



# BEST TEEN BOOK CLUB CHOICES

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# WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR BOOK CLUB COPIES?

- Joseph Beth Booksellers in Kentucky/Cincinnati
  - In-store children's book sales and warehouse sales
- Half Price Books
- Publisher-supplied ARCs or discounted copies
- YALSA grants
- Where do you get your books???

# CHATTING WITH AUTHORS

## ASK THEM ON TWITTER

Look up their publisher's site – check out the speakers section

Email the author!

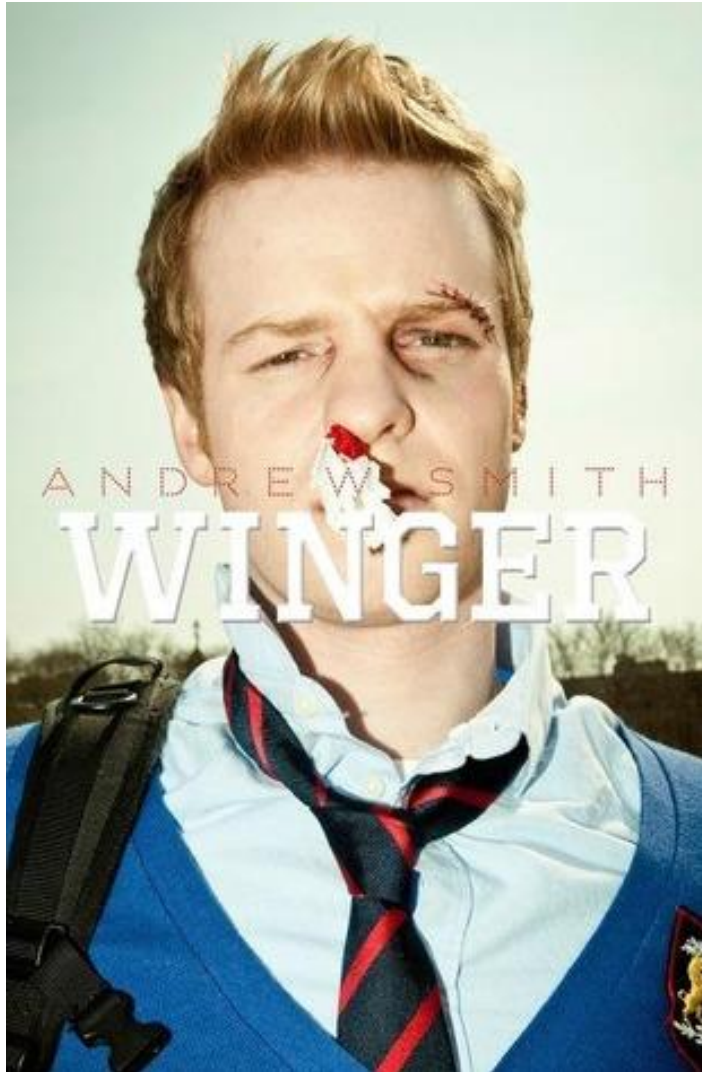
Live Skype – Emailed questions – Recorded Skype – Twitter chat –  
In-Person Visit



# CONTEMPORARY TEEN FICTION



# WINGER BY ANDREW SMITH



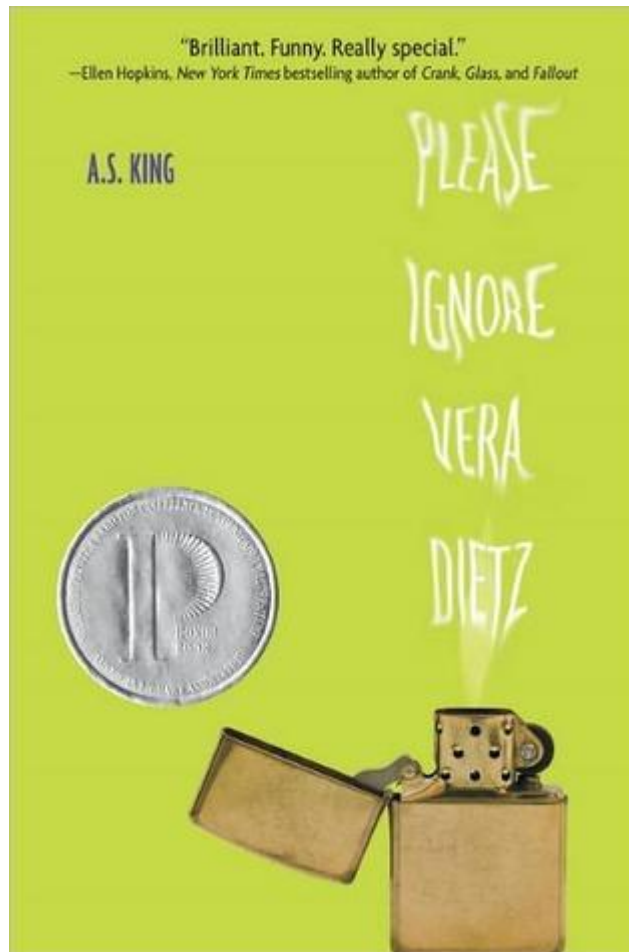
## Pros:

