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100 Great Books Under 200 Pages

Sports

Black and White, by Paul Volponi 185 pages

Two high school basketball players get involved in a crime. FIC VOL

Crackback, by John Coy 200 pages

Football used to be fun, but now Miles is sidelined...and pressured to take drugs. FIC COY

Homestretch, by Paul Volponi 151 pages

Gaston runs away from home to work as a jockey at a racehorse farm in Arkansas. FIC VOL

Hoops, by Walter Dean Myers 183 pages

Will a point-shaving scandal ruin a young basketball player's career? FIC MYE

The Outside Shot, by Walter Dean Myers 185 pages

A college basketball scholarship is Lonnie's ticket out of Harlem. FIC MYE

Rucker Park Setup, by Paul Volponi 149 pages

Basketball, murder and a score to settle...with the killer watching every move. FIC VOL

Saturday Night Dirt, by Will Weaver 163 pages

Adventures of Saturday night dirt track racers in a small town. FIC WEA

Waiting to Score, by J.E. MacLeod 198 pages

Zack's world: it's all about hockey...along with parties, fights, and one special girl. FIC MAC

Mystery and Suspense

Blood Trail, by Nancy Springer 105 pages

What if you knew who killed your best friend, but you were afraid to tell? FIC SPR

Dead Girls Don't Write Letters, by Gail Giles 136 pages

Sunny's sister Jazz died in a fire. Then a strange girl shows up, claiming to be her. FIC GIL

The Ghost Who Looked Like Me, by Anne Schraff 109 pages

Jaris suspects foul play when he investigates a long-ago race-related murder. FIC SCH

Marley Z and the Bloodstained Violin, by Jim Fusilli 164 pages

When a valuable violin is stolen from the Julliard School, Marley investigates. FIC FUS

One of the Survivors, by Susan Shaw 199 pages

After his classmates die in a school fire, the whole town starts to suspect Joey. FIC SHA

Shattering Glass, by Gail Giles 152 pages

Rob turns the school nerd into Prince Charming...and unexpected violence follows. FIC GIL

Shock Point, by April Henry 185 pages

Trapped in prison, Cassie can't warn the world about a dangerous new drug. FIC HEN

Somebody, by Nancy Springer 117 pages

Childhood memories make Sherica look into her past. Who is she, really? FIC SPR

When a Hero Dies, by Anne Schraff 128 pages

Tony tries to find out who murdered his friend. Now the killer is stalking him. FIC SCH

Friendship

After Tupac and D Foster, by Jacqueline Woodson 151 pages

Three girls bond over their shared love of Tupac's music. FIC WOO

Fat Kid Rules the World, by K.L. Going 187 pages

Troy's life is going nowhere, until he becomes a drummer in a rock band. FIC GOI

Ten Mile River, by Paul Griffin 186 pages

Two boys escape from foster care and strike out on their own in New York City. FIC GRI

Love Stories

The Espressologist, by Kristina Springer 184 pages

A coffee shop worker matches people up based on their coffee choices. FIC SPR

Street Love, by Walter Dean Myers 134 pages

A love story set amid the street gangs and poverty of Harlem. Told in verse. FIC MYE

The Summer I Got a Life, by Mark Fink 196 pages

Andy and his brother Ben have to spend the summer with their weird aunt. FIC FIN

Fantasy, Horror and Scary Stories

The Best Friend, by R.L. Stine 147 pages

Honey wants to be Becka's only friend. And she'll do anything to make that happen. FIC STI

The Boy Who Couldn't Die, by William Sleator 173 pages

Ken can't die, but he can kill. Can anyone stop him? Can he stop himself? FIC SLE

Coraline, by Neil Gaiman 162 pages

Coraline walks through a mysterious door...into a frightening alternate world. FIC GAI

Pemba's Song: A Ghost Story, by Tonya Hegimin 109 pages

Pemba is haunted by the ghost of a girl who was once a slave in her new home. FIC HEG

Shadowed Summer, by Sandra Mitchell 183 pages

Iris conjures up the ghost of a missing boy, and tries to solve the mystery. FIC MIT

Vampires (and other strange creatures)

The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod: Eighth Grade Bites, by Heather Brewer 182 pages

Vlad has a secret: he's half-vampire. But he can't keep it secret much longer. FIC BRE

Got Fangs? By Katie Maxwell 193 pages

Fran works for a traveling Goth fair, and falls in love with a vampire. FIC MAX

I Kissed a Zombie and I Liked It, by Adam Selzer 177 pages

In Ally's school of the future, the "undead" are just part of daily life. FIC SEL

