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| The Fault In Our StarsBy John GreenThe Fault In Our Stars is a fabulous book about a young teenage girl who has been diagnosed with lung cancer and attends a cancer support group. Hazel is 16 and is reluctant to go to the support group, but she soon realizes that it was a good idea. Hazel meets a young boy named Augustus Waters.  |  |
| *Flowers for Algernon*By Daniel KeyesCharlie Gordon is a mentally disabled thirty-two-year-old man about to undergo a major elective surgery to improve his intelligence. We're basically reading his diary as he undergoes the whole process. ... He also buddies up to super-smart Algernon, a mouse who's already undergone the experimental surgery. |  |
| *Skink No Surrender*By Carl HiaasenRichard Sloan is worried when his cousin and best friend, Malley, fails to meet him for their regular nightly exploration of [Loggerhead Beach](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Loggerhead_sea_turtle), scouting for turtle nests. Noticing a soda straw poking out of such a nest, Richard pulls it up and is surprised when a homeless man, "[Skink](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clinton_Tyree)", bursts out of the sand and complains about Richard ruining his trap. This only the beginning of their adventures. |  |
| *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*By Stephen Chbosky Fifteen-year-old Charlie is coping with the suicide of his friend, Michael. To lessen the fear and anxiety of starting high school alone, Charlie starts writing letters to a stranger, someone he heard was nice but has never met in person. |  |
| *Water for Elephants*By Sara GruenJacob Jankowski, a veterinary student, is close to graduating when a terrible tragedy forces him to leave school. With nowhere else to go, he hops on a passing train and finds it belongs to a traveling circus. Jacob takes a job as an animal caretaker and meets Marlena, a beautiful circus performer. Their shared compassion for a special elephant named Rosie leads to love, but August, Marlena's cruel husband, stands in their way. |  |