- Hilarious
- Sports
- Fast read
- Author is great with teens
- Funny comic illustrations

## Cons:

- LOTS of swearing
- Very mature
- Teens will get in trouble for reading it in class

# PLEASE IGNORE VERA DIETZ BY A.S. KING



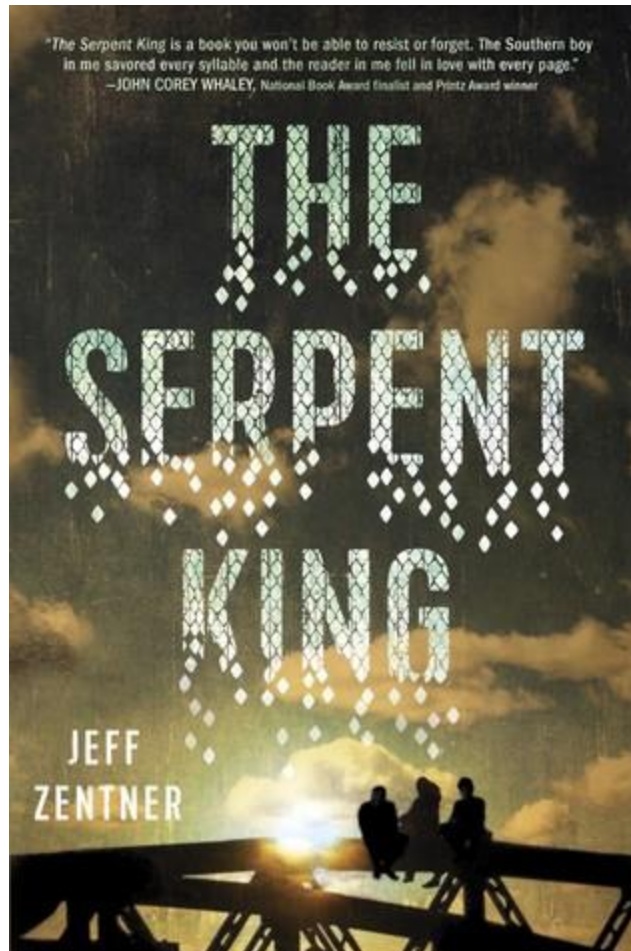
## Pros:

- Real issues
- Extremely authentic voice
- Author is great with teens
- Very relatable
- Protagonist is an alcoholic
- Paperback editions are cheap

## Cons:

- LOTS of swearing
- Very mature
- Protagonist is an alcoholic

# THE SERPENT KING BY JEFF ZENTNER



## Pros:

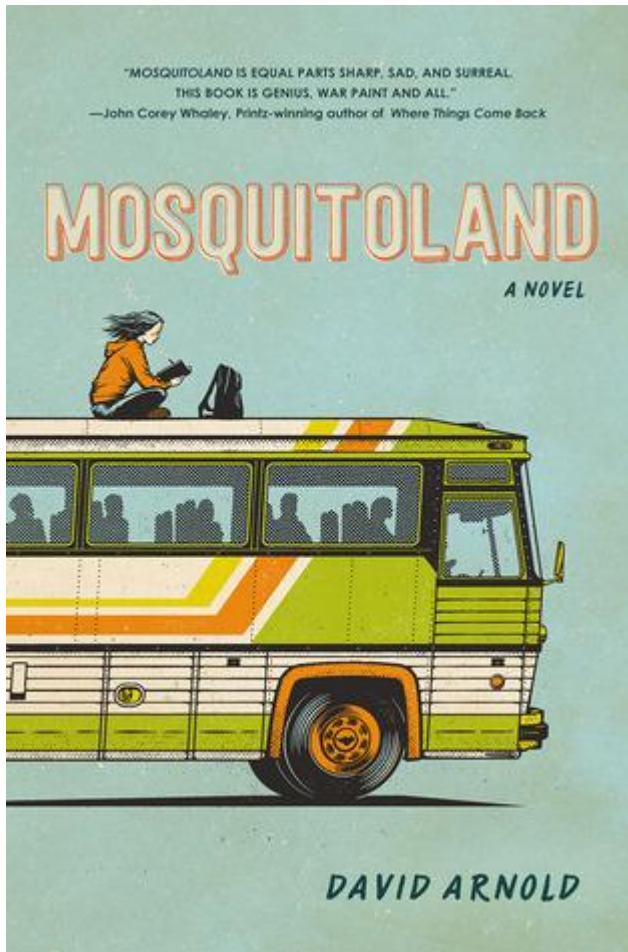
- Relatable protagonists
- Southern author
- Appealing contemporary setting