Pretty Dead, by Francesca Lia Block 195 pages

Beautiful vampire Charlotte finds herself slowly changing back into a human. FIC BLO

The Vampire Kisses series, by Ellen Schreiber

Vampire Kisses (Book 1) (200+ pages)

Kissing Coffins (Book 2) 165 pages

Vampireville (Book 3) 176 pages

Dance with a Vampire (Book 4) 179 pages

Adventure, Survival and Nature

Aftershock, by Kelly Easton 176 pages

In shock after a car accident, Adam journeys across the country to his home. FIC EAS

Claws, by Dan Greenburg 194 pages

Cody takes a job caring for lions and tigers on a Texas ranch. FIC GRE

Hurricane Song, by Paul Volponi 138 pages

Surviving the horrors of Hurricane Katrina in the New Orleans Superdome. FIC VOL

Families

Many Stones, by Carolyn Coman 170 pages

Berry and her father travel to South Africa to attend a memorial for her murdered sister. FIC COM

Mob Princess: For Money or Love, by Todd Strasser 195 pages

It's up to Kate to keep her mobster family together. FIC STR

School Stories

Bronx Masquerade, by Nikki Grimes 167 pages

Eighteen very different high school students find common ground by sharing poetry. FIC GRI

A Field Guide to High School, by Marissa Walsh 133 pages

Andie's college-bound sister writes a success guide to high school for her. FIC WAL

Jumped, by Rita Williams-Garcia 169 pages

Will there be a fight after school, or will someone step in and stop it? FIC WIL

The Secret Year, by Jennifer R. Hubbard 192 pages

After reading the journal of a dead friend, Colt starts to understand their past. FIC HUB

Sticks and Stones, by Beth Goobie 86 pages

Jujube, a victim of vicious rumors, struggles to restore her reputation. FIC GOO

Crime

Dope Sick, by Walter Dean Myers 186 pages

"Lil J" runs away from a bad drug deal, and into a life-changing situation. FIC MYE

Fakie, by Tony Varrato 142 pages

Alex is in the Witness Protection Program, and somebody wants him dead. FIC VAR

Hit and Run, by Lurleen McDaniel 180 pages

A hit and run accident, told from four different points of view. FIC MCDaniel

Inexcusable, by Chris Lynch 165 pages

Was it date rape? Or is Keir innocent? FIC LYN

Response, by Paul Volponi 145 pages

When a man is beaten with a baseball bat, three teens are charged with a hate crime. FIC VOL

Rooftop, by Paul Volponi 199 pages

Clay is the only witness to his cousin's murder. FIC VOL

Taken, by Norah McClintock 165 pages

Stephanie is kidnapped. Can she escape and run to freedom? FIC MCClintock

They Never Came Back, by Caroline Cooney 200 pages

Is it a case of mistaken identity, or is Cathy the daughter of most-wanted criminals? FIC COO

Tweaked, by Katherine Holubitsky 179 pages

Gordie tries to hold things together for his brother, a crystal meth addict. FIC HOL

Real Girls

Beacon Hills High, by Mo’Nique

Eboni’s father lands his dream job, but that means changing high schools and moving. FIC MON

Becoming Billie Holiday, by Carole Boston Weatherford 109 pages

Beautifully illustrated life story of the singer, told in verse format. FIC WEA

Crystal, by Walter Dean Myers 196 pages

At 15, she’s already a top fashion model. Success is great, but what about her values? FIC MYE

First Time, by Meg Tilley 108 pages

Haley feels left out when her best friend starts to get interested in boys. FIC TIL

Glitter, by Babygirl Daniels 172 pages

Asia has just lost her dad. Now it looks like she might lose her best friend. FIC DAN

Hot, Sour, Salty, Sweet, by Sherri L. Smith 167 pages

Ana’s multicultural grandparents have to figure out how to share a family. FIC SMI

How to Steal a Car, by Pete Hautman 170 pages

Some girls act out by drinking or doing drugs. Kelleigh steals cars. FIC HAU

The Kayla Chronicles, by Sherri Winston 188 pages

High school journalist transforms into dance-diva to investigate her school’s dance team. FIC WIN

Money Hungry, by Sharon Flake 188 pages

Raspberry thinks about money 24/7. Will she ever have enough? FIC FLA

The Skin I’m In, by Sharon Flake 171 pages

Maleeka learns to accept herself for who she is. FIC FLA

Problems

The Beast, by Walter Dean Myers 170 pages

Anthony struggles to save his girlfriend when she develops a drug problem. FIC MYE

