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100 of the Worst Ideas in History - Michael N. Smith 2014-06-03

What were they thinking? Ever since Adam snacked on the forbidden fruit and was chased naked out of the Garden of Eden, mankind has bitten off a bevy of bad ideas. From skinny-dipping Presidents to toxic tooth fillings to singing pop stars who can't carry a tune, 100 of the Worst Ideas in History is a celebration of humanity's historical—and often hysterical—missteps that have started wars, sunk countries, wrecked companies, scuttled careers, lost millions, and even endangered the Earth. Discover:

- How a confused chauffeur helped start World War I
- Who turned down the greatest product placement opportunity in Hollywood history
- How a Chicago White Sox game helped hasten the demise of disco
- The toad that nearly ate Australia
- The most dangerous children's game ever invented
- And so much more (of so much less!)

Spanning politics, pop culture, fashion, sports, technology, and more, this irreverent and witty book is packed with fun photos and sidebars, tracing how these thundering brainstorming turned into blundering brain farts—and the astonishing impacts our faux pas and foibles still have on us today.

The Secret of Ferrell Savage - J. Duddy Gill 2014-02-04

Just as twelve-year-old Ferrell Savage is beginning to think of Mary Vittles, his life-long friend, as a potential girlfriend, a new boy at school blackmails them with a family secret—that one of Ferrell's ancestors ate one of Mary's.

The Boy on the Wooden Box - Leon Leyson

2013-08-29

Leon Leyson (born Leib Lezjon) was only ten years old when the Nazis invaded Poland and his family was forced to relocate to the Krakow ghetto. With incredible luck, perseverance and grit, Leyson was able to survive the sadism of the Nazis, including that of the demonic Amon Goeth, commandant of Plaszow, the concentration camp outside Krakow. Ultimately, it was the generosity and cunning of one man, a man named Oskar Schindler, who saved Leon Leyson's life, and the lives of his mother, his father, and two of his four siblings, by adding their names to his list of workers in his factory - a list that became world renowned: Schindler's List. This, the only memoir published by a former Schindler's List child, perfectly captures the innocence of a small boy who goes through the unthinkable. Most notable is the lack of rancour, the lack of venom, and the abundance of dignity in Mr Leyson's telling. *The Boy on the Wooden Box* a legacy of hope, a memoir unlike anything you've ever read.

Disney Zootopia: Hard Day's Work (Younger Readers Graphic Novel) - Jimmy Gownley 2019-07-23

A young Judy Hopps and a young Nick Wilde put their skills to the test and pave the way for their futures in two stories created especially for younger readers! Nothing gets past Judy Hopps, future police officer and school detective extraordinaire, as she searches for clues in the unsolved mystery of her teacher's missing necklace. Is it lost or has it been stolen? Judy must use her crime-solving skills to crack the case. Meanwhile, a new Foxtastic action figure

has been released and Nick can't wait to get his hands on one! The only problem is . . . getting the money to buy one. Have an odd job to do? Nick's just the fox to do it! Join Nick for a lesson on how to make an honest buck with the help of some unexpected assistants. This story collection from writer Jimmy Gownley (Amelia Rules!) and artist Leandro Ricardo da Silva, with colors by Wes Dzioba (Serenity, Star Wars: Invasion, Aliens vs. Predator: Three World War) and letters by Chris Dickey (Cable, X-Men: The Hidden Years), collects two stories from the world of Zootopia. They're written especially for younger readers, but will appeal to fans of all ages! Bonus story-related activities and special features are also included in this volume.

The Dumbest Idea Ever! - Jimmy Gownley
2014-04-18

Jimmy Gownley's graphic novel memoir about the "dumb" idea that changed his life forever! What if the dumbest idea ever turned your life upside down?

Worst Ideas Ever - Daniel B. Kline 2011-07-08
From memorable disasters such as New Coke, the XFL, and Tiger Woods' marriage to less-remembered failures such as Yugo, Cop Rock, and Microsoft's BOB, *Worst Ideas Ever* revisits history's biggest blunders. Whether it's a pop culture failure the likes of Dennis Miller's disastrous run on Monday Night Football, a political one such as John Edwards' odd decision to run for president while cheating on his cancer-stricken wife, or a technological misstep such as Apple's Newton OS, *Worst Ideas Ever* uncovers the ridiculous stories behind mistakes so huge, you'll have to constantly remind yourself that they actually happened. Moving from Mariah Carey's "performance" in Glitter to the Minnesota Vikings decision to trade away their future for an aging Herschel Walker, *Worst Ideas Ever* offers the real stories behind some of the dumbest things ever done. Whether it was ego (Michael Jordan leaving basketball for baseball), greed (nobody questioning their impossibly high returns when investing with Bernie Madoff) or simple stupidity (Jay Leno moving to 10 p.m.), *Worst Ideas Ever* brings it all back in hilarious detail.