## Cons:

- Slightly inauthentic voices
- Depressing



# MOSQUITOLAND BY DAVID ARNOLD



## Pros:

- Very compelling writing
- Kentucky author
- Fast read
- Adults like it too!
- Very authentic voice
- Appealing contemporary setting

## Cons:

- Swearing



# FAKING NORMAL BY COURTNEY C. STEVENS

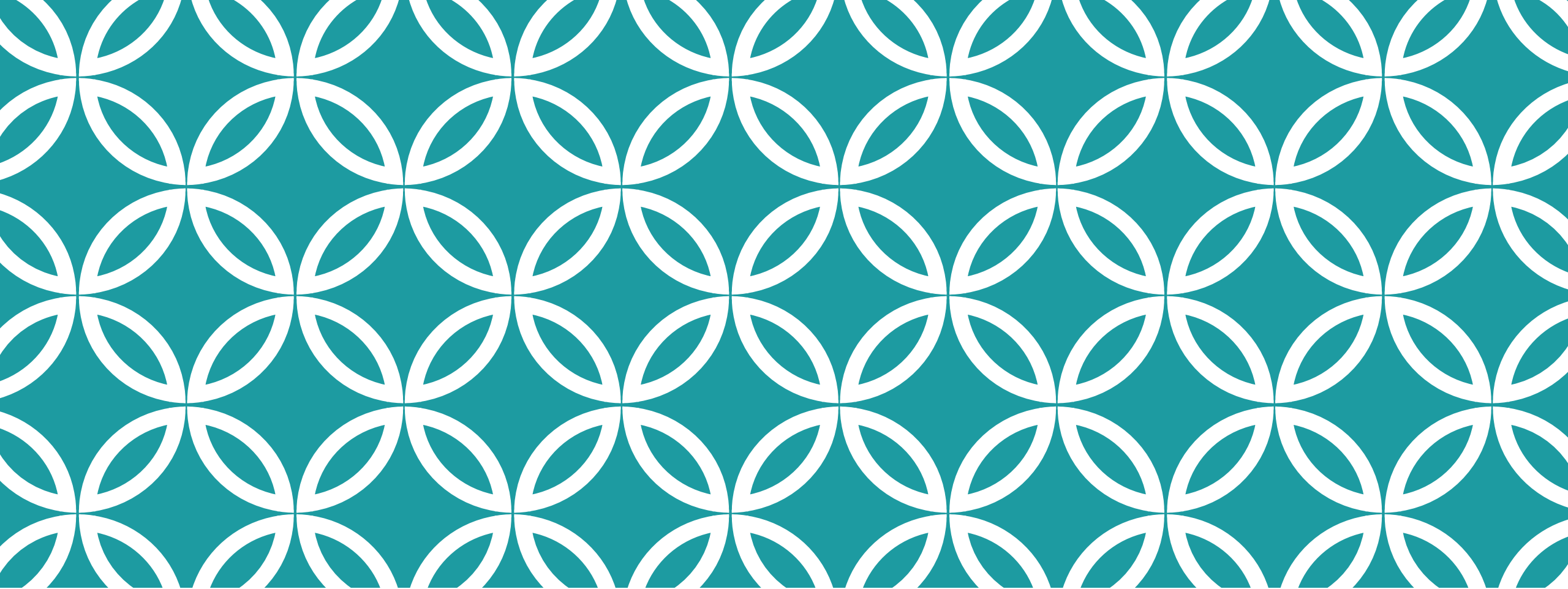


## Pros:

- Appealing contemporary setting
- Authentic voices and relatable teens
- Author is **AMAZING** with teens
- Issues book

