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## Unpregnant

## Sorry for Your Loss

Readers of John Green, Sarah Dessen, and Laurie Halse Anderson will be touched by the emotional depth and realistic characters of Jennifer Castle's teen

novel *You Look Different in Real Life*. Justine charmed the nation in a documentary film featuring five kindergartners. Five years later, her edgy sense of humor made her the star of a second movie that caught up with the lives of the same five kids. Now Justine is sixteen, and another sequel is in the works. Justine isn't ready to have viewers examining her life again. She feels like a disappointment, not at all like the girl everyone fell in love with in the first two movies. But, ready or not, she and the other four teens will soon be in front of the cameras again. Smart, fresh, and funny, *You Look Different in Real Life* is an affecting novel about life in an age where the lines between what's personal and what's public aren't always clear.

### **The Opposite of Innocent**

A struggling neighborhood Jewish grocer takes on a helper who falls in love with his daughter and steals from his store

### **Kiss of Broken Glass**

This book presents a wide range of tested and proven protocols relevant to a number of fields within biotechnology used in laboratory experiments in everyday psychological (seaweed) research. A major focus will be on bioenergy related aspects of this emerging technology. These protocols will be written in a clear and concise manner using simple language permitting even nonspecialist to adequately understand the significance of this research. It will

also contain all necessary notes and guidelines for successful execution of these experiments.

### **The Marble in the Water**

Poignant and chilling by turns, *The Opposite of Innocent* is award-winning author Sonya Sones's most gripping novel in verse yet. It's the story of a girl named Lily, who's been crushing on a man named Luke, a friend of her parents, ever since she can remember. Luke has been away for two endless years, but he's finally returning today. Lily was only twelve when he left. But now, at fourteen, she feels transformed. She can't wait to see how Luke will react when he sees the new her. And when her mother tells her that Luke will be staying with them for a while, in the bedroom right next to hers, her heart nearly stops. Having Luke back is better than Lily could have ever dreamed. His lingering looks set Lily on fire. Is she just imagining them? But then, when they're alone, he kisses her. Then he kisses her again. Lily's friends think anyone his age who wants to be with a fourteen-year-old must be really messed up. Maybe even dangerous. But Luke would never do anything to hurt her would he? In this powerful tale of a terrifying leap into young adulthood, readers will accompany Lily on her harrowing journey from hopelessness to hope.

### **I Never Loved Your Mind**

Revised edition with the most up to date stats, info, and sixteen pages of brand-new material! In

Minecraft, you're never alone and the threat of attack is constant. How will you survive? The Official Combat Handbook now has sixteen additional pages with brand-new content. This book will teach you everything you need to know to defend yourself from hostile monsters and enemy players. You can learn how to build a fort, craft armor and weapons, set mob traps, defeat your enemies in one-on-one combat, and battle your way out of the Nether and the End. With tips from Minecraft experts, developer Jeb, and creator Notch himself, you'll be a Minecraft warrior in no time!

### **The Half Life of Molly Pierce**

When Finn Learson staggers out of a stormy sea into a village on the Shetland Isles, he brings a secret with him. While the other villagers are enchanted by the stranger, Robbie suspects he's hiding something. Haunted by tales of the Selkie Folk, Robbie sees the clues everywhere -- the strange coin, the missing ship, Finn's love for Robbie's sister and her golden hair. But can Robbie convince the others in time to save his sister?

### **A Study Guide for S. E. Hinton's "Rumble Fish"**

An intricately woven debut psychological mystery and a profound coming of age story for fans of *Made You Up* by Francesca Zappia and *All the Bright Places* by Jennifer Niven. "Introduces a fierce new presence."  
—Publishers Weekly (starred review) "5 out of 5

bright, beautiful stars.” —Teenreads.com “A fascinating debut something original indeed. Readers will absolutely need to know the end of this unique inward-facing mystery.” —ALA Booklist For all of her seventeen years, Molly feels like she’s missed bits and pieces of her life. Her memory is perforated with holes and gaps. But then a horrible accident changes everything. Now she’s starting to remember her own disturbing secrets. And bit by bit, Molly uncovers the separate life she seems to have led—and the love that she can’t let go.

### **Focus On Reading**

#### **Pigs Might Fly**

Robyn Schneider's *The Beginning of Everything* is a witty and heart-wrenching teen novel that will appeal to fans of books by John Green and Ned Vizzini, novels such as *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, and classics like *The Great Gatsby* and *The Catcher in the Rye*. Varsity tennis captain Ezra Faulkner was supposed to be homecoming king, but that was before—before his girlfriend cheated on him, before a car accident shattered his leg, and before he fell in love with unpredictable new girl Cassidy Thorpe. As *Kirkus Reviews* said in a starred review, "Schneider takes familiar stereotypes and infuses them with plenty of depth. Here are teens who could easily trade barbs and double entendres with the characters that fill John Green's novels." Funny, smart, and including everything from flash mobs to blanket forts to a

poodle who just might be the reincarnation of Jay Gatsby, *The Beginning of Everything* is a refreshing contemporary twist on the classic coming-of-age novel—a heart-wrenching story about how difficult it is to play the part that people expect, and how new beginnings can stem from abrupt and tragic endings.

