

If you loved *Speak*, try one of these...

The books listed below would appeal to readers who enjoyed *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson. These books vary in the difficulty of both the text and the content. Not all books are appropriate for all readers. (Annotations from Library of Congress).

Anderson, Laurie Halse. ***Wintergirls***. Eighteen-year-old Lia comes to terms with her best friend's death from anorexia as she struggles with the same disorder.

Castellucci, Cecil. ***Boy Proof***. Feeling alienated from everyone, Los Angeles high school senior Victoria Denton hides behind the identity of a favorite movie character until a new boy at school helps her realize that there is more to life than just the movies.

Dessen, Sarah. ***Just Listen***. Suddenly unpopular sixteen-year-old Annabel finds an ally in classmate Owen, whose honesty and passion for music help her to face what really happened at the end-of-the-year party that changed her life.

Dessen, Sarah. ***Someone Like You***. Halley's junior year of high school includes the death of her best friend Scarlett's boyfriend, the discovery that Scarlett is pregnant, and Halley's own first serious relationship.

Efaw, Amy. ***After***. In complete denial that she is pregnant, straight-A student and star athlete Devon Davenport leaves her baby in the trash to die, and after the baby is discovered, Devon is accused of attempted murder.

Frank, E.R. ***Friction***. When a new girl at the private school Alex attends starts rumors about Alex's favorite teacher, Alex and her eighth-grade classmates are not sure how to act around him or with each other.

Frank, E.R. ***Wrecked***. After a car accident seriously injures her best friend and kills her brother's girlfriend, sixteen-year-old Anna tries to cope with her guilt and grief, while learning some truths about her family and herself.

Freymann-Weyr, Garret. ***Stay with Me***. When her sister kills herself, sixteen-year-old Leila goes looking for a reason and, instead, discovers great love, her family's true history, and what her own place in it is.

Galloway, Gregory. ***As Simple as Snow***. In awe of high school girl Anna Cayne and her penchant for affectionate magic tricks and riddles, a man is baffled by her mysterious disappearance just before Valentine's Day and retraces the time they spent together for clues to her fate.

Green, John. ***Looking for Alaska***. Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.

Koertge, Ron. ***Margaux with an X***. Margaux, known as a "tough chick" at her Los Angeles high school, makes a connection with Danny, who, like her, struggles with the emotional impact of family violence and abuse.

Lynch, Chris. ***Inexcusable***. High school senior and football player Keir sets out to enjoy himself on graduation night, but when he attempts to comfort a friend whose date has left her stranded, things go terribly wrong.

Mackler, Carolyn. ***The Earth, My Butt, and other Big Round Things***. Feeling like she does not fit in with the other members of her family, who are all thin, brilliant, and good-looking, fifteen-year-old Virginia tries to deal with her self-image, her first physical relationship, and her disillusionment with some of the people closest to her.

McCormick, Patricia. ***Cut***. While confined to a mental hospital, thirteen-year-old Callie slowly comes to understand some of the reasons behind her self-mutilation, and gradually starts to get better.

Picoult, Jodi. ***The Tenth Circle***. When the ghost of his murdered fourteen-year-old daughter identifies her boyfriend as her killer, an overprotective father with a secret past decides to take the law into his own hands, a choice that takes him into the wilds of the Alaskan bush.

Plum-Ucci, Carol. ***The Night My Sister Went Missing***. When his sister goes missing under mysterious circumstances, seventeen-year-old Kurt spends a night at the local police station overhearing statements from a variety of witnesses that reveal the deep prejudices and shocking secrets of his small beach community.

Sanchez, Alex. ***Bait***. Diego keeps getting into trouble because of his explosive temper until he finally finds a probation officer who helps him get to the root of his anger so that he can stop running from his past.

Scott, Elizabeth. ***Living Dead Girl***. After being abducted when she was ten and abused for five years by her kidnapper, Ray, Alice's only hope of freedom is in death, but her only way to achieve such an escape is to help Ray find the next girl for his collection.

Shaw, Susan. ***Safe***. When thirteen-year-old Tracy, whose mother died when she was three years old, is raped and beaten on the last day of school, all her feelings of security disappear and she does not know how to cope with the fear and dread that engulf her.

Warman, Jessica. ***Breathless***. At boarding school, Katie tries to focus on swimming and becoming popular instead of the painful memories of her institutionalized schizophrenic older brother.

Williams-Garcia, Rita. ***Every time a Rainbow Dies***. After seeing a girl raped and becoming obsessed with her, sixteen-year-old Thulani finds motivation to move beyond his interest in his pigeons and his grief over his mother's death.

Wittlinger, Ellen. ***Sandpiper***. When The Walker, a mysterious boy who walks constantly, intervenes in an argument between Sandpiper and a boy she used to see, their lives become entwined in ways that change them both.

Zarr, Sara. ***Story of a Girl***. In the three years since her father caught her in the back seat of a car with an older boy, sixteen-year-old Deanna's life at home and school has been a nightmare, but while dreaming of escaping with her brother and his family, she discovers the power of forgiveness.

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