

CONTEMPORARY FICTION

The Year of the Baby by Andrea Cheng

Genres: Contemporary Fiction, Kids

My Recommended Age: All Ages

My Rating: 5/5

The School Story by Andrew Clements

Genres: Contemporary Fiction, Kids

My Recommended Age: 8+

My Rating: 4/5

The Penderwicks by Jeanna Birdsall (Series)

Genres: Contemporary Fiction, Kids

My Recommended Age: 9+

My Rating: 5/5

Notes: I did find the last couple books in the series to be a bit slower moving than the first few.

The Year The Swallows Came Early by Kathryn Fitzmaurice

Genres: Contemporary Fiction, Tween

My Recommended Age: 11+

My Rating: 4.5/5

The Labors of Hercules Beal by Gary D. Schmidt

Genres: Contemporary Fiction, Tween

My Recommended Age: 12+

My Rating: 5/5

Pay Attention, Carter Jones by Gary D. Schmidt

Genres: Contemporary Fiction, Tween

My Recommended Age: 12+

My Rating: 5/5

Just Friends by Haley Pham

Genres: Contemporary Fiction, Romance,
Young Adult

My Recommended Age: 13+

My Rating: 4/5

Notes: I love Haley's YouTube channel, and her debut novel is really sweet.

Whose Waves These Are by Amanda Dykes

Genres: Contemporary Fiction, Romance,
Christian, Young Adult

My Recommended Age: 13+

My Rating: 4.5/5

Before I Called You Mine by Nicole Deese

Genres: Contemporary Fiction, Christian,
Young Adult

My Recommended Age: 13+

My Rating: 4/5

All That Really Matters by Nicole Deese

Genres: Romance, Contemporary Fiction,
Christian, Young Adult)

My Recommended Age: 14+

My Rating: 4/5

Orbiting Jupiter by Gary D. Schmidt

Genres: Contemporary Fiction, Young
Adult

My Recommended Age: 14+

My Rating: 5/5

Notes: There is a sequel, Jupiter Rising.

Jupiter Rising by Gary D. Schmidt

Genres: Contemporary Fiction, Young
Adult

My Recommended Age: 14+

My Rating: 5/5

The Fault In Our Stars by John Green
Genres: Romance, Contemporary Fiction,
Young Adult

My Recommended Age: 15+

My Rating: 5/5

Notes: I was absolutely sobbing for this book,
and yet it is so good.

Content warnings: Closed-door sexual content
and some crude language.

The One-In-A-Million Boy by Monica
Wood

Genres: Contemporary Fiction, Young
Adult

My Recommended Age: 15+

My Rating: 4.5/5

Notes: This book was so sweet!

Content warnings: Some language.

Bridge Of Clay by Markus Zusak

Genres: Contemporary Fiction, Young
Adult

My Recommended Age: 15+

My Rating: 5/5

Notes: This book is really powerful, especially
the bond between the brothers.

Content warnings: LOTS of language and some
sexual content, although not graphic.

MAE'S FAVORITES

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