7 Good Reasons Not to Grow Up: A Graphic Novel - Jimmy Gownley 2021-04-06
The kids at prestigious Greycliff Academy are in

for a surprise when their hero, Kirby Finn, turns out to be something he's not. To his friends at Greycliff Academy, Kirby seems to have it all: charm, brains, and a lucky streak that won't quit. He's also the notorious hero creating the snarky videos "7 Good Reasons Not to Grow Up," which expose just how dumb adults can be. Why would any kid want to become one of them? But there's also a mystery about Kirby. And when his best friend, Raja, finds out his secret, Kirby, Raja, and their friends have to grow up fast and face the world head-on.

Smart Startup - Tim J Sinclair 2019-05-31
So you have an idea. Now what? Taking a concept from the mind to the marketplace is a daunting task, especially when you don't feel academically, financially, or emotionally prepared to do so. But here's a little secret: no one is prepared. Ever. It's not natural for anyone to charge straight ahead when they think they're the dumbest (or poorest or least-qualified) person in the room. Normal people go find something else to do. Sane individuals avoid fear, insecurity, and pain. But entrepreneurs are far from normal or sane. If everyone who felt dumb or "less than" simply decided not to pursue whatever made them feel inadequate, nothing would ever change. Many companies wouldn't exist. Many people wouldn't have the rights they do today. Certain countries would never have tasted freedom. But, thankfully, history shows us the countless brave individuals who decided to take a chance and embrace their inadequacy, despite the inherent risks. *Smart Startup: The Art of Being the Dumbest Guy in the Room* addresses the realities of moving from idea to industry--what it takes to get started, what to expect along the way, and, in the end, why success isn't dependent on making millions. Who cares if you don't know enough code or make enough money or have enough schooling? Who cares if everyone else seems smarter or more qualified or better equipped? Who cares if the odds or the percentages or the math aren't in your favor? There can be no more excuses. Take a risk. Change the world. Dumb doesn't matter.

Disney Zootopia: School Days (Younger Readers Graphic Novel) - Jimmy Gownley 2019-10-22
Young Judy Hopps and young Nick Wilde create learning experiences for themselves and others

in two stories created especially for younger readers! Judy and her friend, Will the Wombat, take a school field trip to the Bunnyburrow Carrot Museum. When the teacher announces a fun scavenger hunt for the class, Judy and Will team up--but class bully, Gideon, has a devious plan of his own to steal the game. Judy and Will must use their wit and finesse to win the game the honest way and to teach Gideon a lesson. Nick has an overactive imagination and he just can't concentrate in class. When the teacher tells him he must get a perfect score on his math lesson, Nick must use his many talents to get through the most difficult obstacle yet - homework! This story collection from writer Jimmy Gownley (*Amelia Rules!*) and artist Leandro Ricardo da Silva, with colors by Wes Dzioba (*Serenity*, *Star Wars: Invasion*, *Aliens vs. Predator: Three World War*) and letters by Chris Dickey (*Cable*, *X-Men: The Hidden Years*), collects two stories from the world of *Zootopia*. They're written especially for younger readers, but will appeal to fans of all ages! Bonus story-related activities and special features are also included in this volume.

Marshfield Dreams - Ralph Fletcher

2005-09-01

The colorful boyhood of a popular author comes to life in this personal account. Imagine learning from a nosy classmate that your mother is having yet another baby. To Ralph's classmates, news of one more Fletcher baby is just "scuttlebutt." But for Ralph, the oldest of nine, being part of a large family means more kids to join in the fun—from making tripods in the woods and "snicking" up the rug, to raising chicks and even discovering a meteor (well, maybe). It doesn't feel like there's life beyond Marshfield, Massachusetts. Then one day Dad's new job moves the family to Chicago, and there's so much Ralph has to leave behind. In this humorous and captivating memoir, Ralph Fletcher traces the roots of his storytelling.

