

Belonging

List 4

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Other suggestions can be found at <http://www.insidebreak.org.au/belonging/>

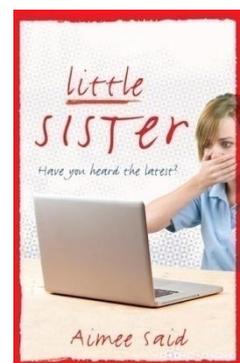
Please note that these are only *suggestions*.....all the best with your research

One Long Thread by Australian Author Belinda Jeffrey T/JEF

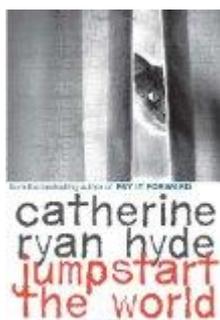
To produce one long thread of silk, a weaver must never allow the silkworm to fully transform or ever emerge from the cocoon into the light. Ruby and Sally Moon are twins, cut from the same cloth but as different as night and day. While Sally is bold and adventurous, Ruby is quiet and creative. When divorce splits their family in two, and Sally moves with their mother to the Northern Territory, Ruby holds on to the thought that one day her family will be complete again. But when tragedy strikes, wrapping Sally in a cocoon from which she might never escape, Ruby learns that love is never simple but one of the many tangled branches in her family tree.

Little Sister by Australian Author Aimee Said T/SAI

Al Miller wishes she was an only child. Al Miller is counting down the days until her over-achieving older sister Larrie finishes Year Twelve and leaves Whitlam High School for ever. Then, Al is certain, people will finally see her as more than just Larrie's little sister. But when a rumour about Larrie spreads around school, Al finds herself in the spotlight for all the wrong reasons. Who's behind the rumour? And will it kill Al's chances with school hunk, Josh Turner? Themes include acceptance, bullying and friendship. A novel about standing up for what's right.



Jumpstart the World by Catherine Ryan Hyde T/HYD



Elle is a loner. She doesn't need people. Which is a good thing, because now she has to move out of her apartment so her mother's boyfriend won't have to deal with her.

Then she meets Frank, the guy who lives next door to her new place. Being with him is impossible: he's a grown-up and has a girlfriend. Still, Elle can't stop thinking about him. Frank isn't like anyone Elle has ever met. He listens to her. He's gentle. And Elle is falling for him, hard.

Then Elle discovers that Frank is different in a way that Elle was never prepared for: he's transgender. Elle's head and her heart explode; her world is turned upside down. But when an accident nearly takes Frank's life, Elle must search inside herself to find not only the true meaning of friendship but her own role in jumpstarting the world.

Tender, honest, and compassionate, *Jumpstart the World* is a stunning story to make you laugh, cry, and honour the power of love.

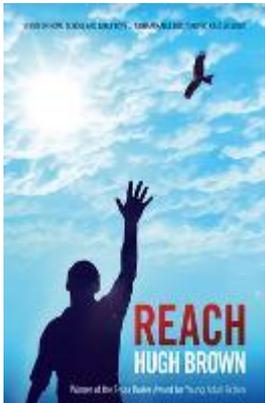


One in Every Crowd - Short Stories by Ivan Coyote T/COY

Comprised of original stories and a hand-picked selection of Coyote's best work, this inspirational, uplifting collection is aimed at young adults by an internationally renowned

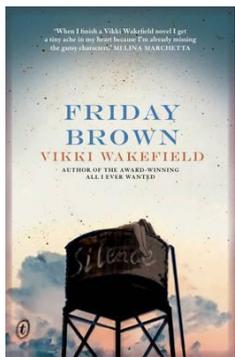
storyteller, recognised for her honest, wry, plain-spoken tales of growing up. Included are stories from Ivan's own tomboy past, where playing hockey and wearing pants were the norm; and her adult life in the big city, where she encounters both cruelty and kindness in unexpected places. Funny, inspiring, and full of heart, a positive read about embracing difference.

