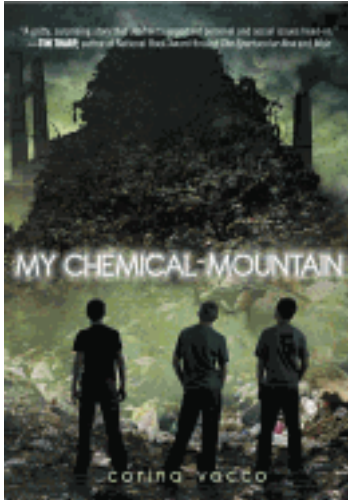


Grit Lit



Tough Streets, Tough Schools, Tough Problems

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After by Amy Efaw

Top student and star athlete Devon is accused of murder after she leaves her baby in the trash to die.

All the Right Stuff by Walter Dean Myers

After his absentee father is killed in a shooting, Paul volunteers at a Harlem soup kitchen. (Also my Myers: **Lockdown, Checkmate; Kick; Riot; Dope Stick**)

All You Never Wanted by Adele Griffen

Thea's jealousy of her older sister prompts self-destructive acts that affect them both.

Angry Young Man by Chris Lynch

Robert tries to help his half-brother Xan when Xan becomes involved with protesters and anarchists. (Also by Lynch: **Prime Evil; Hothouse; Cyberia; The Big Game of Everything; Excusable**)

Ball Don't Lie by Matt de la Pena

Sticky, a foster child, hopes to be a pro basketball player, but many dangers threaten to derail him.

Beneath a Meth Moon by Jacqueline Woodson

A young girl uses crystal meth to escape the pain of losing her mother and grandmother in Hurricane Katrina, and then struggles to recover.

Black and White by Paul Volponi

Two star high school basketball players, one black and one white, experience the justice system differently after committing a crime together and getting caught.

Bitter End by Jennifer Brown

When Alex starts dating Cole, her two closest friends increasingly mistrust him.

Boy 21 by Mathew Quick

Finley, the only white player on his high school's basketball team, is asked to mentor a troubled African American transfer student.

Brooklyn Burning by Steven Brezenoff

Kid loves Felix, a junkie who disappears, leaving Kid the prime suspect in an arson investigation.

Burnout by Adrienne Vrettos

Just months out of rehab, Nan wakes up on the Subway the day after Halloween with "Help Me" scrawled across her torn costume and no idea how she got there.

Clean by Amy Reed

A group of teens in rehab who have drug and alcohol problems help a new member with deeper issues to resolve.

Dear Life, You Suck by Scott Blagden

A teen considers suicide until a girl steps into his life.

Desert Angel by Charlie Price

Angel is on the run from the man who abused her, killed her mother and intends to kill her too.

DJ Rising by Love Maia

Marley's career as DJ Ices" is skyrocketing, but his mother's heroin addiction keeps dragging him back to earth.

Don't Breath a Word by Holly Cupala

Joy escapes from her suffocating teenage troubles to the streets where she falls in with a "street family" and finds her inner strengths.

Exit Strategy by Ryan Potter

A steroid scandal foils the plans of three teens hoping to leave town after graduation.

Exposed by Kimberly Marcus

Liz's, life changes when her best friend accuses Liz's older brother of a terrible crime.

Everybody Sees Ants by A.S. King

Overburdened by his parents' bickering and a bully's attacks, Lucky begins dreaming of being with his grandfather, who went missing during the Vietnam War.

The File on Angelyn Stark by Catherine Atkins

Angelyn is trying to get along while keeping a terrible secret about her past.

The Girls of No Return by Eric Saldin

A troubled girl in a wilderness school has complicated friendships with two other girls.

Hurricane Song by Paul Volponi

Miles and his father, survive the horrors of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

I Swear by Lane Davis

After bullying a girl who kills herself, her tormentors think about the consequences of their actions.

If I Grow Up by Todd Strasser

Growing up in the inner-city projects, DeShawn is reluctantly forced into the gang world.

Illegal by Bettina Resrepo

Nora, a Mexican girl, faces the challenges of being an illegal immigrant in Texas when she and her mother cross the border in search of Nora's father.

In Ecstasy by Kate McCaffrey

After taking ecstasy at a party, Mia falls into the drug culture while Sophie is sexually assaulted.

The Knife that Killed Me by Anthony McGowan

Loner Paul is befriended by a school bully who gives him a knife to carry as an incentive to join a gang.

Jumped by Rita Williams-Garcia

Leticia overhears Dominique's plans to beat up Trina and must decide whether or not to get involved.

A Kid from Southie by John Shea

Desperate to help his unemployed mother, Aiden reluctantly begins working for the Irish mob in South Boston.

Leverage by Joshua Cohen

Two student athletes, a gymnast and a football player, form an unlikely alliance when a member of the gymnastics team is brutally assaulted.

Lie by Carolyn Bock

A group of teens conspire to protect a friend after he brutally attacks two Salvadoran immigrants.

Lockdown by Walter Dean Myers

Teenage Reese, serving time at a juvenile detention facility, gets a lesson in making it through hard times from an unlikely friend with a harrowing past.

My Book of Life by Angel by Martine Leavitt

Angel struggles to free herself from the trap of prostitution.

My Chemical Mountain by Corina Vacco

Three boys go after the chemical plant that pollutes their town.

Pull by B.A. Binns

After his father kills his mother, David struggles to take care of his two sisters.

Rage: A Love Story by Julie Anne Peters

Johanna begins dating Reeve, who turns abusive, and her seriously troubled life deeply impacts Johanna.

Recovery Road by Blake Nelson

Maddie meets Stewart in rehab, and they try to maintain their relationship when they leave.

Rooftop by Paul Volponi

Clay witnesses the police kill his unarmed cousin on a roof in New York City.

Scars by Cheryl Rainfield

Kendra recalls devastating memories of childhood sexual abuse and she copes with the pressure by cutting herself.

Shine by Lauren Myracle

When her best friend falls victim to a vicious hate crime, sixteen-year-old Cat sets out to discover the culprits.

Some Girls Are by Courtney Summers

Regina, an in-crowd outcast, experiences the vicious bullying she used to inflict on others.

Something Like Hope by Shawn Goodman

Shavonne, a fierce, desperate seventeen year-old in juvenile lockup, wants to turn her life around before her eighteenth birthday, but corrupt guards, out-of-control girls, and shadows from her past make her task seem impossible.

Stay with Me by Paul Griffen

When Mack, a drop-out and genius with dogs, lands in prison, he pushes away the girl he loves.

Street Pharm by Allison Van Diepen

Ty, the number one dealer on the streets, has to rethink his whole strategy if he is to survive.

Surf Mules by G. Neri

A tragic accident and financial woes push Logan to transport marijuana for cash.

Tilt by Ellen Hopkins

Three teens connected by their parents' bad choices tell in their own voices of their lives and loves. (Also by

Grit Lit

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Hopkins:**Impulse; Tricks; Burned; Crank; Glass, Identical, Triangles, Perfect**)

Trafficked by Kim Purcell

A Moldovan girl whose parents were killed is made to work as a slave for a family in Los Angeles.

Uses for Boys by Erica Lorraine Scheidt

Anna, whose absent mother chases new husbands, starts to chase boys in the same way.

Willow by Julia Hoban

Willow, who was driving the car that killed her parents, copes with the pain and guilt by cutting herself,

Wintergirls by Laurie Halse Anderson

Lia comes to terms with her best friend's death from anorexia as she struggles with the same disorder.

Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass by Meg Medina

Yaqui's threats and harassment start to take a toll on Piddy's life.

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