Bounce, by Natasha Friend 188 pages

Evyn’s had too many changes in her young life, and she wants her old life back. FIC FRI

The Boy from the Basement, by Susan Shaw 198 pages

Charlie’s father keeps him locked in the basement. Then one day, he gets out... FIC SHA

Get Well Soon, by Julie Halpern 193 pages

Letters to a friend, written by a girl in a mental hospital. FIC HAL

Like Sisters on the Homefront, by Rita Williams-Garcia 165 pages

When Gayle gets into trouble, she experiences the healing power of family. FIC WIL

Lisa, Bright and Dark, by John Neufeld 143 pages

Lisa seeks help from friends and family when she begins to lose touch with reality. FIC NEU

Lush, by Natasha Friend 178 pages

Samantha struggles with the alcoholic members of her family. FIC FRI

Push, by Sapphire 139 pages

A teacher opens up a world of hope for the much-abused Precious Jones. FIC SAP

Leftovers, by Heather Waldorf 198 pages

Sarah hates to have her picture taken. We soon find out the reason why. FIC WAL

Speak, by Laurie Halse Anderson 197 pages

A terrible thing happened to Melinda last summer. Now she has to start high school. FIC AND

Choices

Boy Meets Boy, by David Levithan 185 pages

Paul questions love, dating, relationships and gender. FIC LEV

Breathless, by Lurlene McDaniel 165 pages

A diving champion develops bone cancer. Can he live with the news? FIC MCDaniel

Briana's Gift, by Lurlene McDaniel 160 pages

A pregnant teen is hospitalized with a coma. Will she live or die? And the baby? FIC McDaniel

Butterflies in May, by Karen Hart 200 pages

High school student Ali faces many choices and challenges with her pregnancy. FIC HAR

Cut, by Patricia McCormick 156 pages

Callie cuts herself to deal with pain. This is her story of getting to a better place. FIC MCC

If I Stay, by Gayle Foreman 199 pages

In a coma, Mia must decide: join her family in death, or live in grief. FIC FOR

I'm Late, by Mari Evans 85 pages

Two girls, two pregnancies, two very different endings. FIC EVA

Finding Stinko, by Michael de Guzman 136 pages

After 11 foster homes, Newboy has decided to cope by not talking...ever. FIC DEG

The Five People You Meet in Heaven, by Mitch Albom 196 pages

Ever think about heaven? Here's one author's idea of what it might be like. FIC ALB

Stop Pretending: What Happened When My Big Sister Went Crazy, by S. Sones 148 pages

A younger sister must adjust when her older sister has a nervous breakdown. FIC SON

Real Guys

Brother Hood, by Janet McDonald 165 pages

Nate is caught between two different worlds: Harlem and his private boarding school. FIC MCD

The First Part Last, by Angela Johnson 132 pages

Bobby's life changes forever when he must care for his beloved newborn daughter. FIC JOH

Forged by Fire, by Sharon Draper 156 pages

Gerald must confront his abusive father to save his half-sister. FIC DRA

Muchacho, by Luanne Johnson 197 pages

Eddie's block is full of drug dealers and gangs. But he wants to change his life. FIC JOH

Paranoid Park, by Blake Nelson 180 pages

A skateboarder accidentally kills a security guard at a train station. FIC NEL

Purple Heart, by Patricia McCormick 198 pages

A young American soldier in Iraq suffers a traumatic brain injury and memory loss. FIC MCC

Stuck in Neutral, by Terry Trueman 114 pages

His name is Shawn, he's 14, and he thinks his father is trying to kill him. FIC TRU

Tears of a Tiger, by Sharon Draper 180 pages

A basketball player dies in a car crash, everyone is affected...especially the driver. FIC DRA

This Is What I Did, by Ann Dee Ellis 156 pages

Logan is bullied and unhappy at school. He finally meets the friends he needs. FIC ELL

Short Stories

145th Street: Short Stories, by Walter Dean Myers 145 pages

Ten stories portray life on a block in Harlem. SC MYE

Does This Book Make Me Look Fat?, edited by Marissa Walsh 195 pages

14 stories about loving – and hating – your body. SC DOE

Half-Minute Horrors, edited by Susan Rich 131 pages

How scared can you get in 30 seconds? Dare to find out! SC HAL

Sideshow: Ten Original Tales of Freaks, Illusionists, and Other Matters Odd and Magical, edited by Deborah Noyes SC SID

You Don't Even Know Me: Stories and Poems about Boys, by Sharon Flake 191 pages

Unforgettable characters come to life in this collection of urban male voices. SC FLA