Reach by Hugh Brown T/BRO



Raised by octogenarian grandparents after his narcissistic mother left to join a retreat centre, Will Clark is an uncomfortable mix of teenage shyness and adult candour. Fiercely loyal to his mother, he resents his father, whom he blames for her leaving. Convinced his Year Twelve classmates think he's a loser, he retreats into the imaginary world of fantasy novels every chance he gets, entertaining himself between times with fantasy takes on the real life around him, with himself cast as the hero Superclerk.

But, try as he might, Will can't keep reality at bay. As his first full-contact taekwondo fight looms ever closer, Woody the bull-necked prop starts bullying him, and his grandfather is taken to hospital with suspected cancer. And when his mother returns, his schoolmates begin treating him as if he's their friend - and Conway, the girl of his dreams, starts treating him like more than a friend - and Will is forced to question his vision of himself and his version of reality. Finally he musters the courage to join his peers, confront Woody, talk to Conway, and accept his parents for who they are



Friday Brown by Vikki Wakefield T/WAK

Seventeen-year-old Friday Brown is on the run - running to escape memories of her mother and of the family curse. And of a grandfather who'd like her to stay. She's lost, alone and afraid.

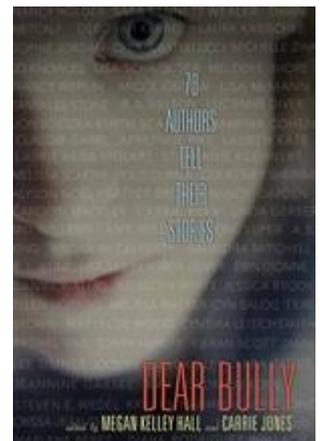
Silence, a street kid, finds Friday and she joins him in a gang led by beautiful, charismatic Arden. When Silence is involved in a crime, the gang escapes to a ghost town in the outback. In Murungal Creek, the town of never leaving, Friday must face the ghosts of her past. She will learn that sometimes you have to stay to finish what you started - and often, before you can find

out who you are, you have to become someone you were never meant to be.

Friday Brown is the breathtaking second novel from the author of the award-winning *All I Ever Wanted*. Vikki Wakefield is an astonishing talent.

70 Authors Tell Their Stories – Dear Bully T/DEA

Today's top authors for teens come together to share their stories about bullying—as silent observers on the sidelines of high school, as victims, and as perpetrators—in a collection at turns moving and self-effacing, but always deeply personal.

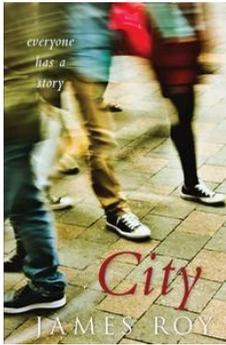


Creepy and Maud by Australian Author Dianne Touchell T/TOU

Hilarious and heartbreaking, *Creepy & Maud* charts the relationship between two social misfits, played out in the space between their windows. Creepy is a boy who watches from the shadows keenly observing and caustically commentating on human folly. Maud is less certain. A confused girl with a condition that embarrasses her parents and assures her isolation.

Together Creepy and Maud discover something outside their own vulnerability — each other's. But life is arbitrary; and loving someone doesn't mean you can save them.

Creepy & Maud is a blackly funny and moving first novel that says; 'You're ok to be as screwed up as you think you are and you're not alone in that.'



City by Australian Author James Roy T/ROY

City by James Roy is the companion short story collection to the highly successful and award-winning book, *Town*, published by UQP in 2007.

The only water out this way was the river and the reservoir and the twin pipes that fed the city. Huge and dark, as thick through as a small car, they rose and fell across the plains towards the glowing sky and the shimmering skyline.

In his acclaimed book, *Town*, James Roy charted the social tapestry of a country town as seen through the eyes of thirteen young residents. The young people in *City* are linked in very different ways – through chance meetings, found objects, social connections, the civil disobedience of the shadowy Poet and the streets of a city.

Town was set in a place without a name, and this is no different. But any reader who has ever lived in a city will find it immediately familiar.

A striking collection of connected stories that reflect our lives and those of the people we pass each day.