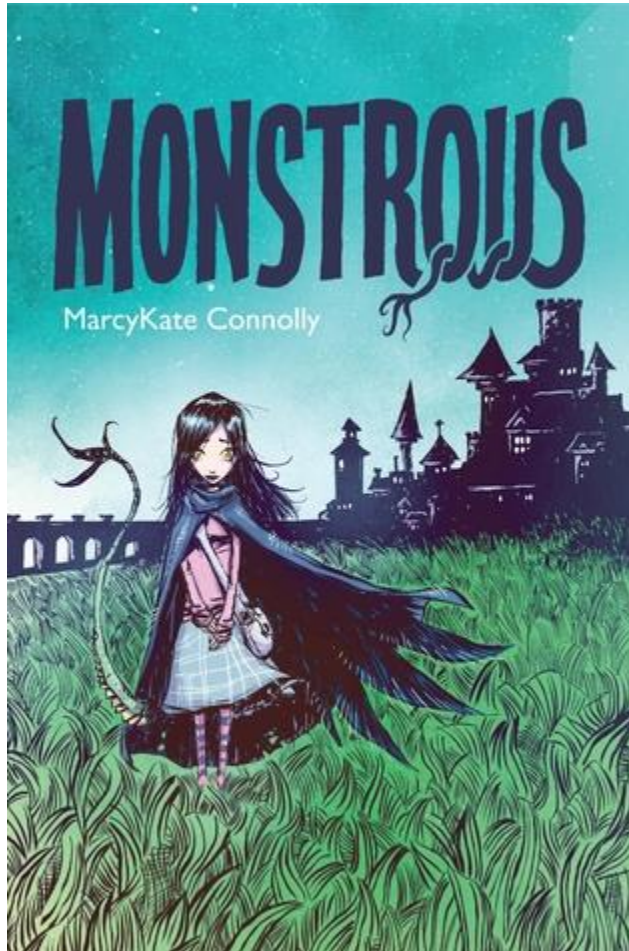
## Cons:

- Will make you cry. Will make your teen boy students cry. Will make your teachers cry.



**GENRE FICTION** |

# MONSTROUS BY MARCYKATE CONNOLLY



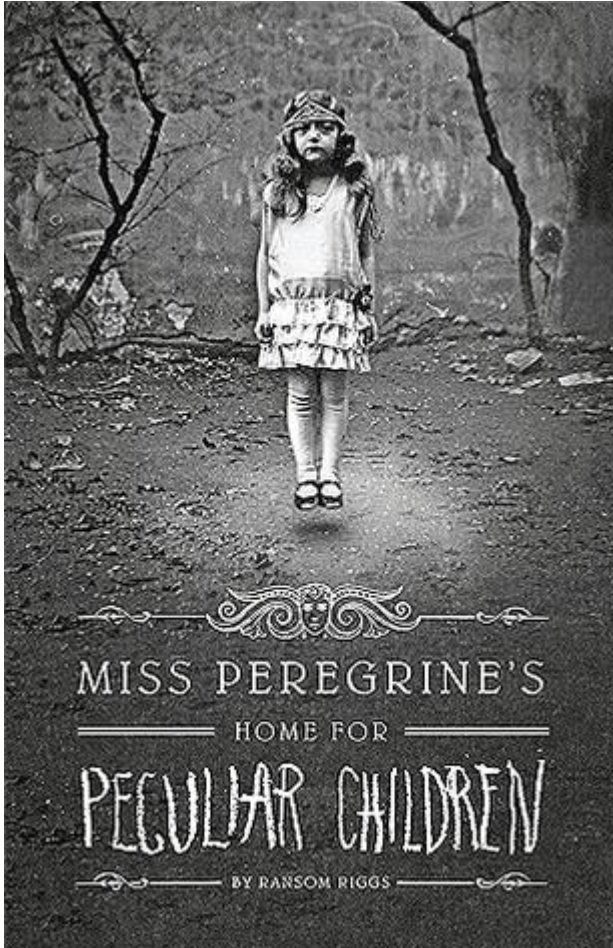
## Pros:

- Unique protagonist
- World-building is great
- Great discussion starter
- Great art activity prompts
- Compelling writing and characters

## Cons:

- Fantasy setting isn't for everyone
- Kind of long for middle grade

# MISS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN BY RANSOM RIGGS



## Pros:

- Weird characters
- Foreign setting
- PHOTOGRAPHS
- Movie!

## Cons:

- Foreign setting
- Can be a little scary
- A little long
- First book in a series

# SISTERS RED BY JACKSON PEARCE



## Pros:

- Great writing
- Fast-paced plot
- Compelling contemporary setting with paranormal themes
- Relatable characters with issues

## Cons:

- Old editions might be hard to find
- Girly cover
- First book in a series of re-tellings
- Violent! Bloody! Gore!



