



Drugs and Recovery

Heroin

by Mindy McGinnis

Determined to see her softball team through a historic tournament run despite severe injuries, Mickey Catalan is prescribed painkillers that initially help, before high pressure leads to an out-of-control addiction.

Black Girl Unlimited

by Echo Brown

From age six through her high school valedictory speech, believing she and her mother are wizards helps young Echo cope with poverty, hunger, her mother's drug abuse, and much more.

The Spectacular Now

by Tim Tharp

In the last months of high school, charismatic 18-year-old Sutter lives in the present, staying drunk or high most of the time, but that could change when he starts working to boost the self-confidence of a classmate

Beneath a Meth Moon

by Jacqueline Woodson

A young girl uses crystal meth to escape the pain of losing her mother and grandmother and then struggles to get over her addiction.

Saint Death

by Marcus Sedgwick

Arturo scrapes by working odd jobs and staying out of sight. His friend Faustino joined one of the drug gangs. He stole money from the gang to send his girlfriend and her baby into the U.S. — and he wants Arturo's help replacing the money before the gang kills him.

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The Art of Losing

by Lizzy Mason

While struggling to cope with her alcoholic boyfriend's betrayal that put her sister in a coma, seventeen-year-old Harley reconnects with neighbor Raf, who is facing his own demons after rehab.

Beautiful

by Amy Lynn Reed

Haunted by serious problems in her recent past, 13-year-old Cassie makes a fresh start at a Seattle school but is drawn by dangerous new friends into a world of sex, drugs, and violence, while her parents remain oblivious.

Dope Sick

by Walter Dean Myers

Seeing no way out of his difficult life in Harlem, 17-year-old "Lil J" flees into a house after a drug deal goes awry and meets a strange man who shows different turning points in Lil J's life when he could have made better choices.

Crank

by Ellen Hopkins

Kristina is the perfect daughter, but she meets a boy who introduces her to drugs and becomes a very different person, struggling to control her life and her mind.

Hey Kiddo

by Jarrett Krosoczka

The author shares his life story about growing up with a drug-addicted mother, a missing father, and two unforgettably opinionated grandparents.

