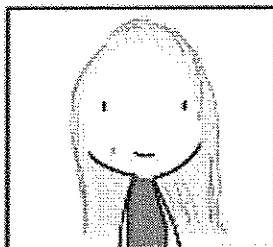


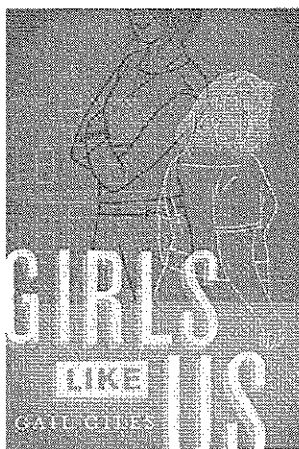
*Book Lists*

**DIY Fiction**



By Maria Bartlett

With selections from the realm of literary classics, modern day favorites, and graphic novels, this book list focuses on young, independent characters who “do it themselves,” no matter what they’re doing. These characters overcome difficult and/or intriguing situations which they completed themselves. Read them all and experience how “do it yourself” fiction can inspire you!

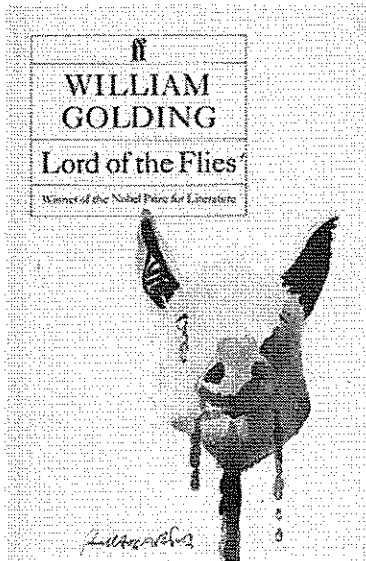


***Girls Like Us***

**By Gail Giles**

**DIY THEME:** Growing up

This story focuses on two special education teenagers who are about to enter adulthood. These two girls are matched together and sent into the world to find jobs and live like adults without help from their parents or guardians.



## **Lord of the Flies** By **William Golding**

**DIY THEME:** Surviving in the wilderness

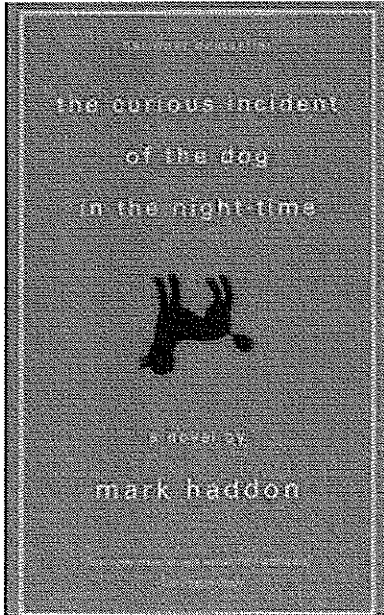
When a plane crashes on a desert island, a group of young boys must figure out how to survive without adults. By relying on each other, can the boys overcome chaos the chaotic events that are inevitable in their circumstances?



## **Paper Towns** By **John Green**

**DIY THEME:** Adventuring at midnight

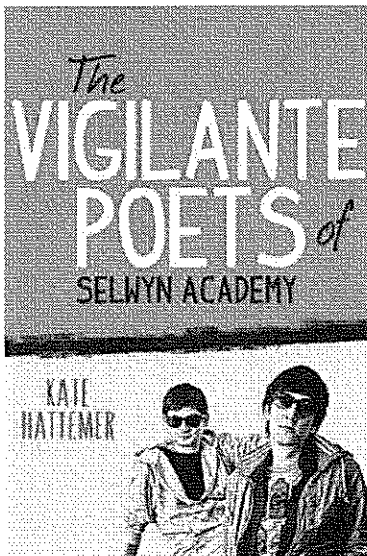
Q and Margo throw caution to the winds and embark on an adventure together in the middle of the night. Once the night is over and a new day shines, Q begins to realize that Margo is not the girl he thought she



## **The Curious Incident of By Mark Haddon**

**DIY THEME:** Investigating a murder

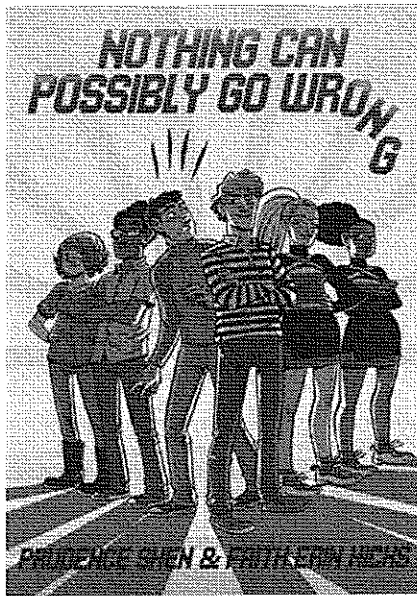
Young Christopher Boone just wants to complete his A-levels. Instead he finds himself in the middle of a murder investigation his next door neighbour's dog is killed. Like his hero Sherlock Holmes, Christopher collects clues and makes reasonable deductions to find out whodunit.