# UGLIES BY SCOTT WESTERFELD



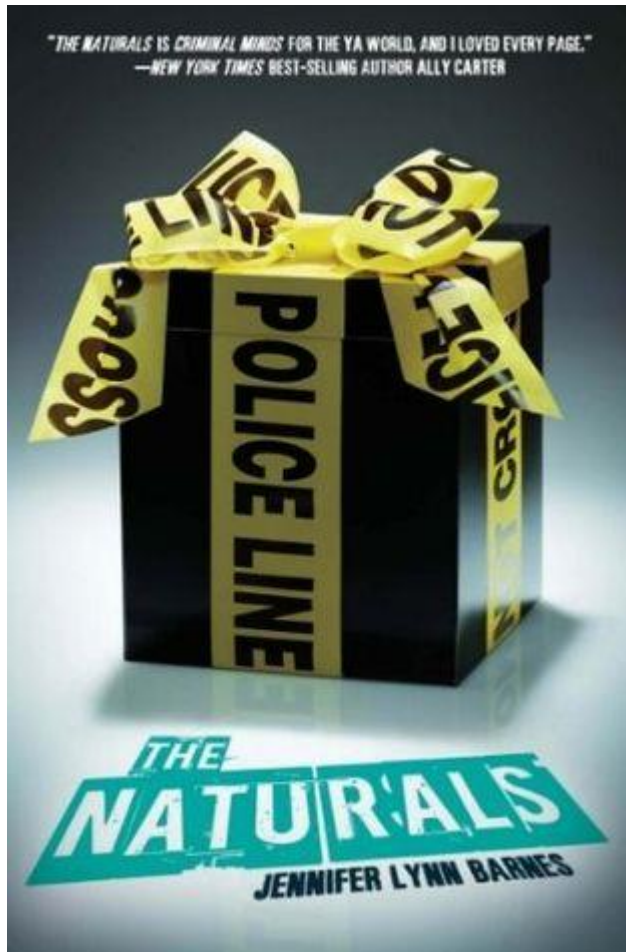
## Pros:

- Great writing
- Great discussion starter because of characters
- Great world-building that starts interesting discussions
- Fast-paced plot

## Cons:

- Weird sci-fi setting
- Dialogue can be hard to follow

# THE NATURALS BY JENNIFER LYNN BARNES



## Pros:

- Great writing, especially dialogue
- Relatable and interesting characters
- High-interest topic
- Fast-paced plot

## Cons:

- Bad cover?
- First book in a series
- Morbid topic

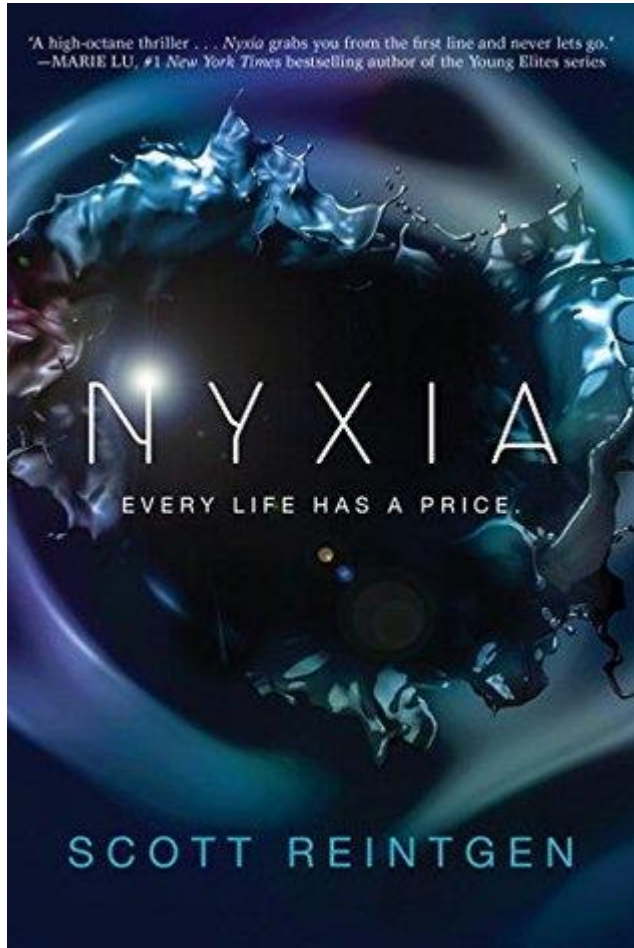




# NEW FICTION — 2017 RELEASES



# NYXIA BY SCOTT REINTGEN



## Pros:

- Relatable characters with relatable issues
- Fast-paced
- Competitive plot
- Author has a great grasp on teen voices

## Cons:

- Sci-fi isn't always appealing
- Lots of characters to keep track of
- First in a series

# THE HATE U GIVE

"Absolutely riveting!"  
—JASON REYNOLDS, bestselling coauthor of *All American Boys*



