

Books set in Maine or written by Maine authors

YA FIC PET-- *In the hall with the knife* by Diana Peterfreund

When a storm strikes at Blackbrook Academy, an elite prep school nestled in the woods of Maine, a motley crew of students--including Beth 'Peacock' Picach, Orchid McKee, Vaughn Green, Sam 'Mustard' Maestor, Finn Plum, and Scarlet Mistry--are left stranded on campus with their headmaster. Hours later, his body is found in the conservatory and it's very clear his death was no accident. With this group of students who are all hiding something, nothing is as it seems, and everyone has a motive for murder.

YA FIC DRA -- *The last true poets of the sea* by Julia Drake

Inspired loosely by Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, teenaged Violet is shipped off to Maine after her brother's hospitalization, where she searches for the lost shipwreck that her great-great grandmother survived and for answers about her family's long struggle with mental illness, all while falling in love.

YA FIC CUL -- *Three things I know are true* by Betty Culley

Five months ago, Liv's big brother, Jonah, shot himself. It was an accident. He didn't know that the gun was loaded. But the damage was done. Now he won't ever be leaving their small mill town like he planned. Jonah can't speak, can't walk, can't take care of himself at all. Their house is full of machines and nurses working around the clock to keep Jonah alive. Liv's mom is struggling to cope with the aftermath, so Liv ends up being the one to soothe Jonah when he gets agitated, to lie with him when he can't sleep, and to see the carefree brother she's sure is still inside him somewhere. Liv hasn't spoken to Clay, Jonah's best friend, since the accident, even though he lives just across the street. The gun belonged to Clay's father, and Clay was with Jonah that terrible day. With Liv's mom suing Clay's father, there are lines Liv is not supposed to cross. As their entire community chooses sides, she feels the distance between them growing every day. Liv knows that Clay is nearly as broken as Jonah. She knows his life also changed forever the same moment as Jonah's. And she refuses to turn away from Clay, just as she refuses to give up on Jonah.

YA FIC POW -- Wilder girls by Rory Power.

It's been eighteen months since the Raxter School for Girls was put under quarantine. Since the Tox hit and pulled Hetty's life out from under her. It started slow. First the teachers died one by one. Then it began to infect the students, turning their bodies strange and foreign. Now, cut off from the rest of the world and left to fend for themselves on their island home, the girls don't dare wander outside the school's fence, where the Tox has made the woods wild and dangerous. They wait for the cure they were promised as the Tox seeps into everything. But when Byatt goes missing, Hetty will do anything to find her, even if it means breaking quarantine and braving the horrors that lie beyond the fence. And when she does, Hetty learns that there's more to their story, to their life at Raxter, than she could have ever thought true.

YA FIC BLA -- Good and gone by Megan Frazer Blakemore.

While on a road trip with her depressed older brother and gay friend to find a missing musician, fifteen-year-old Lexi grapples with painful memories of sexual assault by her ex-boyfriend.

YA FIC FRE -- The door to January by Gillian French.

In this paranormal thriller, sixteen-year-old Natalie Payson has had nightmares since moving away from Bernier, Maine, her hometown. She goes back to Bernier in summer to face up to the reason she left in the first place. There's also a boy she's trying hard not to trust.

YA FIC PAR -- The rattled bones by S.M. Parker

After her father's death, Rilla Brae puts off thoughts of college to take over his lobstering business, while helping an archaeology student excavate nearby Malaga, an uninhabited island with a ghost that beckons her.

YA FIC FRE -- The missing season by Gillian French

After moving to a new town for her father's job, Clara learns that kids go missing from Pender every October and that a monster named the Mumbler may be responsible.

YA FIC FRE -- Grit by Gillian French.

Darcy, who has a reputation and is used to rumors swirling around her, wrestles with what happened the same night her friend disappeared the previous summer and struggles with the weight of the dark secret she and her cousin share.

YA FIC SMI -- This is what happy looks like by Jennifer E. Smith.

Perfect strangers Graham Larkin and Ellie O'Neill meet online when Graham accidentally sends Ellie an e-mail about his pet pig, Wilbur. The two 17-year-olds strike up an e-mail relationship from opposite sides of the country and don't even know each other's first names. What's more, Ellie doesn't know Graham is a famous actor, and Graham doesn't know about the big secret in Ellie's family tree. When the relationship goes from online to in-person, they find out whether their relationship can be the real thing.

