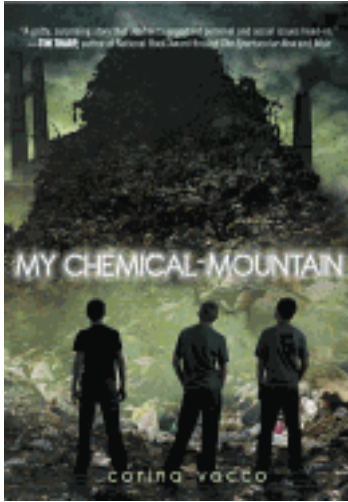


## Grit Lit



Tough Streets, Tough Schools, Tough Problems

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**After by Amy Efaw**

Top student and star athlete Devon is accused of murder after she leaves her baby in the trash to die.

**All the Right Stuff by Walter Dean Myers**

After his absentee father is killed in a shooting, Paul volunteers at a Harlem soup kitchen. (Also my Myers: **Lockdown, Checkmate; Kick; Riot; Dope Stick**)

**All You Never Wanted by Adele Griffen**

Thea's jealousy of her older sister prompts self-destructive acts that affect them both.

**Angry Young Man by Chris Lynch**

Robert tries to help his half-brother Xan when Xan becomes involved with protesters and anarchists. (Also by Lynch: **Prime Evil; Hothouse; Cyberia; The Big Game of Everything; Excusable**)

**Ball Don't Lie by Matt de la Pena**

Sticky, a foster child, hopes to be a pro basketball player, but many dangers threaten to derail him.

**Beneath a Meth Moon by Jacqueline Woodson**

A young girl uses crystal meth to escape the pain of losing her mother and grandmother in Hurricane Katrina, and then struggles to recover.

**Black and White by Paul Volponi**

Two star high school basketball players, one black and one white, experience the justice system differently after committing a crime together and getting caught.

**Bitter End by Jennifer Brown**

When Alex starts dating Cole, her two closest friends increasingly mistrust him.

**Boy 21 by Mathew Quick**

Finley, the only white player on his high school's basketball team, is asked to mentor a troubled African American transfer student.

**Brooklyn Burning by Steven Brezenoff**

Kid loves Felix, a junkie who disappears, leaving Kid the prime suspect in an arson investigation.

**Burnout by Adrienne Vrettos**

Just months out of rehab, Nan wakes up on the Subway the day after Halloween with "Help Me" scrawled across her torn costume and no idea how she got there.

**Clean by Amy Reed**

A group of teens in rehab who have drug and alcohol problems help a new member with deeper issues to resolve.

**Dear Life, You Suck by Scott Blagden**

A teen considers suicide until a girl steps into his life.

**Desert Angel by Charlie Price**

Angel is on the run from the man who abused her, killed her mother and intends to kill her too.

**DJ Rising by Love Maia**

Marley's career as DJ Ices" is skyrocketing, but his mother's heroin addiction keeps dragging him back to earth.

**Don't Breath a Word by Holly Cupala**

Joy escapes from her suffocating teenage troubles to the streets where she falls in with a "street family" and finds her inner strengths.

**Exit Strategy by Ryan Potter**

A steroid scandal foils the plans of three teens hoping to leave town after graduation.

**Exposed by Kimberly Marcus**

Liz's, life changes when her best friend accuses Liz's older brother of a terrible crime.

**Everybody Sees Ants by A.S. King**

Overburdened by his parents' bickering and a bully's attacks, Lucky begins dreaming of being with his grandfather, who went missing during the Vietnam War.

**The File on Angelyn Stark by Catherine Atkins**

Angelyn is trying to get along while keeping a terrible secret about her past.

**The Girls of No Return by Eric Saldin**

A troubled girl in a wilderness school has complicated friendships with two other girls.

**Hurricane Song by Paul Volponi**

Miles and his father, survive the horrors of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

**I Swear by Lane Davis**

After bullying a girl who kills herself, her tormentors think about the consequences of their actions.