**ANGIE THOMAS**

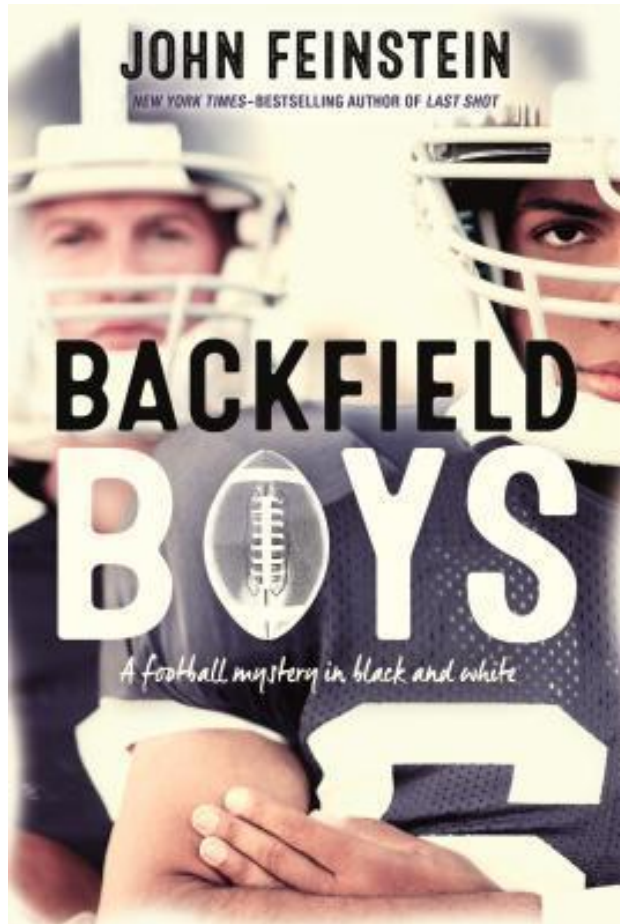
## Pros:

- Great writing
- Relatable and interesting characters
- High-interest topic
- Audiobook is great
- Great discussion topics

## Cons:

- Very long
- Mature content

# BACKFIELD BOYS BY JOHN FEINSTEIN



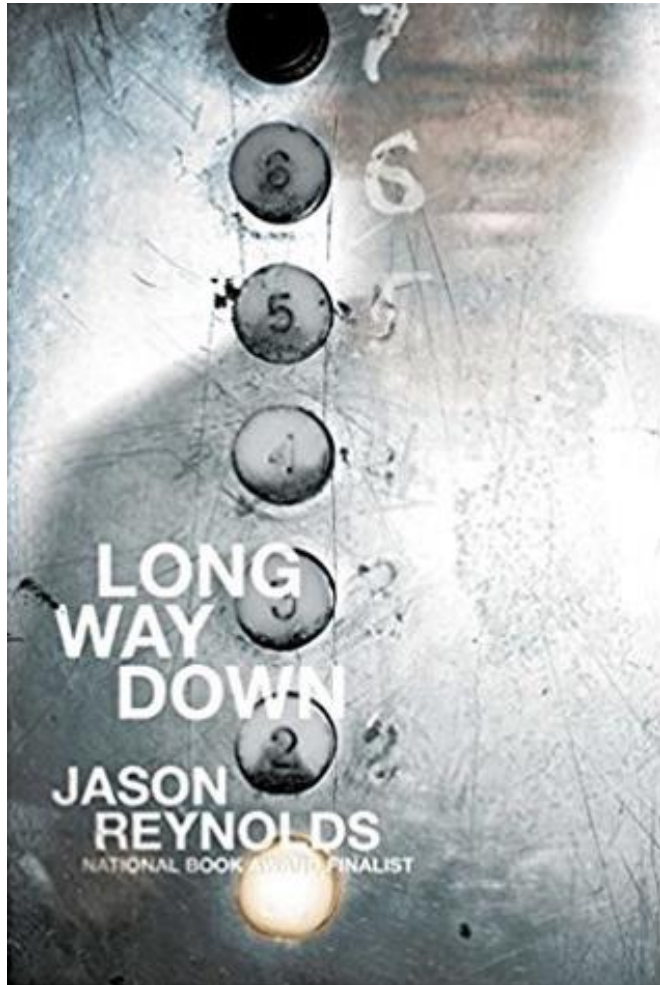
## Pros:

- Appealing contemporary setting
- Sports!
- Great discussion book
- Addresses race issues
- Sports issues in school
- Good for middle grade

## Cons:

- References Trump – dated?

# LONG WAY DOWN BY JASON REYNOLDS



## Pros:

- Short
- Verse novel
- Relatable characters and dialogue
- Great intro to poetry/verse novels
- Important topics