YA FIC MAC -- SYLO by D.J. MacHale

They came from the sky parachuting out of military helicopters to invade Tucker Pierce's idyllic hometown on Pemberwick Island, Maine. They call themselves SYLO and they are a secret branch of the U.S. Navy. SYLO's commander, Captain Granger, informs Pemberwick residents that the island has been hit by a lethal virus and must be quarantined. Now Pemberwick is cut off from the outside world. Tucker believes there's more to SYLO's story. He was on the sidelines when the high school running back dropped dead with no warning. He saw the bizarre midnight explosion over the ocean, and the mysterious singing aircraft that travel like shadows through the night sky. He tasted the Ruby--and experienced the powers it gave him--for himself. What all this means, SYLO isn't saying. Only Tucker holds the clues that can solve this deadly mystery. Look to the sky because Pemberwick Island is only the first stop.

YA FIC FRA --Secrets of truth and beauty by Megan Frazer.

Dara Cohen won the title of Little Miss Maine at age 7, but at age 17, she is definitely plus-sized. When her (Re)Think Thin school project, which questions how society views overweight people, humiliates her parents, they send her to therapy. Dara decides to contact her estranged sister, who lives on a collective goat farm in rural Massachusetts.

YA FIC HOL – The Lobster war by Ethan Howland.

Although he fears being in the water, sixteen-year-old Dain is determined to be a professional lobsterman, despite pressure from his older brother and widowed mother that he attend college instead, and despite the fact that someone is sabotaging his lobster traps.

YA FIC JON – Need or Captivate or Entice or Endure by Carrie Jones.

Need-- Depressed after the death of her stepfather, high school junior Zara goes to live with her grandmother in a small Maine town, where new friends tell Zara the strange man she keeps seeing may be a pixie king, and that only "were" creatures can stop him from taking souls.

Captivate -- High school junior Zara and her friends continue to try to contain the pixies that threaten their small Maine town, but when a Valkyrie takes Zara's boyfriend, Nick, to Valhalla, the only way to save him is to trust a pixie king, Astley.

Entice – When evil pixies invade Bedford, capturing more teens every day, sixteen-year-old Zara's quest to bring Nick back from Valhalla becomes more urgent, but she fears he will not return with her since she has been pixie kissed and become Astley's queen.

Endure-- When evil pixies cause mass destruction and chaos in Bedford, Maine, sixteen-year-old Zara prepares for war, aligning her team of pixies with the humans she loves so much, a task made more difficult by her growing feelings for pixie king Astley.

YA FIC JON -- Sand dollar summer by Kimberly K. Jones

When twelve-year-old Lise spends the summer on an island in Maine with her self-reliant mother and bright--but oddly mute--younger brother, her formerly safe world is complicated by an aged Indian neighbor, her mother's childhood friend, and a hurricane.

YA FIC JAC -- The complete history of why I hate her by Jennifer Richard Jacobson.

Wanting a break from being known only for her sister's cancer, seventeen-year-old Nola leaves Boston for a waitressing job at a summer resort in Maine, but soon feels as if her new best friend is taking over her life.

YA FIC WOO -- Dead beautiful by Yvonne Woon.

After her parents die under mysterious circumstances, sixteen-year-old Renee Winters is sent from California to an old-fashioned boarding school in Maine, where she meets a fellow student to whom she seems strangely connected

YA FIC GUI -- Revel by Maurissa Guibord.

Looking for her grandmother, seventeen-year-old Delia goes to an isolated island in Maine and discovers a frightening and supernatural world where ancient Greek symbols adorn the buildings and secret ceremonies take place on the beach at night.

YA FIC RAY -- Siren by Tricia Rayburn

After her sister's sudden death, seventeen-year-old Vanessa investigates a series of inexplicable drownings off the coast of Winter Harbor, Maine, and uncovers an unimaginable secret that changes everything.

YA FIC CAR – Almost, Maine by John Cariani

Based on the popular play by the same name, John Cariani's *Almost, Maine* is an interlinked collection of heartwarming and heartbreaking YA stories that will have you thinking about love in an entirely new way. Welcome to Almost, Maine, a town that's so far north, it's almost not in the United States—it's almost in Canada. And it almost doesn't exist, because its residents never got around to getting organized. So it's just . . . Almost. One cold, clear Friday night in the middle of winter, while the northern lights hover in the sky above, Almost's residents find themselves falling in and out of love in the strangest ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. Love is lost and found. And life for the people of Almost, Maine will never be the same.

796.334 BAS -- One goal : a coach, a team, and the game that brought a divided town together by Amy Bass

When thousands of Somali refugees resettled in Lewiston, Maine, a struggling, overwhelmingly white town, longtime residents grew uneasy. Then the mayor wrote a letter asking Somalis to stop coming, which became a national story. While scandal threatened to subsume the town, its high school's soccer coach integrated Somali kids onto his team, and their passion began to heal old wounds.

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