

**Reading Suggestions From Wapiti Regional Library**  
**Realistic Fiction Books for Teens**

**Recommended books for teens in the genre of realistic fiction.**

**Title: Better Nate Than Ever**

**Author:** Federle, Tim

**Description:** Nate, who dreams of starring in a Broadway musical, concocts a plan to run away to New York to audition.

**Title: The Crossover**

**Author:** Alexander, Kwame

**Description:** Twins Josh and Jordan are awesome on the court, but they soon learn that breaking the rules have awful consequences.

**Title: The First Part Last**

**Author:** Johnson, Angela

**Description:** Bobby's life is forever changed after he becomes a father.

**Title: Five Flavors of Dumb**

**Author:** John, Antony

**Description:** Deaf Piper wants to prove her independence to her family by managing her classmates' constantly bickering band.

**Title: I Represent Sean Rosen**

**Author:** Baron, Jeff

**Description:** With the help of his "manager," a thirteen-year-old boy sells a movie idea to a major Hollywood studio.

**Title: The Juvie Three**

**Author:** Korman, Gordon

**Description:** Three juvenile delinquents living in a halfway house find themselves on their own after their guardian loses his memory.

**Title: Last Shot**

**Author:** Feinstein, John

**Description:** Two teens win a trip to the Final Four, but unexpectedly discover a blackmailing plot against a star player.

**Title: Messed Up**

**Author:** Lynch, Janet Nichols

**Description:** Repeat eighth grader RD finds trouble when his grandfather dies and he covers it up to avoid foster care.

**Title: The Misfits**

**Author:** Howe, James; Slota, Gerald (Illustrator)

**Description:** The eccentric and misfit Group of Five tries to create a third party to run for student government.

**Title: Once Was Lost**

**Author:** Zarr, Sara

**Description:** A teenage member of a small town congregation disappears causing Samara to withdraw from her friends and pastor father.

**Title: Peeled**

**Author:** Bauer, Joan

**Description:** School reporter Hildy Biddle investigates strange occurrences at a house rumored to be haunted.

**Title: Sean Griswold's Head**

**Author:** Leavitt, Lindsey

**Description:** Overwhelmed with life, Payton takes her counselor's advice to find an object to focus her emotions on: Sean Griswold's head.

**Title: Shark Girl**

**Author:** Bingham, Kelly

**Description:** Gifted artist Jane loses her arm to a shark and struggles through physical and emotional recovery in the aftermath.

**Title: Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie**

**Author:** Lubar, David

**Description:** With the stress of starting high school, Scott begins writing a survival manual for his future sibling.

**Title: Speak**

**Author:** Anderson, Laurie Halse

**Description:** Melinda stops speaking after a traumatic incident at a party the previous spring.

**Title: Stargirl**

**Author:** Spinelli, Jerry

**Description:** Leo narrates this story about an eccentric student named Stargirl, who changes his life forever.

**Title: Stuck in Neutral**

**Author:** Trueman, Terry

**Description:** Fourteen-year-old Shawn, who has severe cerebral palsy, relates his belief that his father is planning to kill him.

**Title: The Tequila Worm**

**Author:** Canales, Viola

**Description:** Sofia's experiences as a scholarship student at a boarding school help strengthen her relationships back in the barrio.

**Title: The Wednesday Wars**

**Author:** Schmidt, Gary D.

**Description:** Holling must spend Wednesday afternoons with his teacher reading Shakespeare while the rest of the class has religious instruction.

**Title: When Zachary Beaver Came to Town**

**Author:** Holt, Kimberly Willis

**Description:** Toby and his buddy meet the star of a sideshow act, 600-pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world.

**Title:** *Zen and the Art of Faking It*

**Author:** Sonnenblick, Jordan

**Description:** Freshman San gains popularity at his new school after he claims to be a Zen Buddhist expert, among other things.