## Cons:

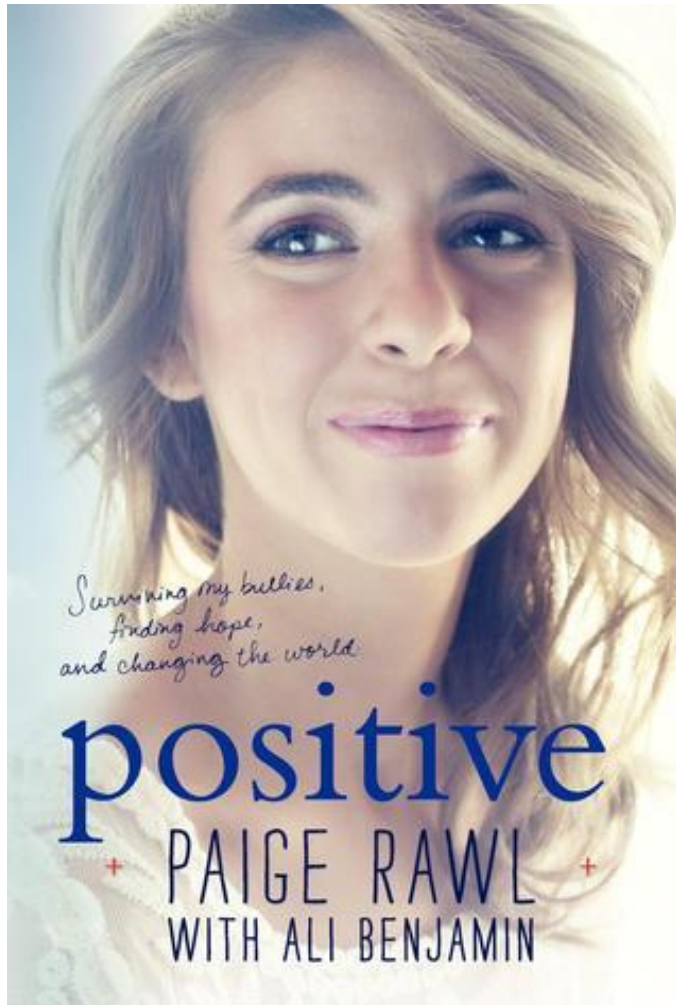
- Mature topics
- May be hard to follow for non-poetry readers



**NON-FICTION** |



# POSITIVE BY PAIGE RAWL AND ALI BENJAMIN



## Pros:

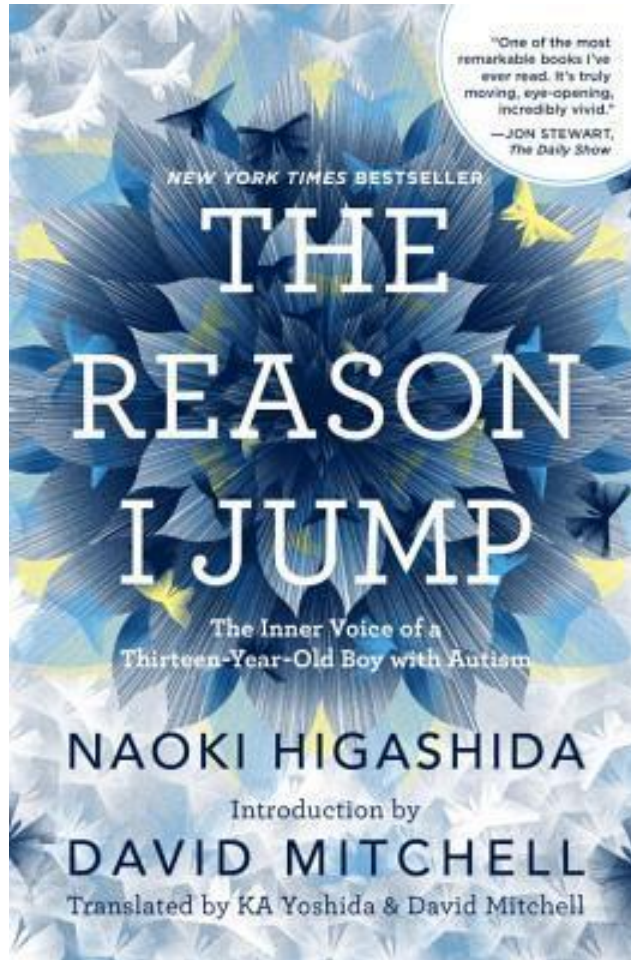
- Written by a teen
- Extremely relatable - bullying
- Author very active on social media
- Very eye-opening