## ***The Vigilante Poets of Selwyn Academy* By Kate Hattemer**

**DIY THEME:** Saving the day

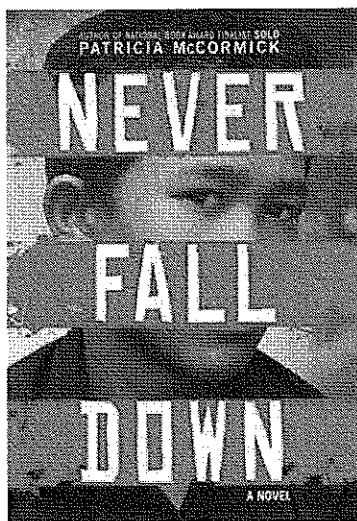
The students of art school Selwyn Academy are being filmed as part of a television show. Ethan takes it upon himself to save the school from the corruption of reality TV.



**Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong**  
**By Faith Eric Hicks and Prudence Shen**

**DIY THEME:** Fundraising

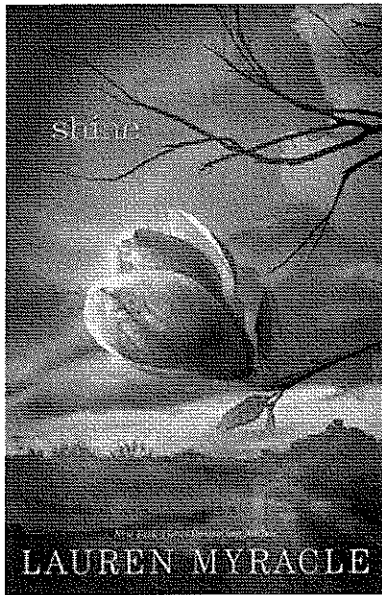
It's cheerleaders versus the robotics club in this witty, humorous graphic novel. The teams are competing to win funding for their respective student societies and, as in *Highlander*, there can only be one...



**Never Fall Down**  
**By Patricia McCormick**

**DIY THEME:** Learning a musical instrument and living off your wits

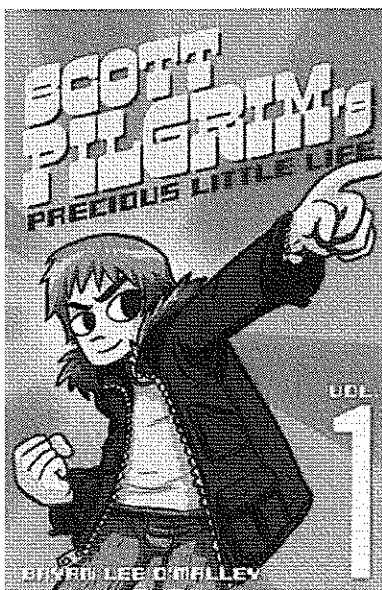
Arn Chorn-Pond is a child who is growing up during a time of war. Soldiers send him, along with his entire town, to work camps. Many children are dying and in order to survive, Arn Chorn-Pond lies to the soldiers and says he can play a musical instrument. Will he learn to play before it's too late?



**Shine**  
**By Lauren Myracle**

**DIY THEME:** Avenging your best friend

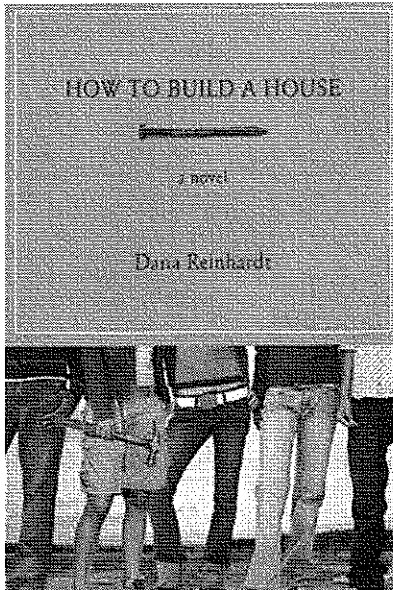
Cat's best friend was the victim of a terrible hate crime. She takes it upon herself to find out who hurt her best friend and why. Cat's strength and determination in this story is truly inspiring.



**Scott Pilgrim: Volume 1**  
**By Bryan Lee O'Malley**

**DIY THEME:** Fighting for the love of your life

Slacker Torontonion Scott Pilgrim has a dream about a mysterious girl named Ramona. A of a sudden he sees her in real life. When Scott falls in love with Ramona, he must fight all seven of her evil exes in order to win her heart.



## **How to Build a House By Dana Reinhardt**

### **DIY THEME: Volunteering**

Harper's parents are going through a divorce, and she is having a hard time coping. In order to deal constructively with her feelings, she joins a volunteer group in Tennessee, where she helps to build a house for a family in need. Not only does Harper learn the value of hard work, but love also comes her way.

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