Ruggiero, the Pokémon creator Satoshi Tajiri, and the other inspirational boys who fill the pages of this extraordinary book. It's books like these that can make a huge difference to parents and their children's lives. In this day and age, any publication that shows how we can triumph in the face of adversity and prejudice deserves to be read over and over again.

*Stories for Boys Who Dare to Be Different*

Ben Brooks 2015-07-28 Age is just a number... Lolito is an unconventional love story about a fifteen-year-old boy who finds solace in the arms of a middle-aged woman on the Internet. Fifteen-year-old Etgar Allison is spending spring break alone in an empty house, when he inadvertently learns that his girlfriend has cheated on him with another boy. Heartbroken and lonely, without parental supervision, he turns to alcohol. Unable to cope with his grief, he looks to the Internet for comfort and lands in an adult chatroom. There he meets Macy, a bored but attractive housewife; flirtatious IMs escalate into cybersex chats and soon Etgar is raiding his savings account for a romantic rendezvous in London. . . What could possibly go wrong? Ben Brooks's Lolito is an uncompromising look at the turbulent emotional life of teenage boys, a funny and poignant story that injects raw honesty—and even a little tenderness—into its portrait of a taboo relationship.

*What to Do*

Ben Brooks 2018-09-25 !--[if gte mso 9] 800x600 ![endif]-- New York Times bestseller Boys can be anything they want to be! This timely book joins and expands the gender-role conversation and gives middle-grade boys a welcome alternative message: that masculinity can mean many things. You won't find any stories of slaying dragons or saving princesses here. In Stories for Boys Who Dare to Be Different, author Ben Brooks-with the help of Quinton Wintor's striking full-color illustrations-offers a welcome alternative narrative: one that celebrates introverts and innovators, sensitivity and resilience, individuality and expression. It's an accessible compilation of 75 famous and not-so-famous men from the past to the present day, every single one of them a rule-breaker and stereotype-smasher in his own way. Entries include Frank Ocean, Salvador Dali, Beethoven, Barack Obama, Ai Weiwei, Jesse Owens, and so many more-heroes from all walks of life and from all over the world.

Ben Brooks 2012-05-12 YouTube suicides, possible pregnancies, drug comedowns, and getting straight A's -- meet Jasper: a seventeen-year-old with his hands full. Weekdays are packed with visits to the psychologist, mounting parental pressure to achieve in school, scouring the Internet for porn, and trying to figure out whether his stepfather murdered his ex-wife. Weekends are focused on finding the next party, the best drugs, and sex --preferably with Georgia Treely -- but really with anyone he can get. Brilliantly encapsulating the nihilistic and disaffected voice of a generation, Grow Up is a frank portrayal of one dark, funny, and twisted teen searching for his place in the world.

Sanity & Tallulah Molly Brooks 2018-10-04 Sanity Jones and Tallulah Vega are best friends on Wilnick, the dilapidated space station they call home at the end of the galaxy. So naturally, when gifted scientist Sanity uses her lab skills and energy allowance to create a definitely-illegal-but-impossibly-cute three-headed kitten, she has to show Tallulah. But Princess, Sparkle, Destroyer of Worlds is a bit of a handful, and it isn't long before the kitten escapes to wreak havoc on the space station. The girls will have to turn Wilnick upside down to find her, but not before causing the whole place to evacuate! Can they save their home before it's too late? Readers will be over the moon for this rollicking space adventure by debut author Molly Brooks.

**Stories for Kids Who Dare to Be Different** Ben Brooks 2019-05-07 Boys will be boys and girls will be girls? Not in this book. The follow-up to Ben Brooks's New York Times bestselling Stories for Boys Who Dare to Be Different, this book offers more extraordinary true stories of amazing people who broke the mold and changed the world for the better. The resulting message? Be yourself, and your dreams might come true. With the help of Quinton Winter's striking full-color illustrations, Brooks offers an accessible compilation of 76 famous and not-so-famous influencers from the past to the present day, every single one of them a rule-breaker and stereotype-smasher in his or her own way. Entries include Emma Gonzalez, Andy Warhol, Bjork, Hans Christian Andersen, Sally Ride, and so many more -- heroes from all walks of life and from all over the world.


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