

If You Liked **The Outsiders** by S.E. Hinton Try....



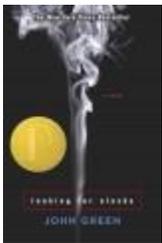
[Dark Dude by Oscar Hijuelos](#)

Summary: In the 1960s, Rico Fuentes, a pale-skinned Cuban American teenager, abandons drug-infested New York City for the picket fence and apple pie world of Wisconsin, only to discover that he still feels like an outsider and that violent and judgmental people can be found even in the wholesome Midwest. YA F HIJUELOS



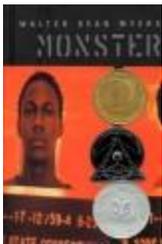
[Homeboyz by Alan Lawrence Sitomer](#)

Summary: Seventeen-year-old Teddy Anderson, who is known on the streets as T-Bear, decides to seek revenge on the person responsible for his little sister's death, which was caused by a stray bullet from a semiautomatic handgun. YA F SITOMER



[Looking For Alaska by John Green](#)

Summary: Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash. YA F GREEN



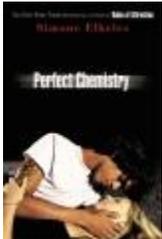
[Monster by Walter Dean Myers](#)

Summary: While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records--as a film script--his experiences in prison and in the courtroom as he tries to come to terms with the course of his life. YA F MYERS



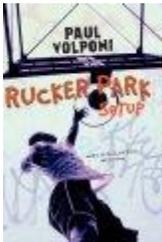
[Paranoid Park by Blake Nelson](#)

Summary: A sixteen-year-old Portland, Oregon skateboarder, whose parents are going through a difficult divorce, is engulfed by guilt and confusion when he accidentally kills a security guard at a train yard. YA F NELSON



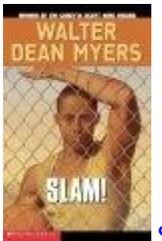
[Perfect Chemistry by Simone Elkeles](#)

Summary: When wealthy, seemingly perfect Brittany and Alex Fuentes, a gang member from the other side of town, develop a relationship after Alex discovers that Brittany is not exactly who she seems to be, they must face the disapproval of their schoolmates and others. YA F ELKELES



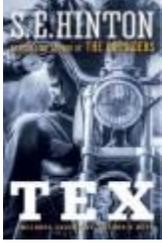
[Rucker Park Setup by Paul Volponi](#)

Summary: While playing in a crucial basketball game on the very court where his best friend was murdered, Mackey tries to come to terms with his own part in that murder and decide whether to maintain his silence or tell the police what really happened. YA F VOL



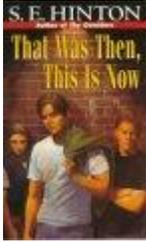
[SLAM! by Walter Dean Myers](#)

Summary: Sixteen-year-old "Slam" Harris is counting on his noteworthy basketball talents to get him out of the inner city and give him a chance to succeed in life, but his coach sees things differently. YA F MYERS



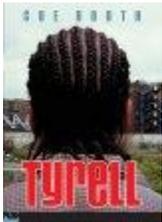
[Tex by S.E. Hinton](#)

Summary: The love between two teenage brothers helps to alleviate the harshness of their usually parentless life as they struggle to grow up. YA F HINTON



[That Was Then, This Is Now by S.E. Hinton](#)

Summary: Sixteen-year-old Mark and Bryon have been like brothers since childhood, but now, as their involvement with girls, gangs, and drugs increases, their relationship seems to gradually disintegrate. YA F HINTON



[Tyrell by Coe Booth](#)

While living in a homeless shelter with his disconnected mother and little brother, Tyrell has to come to terms with the life he has been given and a father in prison, thus seeking to improve his situation, Tyrell believes that money is the answer and starts to consider illegal pursuits to get it. YA F BOOTH