## Cons:

- Kind of a big book
- Somewhat mature content



# THE REASON I JUMP BY NAOKI HIGASHIDA



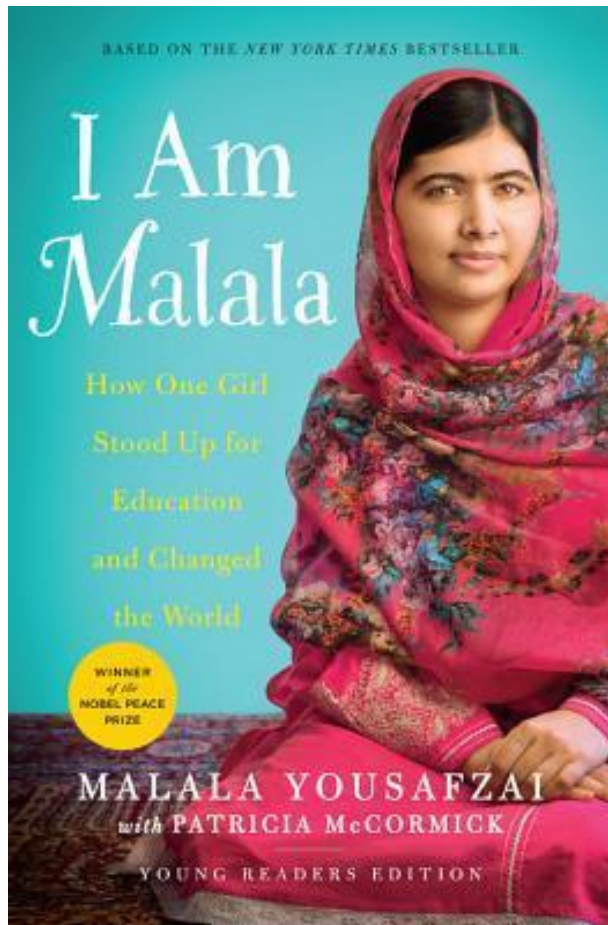
## Pros:

- Eye-opening
- Short book
- Fast read
- Great topics for discussion

## Cons:

- May take a lot of discussion to understand

# I AM MALALA: YOUNG READER'S EDITIONS

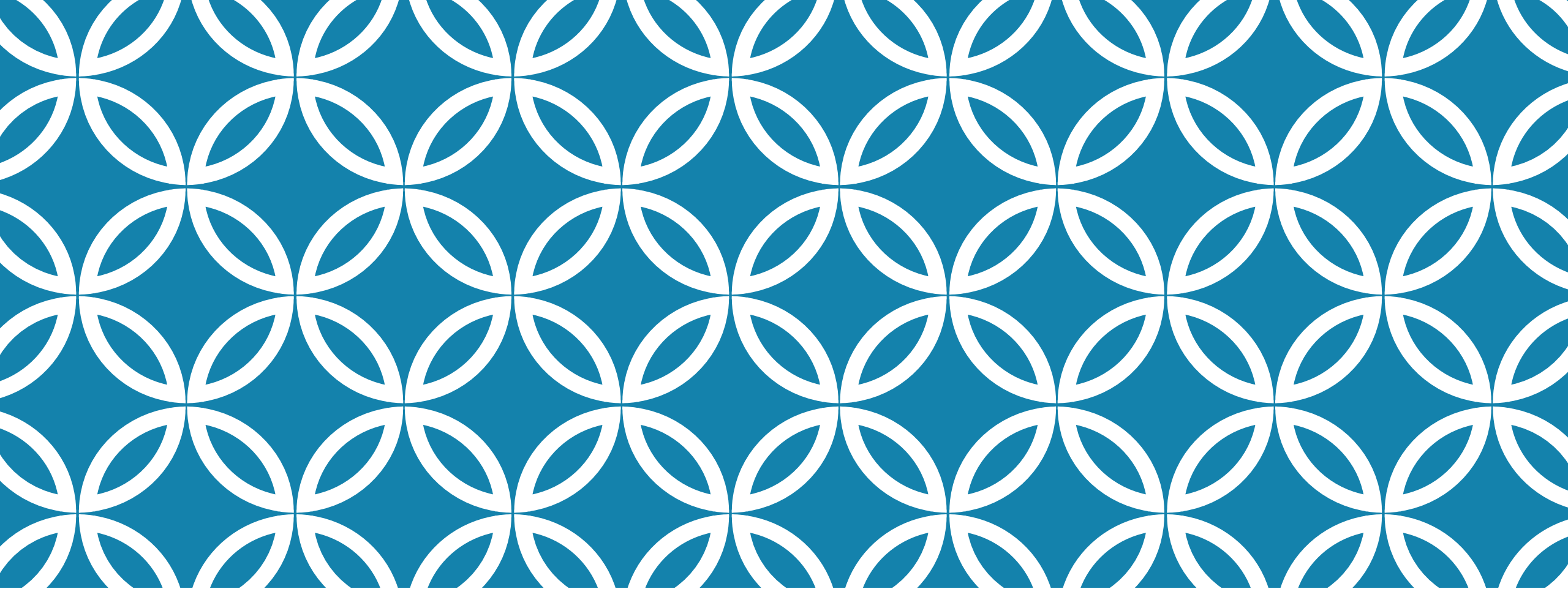


Goodreads User [Anne16](#):

Both books are, certainly, well-written, but the "adult" version is much more comprehensive in terms of the history, political history, and cultural aspects of Pakistan and much more in depth regarding events Malala experiences. I have read both with 7th graders, and the "young reader" version was appreciated much more



**YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS???**  
**ESPECIALLY MIDDLE GRADE**  
**OR NON-FICTION?**



**QUESTIONS?** |