**If I Grow Up by Todd Strasser**

Growing up in the inner-city projects, DeShawn is reluctantly forced into the gang world.

**Illegal by Bettina Resrepo**

Nora, a Mexican girl, faces the challenges of being an illegal immigrant in Texas when she and her mother cross the border in search of Nora's father.

**In Ecstasy by Kate McCaffrey**

After taking ecstasy at a party, Mia falls into the drug culture while Sophie is sexually assaulted.

**The Knife that Killed Me by Anthony McGowan**

Loner Paul is befriended by a school bully who gives him a knife to carry as an incentive to join a gang.

**Jumped by Rita Williams-Garcia**

Leticia overhears Dominique's plans to beat up Trina and must decide whether or not to get involved.

**A Kid from Southie by John Shea**

Desperate to help his unemployed mother, Aiden reluctantly begins working for the Irish mob in South Boston.

**Leverage by Joshua Cohen**

Two student athletes, a gymnast and a football player, form an unlikely alliance when a member of the gymnastics team is brutally assaulted.

**Lie by Carolyn Bock**

A group of teens conspire to protect a friend after he brutally attacks two Salvadoran immigrants.

**Lockdown by Walter Dean Myers**

Teenage Reese, serving time at a juvenile detention facility, gets a lesson in making it through hard times from an unlikely friend with a harrowing past.

**My Book of Life by Angel by Martine Leavitt**

Angel struggles to free herself from the trap of prostitution.

**My Chemical Mountain by Corina Vacco**

Three boys go after the chemical plant that pollutes their town.

**Pull by B.A. Binns**

After his father kills his mother, David struggles to take care of his two sisters.

**Rage: A Love Story by Julie Anne Peters**

Johanna begins dating Reeve, who turns abusive, and her seriously troubled life deeply impacts Johanna.

**Recovery Road by Blake Nelson**

Maddie meets Stewart in rehab, and they try to maintain their relationship when they leave.

**Rooftop by Paul Volponi**

Clay witnesses the police kill his unarmed cousin on a roof in New York City.

**Scars by Cheryl Rainfield**

Kendra recalls devastating memories of childhood sexual abuse and she copes with the pressure by cutting herself.

**Shine by Lauren Myracle**

When her best friend falls victim to a vicious hate crime, sixteen-year-old Cat sets out to discover the culprits.

**Some Girls Are by Courtney Summers**

Regina, an in-crowd outcast, experiences the vicious bullying she used to inflict on others.

**Something Like Hope by Shawn Goodman**

Shavonne, a fierce, desperate seventeen year-old in juvenile lockup, wants to turn her life around before her eighteenth birthday, but corrupt guards, out-of-control girls, and shadows from her past make her task seem impossible.

**Stay with Me by Paul Griffen**

When Mack, a drop-out and genius with dogs, lands in prison, he pushes away the girl he loves.

**Street Pharm by Allison Van Diepen**

Ty, the number one dealer on the streets, has to rethink his whole strategy if he is to survive.

**Surf Mules by G. Neri**

A tragic accident and financial woes push Logan to transport marijuana for cash.

**Tilt by Ellen Hopkins**

Three teens connected by their parents' bad choices tell in their own voices of their lives and loves. (Also by

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### **Trafficked by Kim Purcell**

A Moldovan girl whose parents were killed is made to work as a slave for a family in Los Angeles.

### **Uses for Boys by Erica Lorraine Scheidt**

Anna, whose absent mother chases new husbands, starts to chase boys in the same way.

### **Willow by Julia Hoban**

Willow, who was driving the car that killed her parents, copes with the pain and guilt by cutting herself,

### **Wintergirls by Laurie Halse Anderson**

Lia comes to terms with her best friend's death from anorexia as she struggles with the same disorder.

### **Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass by Meg Medina**

Yaqui's threats and harassment start to take a toll on Piddy's life.

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