Unoffendable - Brant Hansen 2015-04-14

It turns out, giving up your "right" to be offended can be one of the most freeing, healthy, simplifying, relaxing, refreshing, stress-relieving, encouraging things you can do. It's a radical, provocative idea: We're not entitled to get offended or stay angry. The idea of our own "righteous anger" is a myth. It is the number one

problem in our societies today and, as Dallas Willard says, Christians have not been taught out of it. In *Unoffendable* you'll find things of immeasurable value: a concrete, practical way to live life with less stress adjusting your expectations to fit human nature and replacing perpetual anger with refreshing humility and gratitude. *Unoffendable* seeks to lift religious burdens from our backs and allow us to experience the joy of gratitude, perhaps for the first time, every single day of their lives.

7 Good Reasons Not to Grow Up - Jimmy Gownley 2020-11-10

The kids at prestigious Greycliff Academy are in for a surprise when their hero, Kirby Finn, turns out to be something he's not. To his friends at Greycliff Academy, Kirby seems to have it all: charm, brains, and a lucky streak that won't quit. He's also the notorious hero creating the snarky videos "7 Good Reasons Not to Grow Up," which expose just how dumb adults can be. Why would any kid want to become one of them? But there's also a mystery about Kirby. And when his best friend, Raja, finds out his secret, Kirby, Raja, and their friends have to grow up fast and face the world head-on.

The Most Important Thing - Howard Marks 2011-05-01

"This is that rarity, a useful book."--Warren Buffett
Howard Marks, the chairman and cofounder of Oaktree Capital Management, is renowned for his insightful assessments of market opportunity and risk. After four decades spent ascending to the top of the investment management profession, he is today sought out by the world's leading value investors, and his client memos brim with insightful commentary and a time-tested, fundamental philosophy. Now for the first time, all readers can benefit from Marks's wisdom, concentrated into a single volume that speaks to both the amateur and seasoned investor. Informed by a lifetime of experience and study, *The Most Important Thing* explains the keys to successful investment and the pitfalls that can destroy capital or ruin a career. Utilizing passages from his memos to illustrate his ideas, Marks teaches by example, detailing the development of an investment philosophy that fully acknowledges the complexities of investing and the perils of the financial world. Brilliantly applying insight to

today's volatile markets, Marks offers a volume that is part memoir, part creed, with a number of broad takeaways. Marks expounds on such concepts as "second-level thinking," the price/value relationship, patient opportunism, and defensive investing. Frankly and honestly assessing his own decisions--and occasional missteps--he provides valuable lessons for critical thinking, risk assessment, and investment strategy. Encouraging investors to be "contrarian," Marks wisely judges market cycles and achieves returns through aggressive yet measured action. Which element is the most essential? Successful investing requires thoughtful attention to many separate aspects, and each of Marks's subjects proves to be the most important thing.

Real Friends - Shannon Hale 2017-05-02

"Fresh and funny." —New York Times Book Review Newbery Honor author Shannon Hale and New York Times bestselling illustrator LeUyen Pham join forces in this graphic memoir about how hard it is to find your real friends—and why it's worth the journey. When best friends are not forever . . . Shannon and Adrienne have been best friends ever since they were little. But one day, Adrienne starts hanging out with Jen, the most popular girl in class and the leader of a circle of friends called The Group. Everyone in The Group wants to be Jen's #1, and some girls would do anything to stay on top . . . even if it means bullying others. Now every day is like a roller coaster for Shannon. Will she and Adrienne stay friends? Can she stand up for herself? And is she in The Group—or out?

Parents Magazine Best Graphic Novel of 2017 A School Library Journal Best Book of 2017 A Chicago Public Library Best Book of 2017 A 2017 Booklist Youth Editors' Choice A 2018 YALSA Great Graphic Novel

Sophie's World - Jostein Gaarder 2007-03-20

One day Sophie comes home from school to find two questions in her mail: "Who are you?" and "Where does the world come from?" Before she knows it she is enrolled in a correspondence course with a mysterious philosopher. Thus begins Jostein Gaarder's unique novel, which is not only a mystery, but also a complete and entertaining history of philosophy.

Stinetinglers - R. L. Stine 2022-08-30

From New York Times bestselling author R.L.

Stine, the master of horror for young readers, comes ten new stories that are sure to leave you shivering. A boy who hates bugs starts to see them everywhere. A basketball player's skin starts to almost drip off his hands—but no one else can see it. Three friends find a hole in the ground that just gets bigger, and bigger, and bigger... And each story is introduced by Stine himself, providing a personal touch sure to delight fans. Laced with Stine's signature humor and a hefty dose of nightmarish fun, *Stinetinglers* is perfect for fans of *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* and Stine's own *Goosebumps* books. These chilling tales prove that Stine's epic legacy in the horror genre is justly earned. Dive in, and beware: you might be sleeping with the lights on tonight!

Big Nate on a Roll - Lincoln Peirce 2011-08-16

Big Nate is on a roll! Nate's a big deal in his scout troop . . . until Artur—aka Mr.

Perfect—joins up. Now Nate's stuck in second place. And Artur means business. Will Nate take the grand prize? Or wipe out, big time?

Disney Zootopia: Friends to the Rescue (Younger Readers Graphic Novel) - Jimmy Gownley 2018-09-25

Collects two stories of teamwork and creativity from the childhood years of Judy Hopps and Nick Wilde--two characters from the animated film--especially for younger readers! Judy is excited to tour the fun at the Bunnyburrow County Fair with her Pop Pop, but Dinah has to sneak out of the house to join her! Then, when Pop Pop says no to a hot air balloon ride, Judy still gets her chance in the air when Dinah stumbles into trouble and needs rescuing! It will take both their talents, rabbit and sloth, to ensure that everyone makes it safely home at the end of the day. Meanwhile, Nick learns it's the thought that counts when he saves the day at his friend Hedy's birthday party. While he might not have enough money to buy a gift, Nick has other talents that he puts to good use for a truly unforgettable celebration. This story collection from writer Jimmy Gownley (*Amelia Rules!*) and artist Leandro Ricardo da Silva, with colors by Wes Dzioba (*Serenity*, *Star Wars: Invasion*, *Aliens vs. Predator: Three World War*) and letters by Chris Dickey (*Cable*, *X-Men: The Hidden Years*), shares two tales of how talent and teamwork can overcome sticky situations.

Written for younger readers, this volume will appeal to Zootopia fans of all ages with its adventurous characters and engaging artwork. Also included in this volume are a variety of story-related activities and special features!

Her Permanent Record - Jimmy Gownley
2012-08-28

When Aunt Tanner disappears after an ex-boyfriend writes a tell-all book, eleven-year-old Amelia boards a bus on an epic journey to find her, with frenemy Rhonda in tow and help from a boy she thought she would never see again.

Sisters: A Graphic Novel - Raina Telgemeier
2014-08-26

Raina Telgemeier's #1 New York Times bestselling, Eisner Award-winning companion to *Smile!* Raina can't wait to be a big sister. But once Amara is born, things aren't quite how she expected them to be. Amara is cute, but she's also a cranky, grouchy baby, and mostly prefers to play by herself. Their relationship doesn't improve much over the years, but when a baby brother enters the picture and later, something doesn't seem right between their parents, they realize they must figure out how to get along. They are sisters, after all. Raina uses her signature humor and charm in both present-day narrative and perfectly placed flashbacks to tell the story of her relationship with her sister, which unfolds during the course of a road trip from their home in San Francisco to a family reunion in Colorado.

Lowriders in Space - Cathy Camper 2014-11-01

Lupe Impala, El Chavo Flapjack, and Elirio Malaria love working with cars. You name it, they can fix it. But the team's favorite cars of all are lowriders—cars that hip and hop, dip and drop, go low and slow, bajito y suavecito. The stars align when a contest for the best car around offers a prize of a trunkful of cash—just what the team needs to open their own shop! ¡Ay chihuahua! What will it take to transform a junker into the best car in the universe?

Striking, unparalleled art from debut illustrator Raul the Third recalls ballpoint-pen-and-Sharpie desk-drawn doodles, while the story is sketched with Spanish, inked with science facts, and colored with true friendship. With a glossary at the back to provide definitions for Spanish and science terms, this delightful book will educate and entertain in equal measure.

Movie Stars Do the Dumbest Things -

Margaret Moser 2011-04-01

Johnny Depp. Marilyn Monroe. Marlon Brando. Leonardo DiCaprio. Woody Allen. Shanron Stone. What do all of these actors have in common? They're outrageous, receive huge salaries, have enormous egos, and have way too much spare time. Their out-of-control lifestyles prove that, as one Hollywood observer noted, "Hollywood is a trip through a sewer in a glass-bottomed boat." You'll learn which director was furious when he was misquoted as saying, "Actors are cattle." He claimed he had really said, "Actors should be treated as cattle." You'll discover that Bruce Willis ordered the final scenes in *Striking Distance* to be re-shot at a cost of over \$750,000 because the original shots exposed his toupee. You'll find that Melanie Griffith explained her ignorance of the Nazi holocaust by saying, "I don't know why I didn't know. Maybe I missed school that day...I'm not stupid." Whether you're a fan of Hugh Grant, Dennis Hopper, or Whoopi Goldberg, you'll learn about all of the embarrassing moments in your favorite star's life. From actors like Ben Affleck and Cameron Diaz to screen legends like Frank Sinatra and Judy Garland, *Movie Stars Do the Dumbest Things* is proof that actors are more childish and impulsive than you've ever imagined.

Shades of Gray Comics and Stories - Jimmy Gownley 2006

What Were They Thinking? - David Hofstede 2004

TV is never short of bad ideas, as demonstrated in a guide to one hundred of television's most memorable blunders and bloopers, arranged in a count-down format and including information on each incident that seeks to answer the question of "Why did this happen?" Original.

Lords of Strategy - Walter Kiechel 2010-03-03

Imagine, if you can, the world of business - without corporate strategy. Remarkably, fifty years ago that's the way it was. Businesses made plans, certainly, but without understanding the underlying dynamics of competition, costs, and customers. It was like trying to design a large-scale engineering project without knowing the laws of physics. But in the 1960s, four mavericks and their posses instigated a profound shift in

thinking that turbocharged business as never before, with implications far beyond what even they imagined. In *The Lords of Strategy*, renowned business journalist and editor Walter Kiechel tells, for the first time, the story of the four men who invented corporate strategy as we know it and set in motion the modern, multibillion-dollar consulting industry: Bruce Henderson, founder of Boston Consulting Group Bill Bain, creator of Bain & Company Fred Gluck, longtime Managing Director of McKinsey & Company Michael Porter, Harvard Business School professor Providing a window into how to think about strategy today, Kiechel tells their story with novelistic flair. At times inspiring, at times nearly terrifying, this book is a revealing account of how these iconoclasts and the organizations they led revolutionized the way we think about business, changed the very soul of the corporation, and transformed the way we work.

Everything Here Is the Best Thing Ever - Justin Taylor 2010-02-09

"This spare, sharp book—Taylor's debut collection—documents a deep authority on the unavoidable confusion of being young, disaffected and human ... the most affecting stories in *Everything Here Is the Best Thing Ever* are as unpredictable as a careening drunk. They leave us with the heavy residue of an unsettling strangeness, and a new voice that readers—and writers, too—might be seeking out for decades to come." — New York Times Book Review A collection of prophetic, provocative, and dazzlingly written stories by Justin Taylor, an important new voice in literary fiction and "a new literary beast." (Padgett Powell, author of *The Interrogative Mood*) Each story in this crystalline, spare, and moving collection cuts to the quick. Taylor's characters are guided by misapprehensions that bring them to hilarious, often tragic impasses with reality. A high school boy's desire to win over a crush leads him to experiment with black magic. An assistant at a hedge fund is torn between the girl he loved in college and the older man whose attention he craves. A fast food employee preoccupied by Abu Ghraib grows obsessed with a co-worker. While his girlfriend sleeps, a Tetris player tries to beat his record, nevermind that out their window blazes the end of the world. Fearless and wild,

the stories of *Everything Here Is the Best Thing Ever* are held together by a thread of wounding humor and candid storytelling that marks Taylor as a distinct and emerging literary talent.

The Dumbest Generation Grows Up - Mark Bauerlein 2022-02-01

From *Stupefied Youth to Dangerous Adults* Back in 2008, Mark Bauerlein was a voice crying in the wilderness. As experts greeted the new generation of "Digital Natives" with extravagant hopes for their high-tech future, he pegged them as the "Dumbest Generation." Today, their future doesn't look so bright, and their present is pretty grim. The twenty-somethings who spent their childhoods staring into a screen are lonely and purposeless, unfulfilled at work and at home. Many of them are even suicidal. *The Dumbest Generation Grows Up* is an urgently needed update on the Millennials, explaining their not-so-quiet desperation and, more important, the threat that their ignorance poses to the rest of us. Lacking skills, knowledge, religion, and a cultural frame of reference, Millennials are anxiously looking for something to fill the void. Their mentors have failed them. Unfortunately, they have turned to politics to plug the hole in their souls. Knowing nothing about history, they are convinced that it is merely a catalogue of oppression, inequality, and hatred. Why, they wonder, has the human race not ended all this injustice before now? And from the depths of their ignorance rises the answer: Because they are the first ones to care! All that is needed is to tear down our inherited civilization and replace it with their utopian aspirations. For a generation unacquainted with the constraints of human nature, anything seems possible. Having diagnosed the malady before most people realized the patient was sick, Mark Bauerlein surveys the psychological and social wreckage and warns that we cannot afford to do this to another generation.

Amelia and the Gym Class System - Jimmy Gownley 2010-09-01

Now that you've met Amelia and her friends, it's time to go to school! It's Amelia's first day at Joe McCarthy Elementary and she has a lot to learn about the 4th grade system--especially gym class and a new class called T.R.A.M.P (Teaching Respect and Anger Management in Preteens)! But, Reggie has brought his superhero costume

and his alter ego to school with him. Will Amelia survive her first day? Spotlight editions are printed on high-quality paper and with reinforced library bindings specifically printed for the library market. Grades 3-6.

Jacob the Liar - Jurek Becker 1996

Cut off from all news of the war along with thousands of fellow prisoners, Jacob Heym accidentally overhears a radio broadcast that reveals the Red Army's advancement and is forced to tell a series of lies in order to explain his knowledge.

Diario de Greg [English Learner's Edition] 1 - Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Jeff Kinney 2020-10-08
¡APRENDE INGLÉS CON GREG HEFFLEY! En esta edición encontrarás el texto completo en inglés con anotaciones para ayudar a la lectura y un glosario inglés-español. ¡Mejora tu inglés con la ayuda de los libros de más éxito de la historia! It's a new school year, and Greg Heffley finds himself thrust into middle school, where undersized weaklings share the hallways with kids who are taller, meaner, and already shaving. The hazards of growing up before you're ready are uniquely revealed through words and drawings as Greg Records them in his diary. What's in Diary of a Wimpy Kid? 50% Words, 50% Cartoons, 100% Hilarious!

The Dumbest Idea Ever!: A Graphic Novel - Jimmy Gownley 2014-02-25

Jimmy Gownley's graphic novel memoir about the "dumb" idea that changed his life forever! At thirteen, Jimmy was popular, at the top of his class, and the leading scorer on his basketball team. But all that changed when chicken pox forced him to miss the championship game. Things went from bad to worse when he got pneumonia and missed even more school. Before Jimmy knew it, his grades were sinking and nothing seemed to be going right. How did Jimmy turn things around, get back on top at school, and land a date with the cutest girl in class? Renowned comics creator Jimmy Gownley shares his adventures as he grows from an eager-to-please boy into a teenage comic book artist. This is the real-life story of how the DUMBEST idea ever became the BEST thing that ever happened to him.

Love in the Time of Cholera (Illustrated Edition) - Gabriel García Márquez 2020-10-27

A beautifully packaged edition of one of García

Márquez's most beloved novels, with never-before-seen color illustrations by the Chilean artist Luisa Rivera and an interior design created by the author's son, Gonzalo García Barcha. In their youth, Florentino Ariza and Fermina Daza fall passionately in love. When Fermina eventually chooses to marry a wealthy, well-born doctor, Florentino is devastated, but he is a romantic. As he rises in his business career he whiles away the years in 622 affairs—yet he reserves his heart for Fermina. Her husband dies at last, and Florentino purposefully attends the funeral. Fifty years, nine months, and four days after he first declared his love for Fermina, he will do so again.

The Dumbest Idea Ever! - Jimmy Gownley 2014

Recounts the author's adventures as he grows from an eager-to-please boy into a teenage comic book artist.

Amelia Rules! - Jimmy Gownley 2008-07

After moving in with her Aunt Tanner with her mother after her parents' divorce, Amelia spends her time surrounded by an unusual group of misfits, including a wide variety of zany friends and crazy relatives, as she comments on her life, her friends, herf

Mom Jeans and Other Mistakes - Alexa Martin 2021-09-07

"The kind of book that's destined to be passed from friend to friend."—PopSugar Two best friends say "I do" to living together, for better or worse, in this bold women's fiction novel from Alexa Martin. Jude Andrews is famous. Well, at least on Instagram. Her brand is clean eating, good vibes, Pilates, and casually looking like a sun-kissed goddess. In real life, however, she's a total disaster. She has a strained relationship with her fame-hungry mom and her latest bad decision emptied out her entire savings account. Lauren Turner had a plan: graduate medical school and become the top surgeon in the country. But when she became unexpectedly pregnant, those plans changed. And when her fiancé left her, they changed again. Now navigating the new world of coparenting, mom groups, and dating, she decides to launch a mommy podcast with all the advice she wishes someone had given her. Jude and Lauren don't have much in common, but maybe that's why

they've been best friends since the third grade. Through ups and downs, they've been by each other's sides. But now? They're broke, single, and do the only thing that makes sense—move in together, just like they talked about when they were teenagers. Except when they were younger, the plan didn't include a five-year-old daughter and more baggage than their new townhouse can hold.

Henry and Glenn Forever and Ever - Tom Neely
2014-11-29

In the latest installment of the greatest love story ever told, Glenn's mother, freshly unearthed from beneath the bricks, moves in with him and Henry. Without giving too much away, Glenn's mommy issues come to the surface as she critiques his art, replaces his wardrobe, scrubs their dungeon, and recalls his childhood. Glenn tries to sell his signature to a UPS driver, takes a punch, and has some daydreaming adventures with a plunger. Henry, "a loud guy with a good work ethic," shows his darker side and indifference to a fan as he drinks black coffee and bonds with Glenn over their distaste for their own bands; two men who suffer best alone together. Additional pin up art by Andy Belanger, Katie Skelly, and Tom Scioli. Darkest and best issue yet.

Out of My Mind - Sharon M. Draper 2012-05
Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

The Dumbest Generation - Mark Bauerlein
2008-05-15

This shocking, surprisingly entertaining romp into the intellectual nether regions of today's underthirty set reveals the disturbing and, ultimately, incontrovertible truth: cyberculture is turning us into a society of know-nothings. The Dumbest Generation is a dire report on the intellectual life of young adults and a timely warning of its impact on American democracy and culture. For decades, concern has been brewing about the dumbed-down popular culture available to young people and the impact it has on their futures. But at the dawn of the digital age, many thought they saw an answer: the internet, email, blogs, and interactive and hyper-realistic video games promised to yield a generation of sharper, more aware, and

intellectually sophisticated children. The terms "information superhighway" and "knowledge economy" entered the lexicon, and we assumed that teens would use their knowledge and understanding of technology to set themselves apart as the vanguards of this new digital era. That was the promise. But the enlightenment didn't happen. The technology that was supposed to make young adults more aware, diversify their tastes, and improve their verbal skills has had the opposite effect. According to recent reports from the National Endowment for the Arts, most young people in the United States do not read literature, visit museums, or vote. They cannot explain basic scientific methods, recount basic American history, name their local political representatives, or locate Iraq or Israel on a map. The Dumbest Generation: How the Digital Age Stupefies Young Americans and Jeopardizes Our Future is a startling examination of the intellectual life of young adults and a timely warning of its impact on American culture and democracy. Over the last few decades, how we view adolescence itself has changed, growing from a pitstop on the road to adulthood to its own space in society, wholly separate from adult life. This change in adolescent culture has gone hand in hand with an insidious infantilization of our culture at large; as adolescents continue to disengage from the adult world, they have built their own, acquiring more spending money, steering classrooms and culture towards their own needs and interests, and now using the technology once promoted as the greatest hope for their futures to indulge in diversions, from MySpace to multiplayer video games, 24/7. Can a nation continue to enjoy political and economic predominance if its citizens refuse to grow up? Drawing upon exhaustive research, personal anecdotes, and historical and social analysis, The Dumbest Generation presents a portrait of the young American mind at this critical juncture, and lays out a compelling vision of how we might address its deficiencies. The Dumbest Generation pulls no punches as it reveals the true cost of the digital age—and our last chance to fix it.

Wonder - R. J. Palacio 2017-09-26
Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities, goes from being home-

schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates.

The Glass Castle - Jeannette Walls 2007-01-02

A triumphant tale of a young woman and her difficult childhood, *The Glass Castle* is a

remarkable memoir of resilience, redemption, and a revelatory look into a family at once deeply dysfunctional and wonderfully vibrant. Jeannette Walls was the second of four children raised by anti-institutional parents in a household of extremes.