### **Protocols for Macroalgae Research**

Reproducible Reading Study Guides that give students the background and support they need to understand and enjoy literature. With these reading guides, your students will practice reading comprehension skills, sharpen their vocabulary and learn to identify literary elements.

### **A Stranger Came Ashore**

She's looking good . . . but Allison Avery can't believe it. Growing up with beautiful, blond sisters, Allison has always been the dark-haired, "interesting-looking" Avery. So when the devil shows up and offers to make her gorgeous, Allison jumps at the chance to finally get noticed. But there's one tiny catch, and it's not her soul: The devil wants her cell phone. Though her deal with the devil seems like a good idea at the time, Allison soon realizes that being gorgeous isn't as easy as it looks. Are her new friends and boyfriend for real, or do they just like her pretty face? Allison can't trust anyone anymore, and her possessed phone and her family's financial crisis aren't making things any easier. Plus, when she finds out that she might be America's next teen model, all hell breaks loose.

Allison may be losing control, but how far is she willing to go to stay gorgeous forever? Following the critically acclaimed Lucky, Rachel Vail continues her poignant sisterhood trilogy with the rebellious middle Avery sister, Allison. Fiery, sarcastic, and just plain fun, *gorgeous* captures the heartbreak and hilarity in one girl's attempt to have it all.

### **My Darling, My Hamburger**

A Study Guide for S. E. Hinton's "That Was Then, This Is Now," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed *Novels for Students*. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust *Novels for Students* for all of your research needs.

### **Presenting Paul Zindel**

In the next 72 hours, Kenna may lose everything—her friends, her freedom, and maybe even herself. One kiss of the blade was all it took to get her sent to the psych ward for 72 hours. There she will face her addiction to cutting, though the outcome is far from certain. When fifteen-year-old Kenna is found cutting herself in the school bathroom, she is sent to a facility for a mandatory psychiatric watch. There Kenna meets other kids like her—her roommate, Donya, who's there for her fifth time; the birdlike Skylar; and Jag, a boy cute enough to make her forget her problems . . . for a moment. Madeleine Kuderick's

gripping debut is a darkly beautiful and lyrical novel in verse, perfect for fans of Sonya Sones and Laurie Halse Anderson. *Kiss of Broken Glass* pulses with emotion and lingers long after the last page. Supports the Common Core State Standards

### **Loch**

A mystery about family, secrets, and how to move forward when the past keeps pulling you back, perfect for fans of David Arnold and Jeff Zentner. Patrick “Pack” Walsh may not know where he’s going in life, but he’s happy where he is. Then, on his eighteenth birthday, a letter from his past changes everything. As Pack begins a journey to uncover the truth about the parents he thought he knew, the family he didn’t know he had, and the future he never realized he wanted, he starts to have a whole different understanding of his life—and where he wants to go from here. Praise for Michelle Falkoff: “Twists and turns abound. Will keep readers turning pages.” —School Library Journal on *Pushing Perfect* “Truly powerful moments.” —Kirkus Reviews on Playlist for the Dead

### **Girls of July**

Perfect for fans of *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* and *Enchanted April*, this compelling contemporary novel is from Alex Flinn, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Beastly*. Four girls. One unforgettable July. Britta is the bubbly drama queen. She needs to get away—and a peaceful cabin

in the woods sounds like the perfect escape. Meredith is the overachiever. She's spent her entire life preparing for college, but at what cost? Now she's wondering if that's all there is. Kate is the reluctant socialite. She's searching for a reason to begin again after fleeing her small Georgia town—and a shameful family secret. Spider is the quiet intellectual. She's struggling with pain that has isolated her from her peers for much of her life. When these four very different young women stay together for a month in the mountains, they discover that sometimes getting away from it all can only bring you back to who you really are.

### **How to Be Bad**

This is the sequel to *The Pigman*, one of the bestselling young adult books of all time. John and Lorraine happen to be passing by the Pigman's abandoned house when they receive the shock of their lives: someone or something is watching them from the upstairs window. Convinced this is a sign from beyond the grave, John and Lorraine decide they have been given a chance to make up for what happened to the Pigman. Can they make things right once and for all?

### **The Pigman & Me**

"This is not a book about a tragedy. This is a book about survivors, and hope, and belief. I wish this book wasn't necessary, but it is. Read it. And then pass it on." —Kathleen Glasgow, *New York Times* bestselling

author of *Girl in Pieces* “A whip-smart and deeply felt story about reclaiming life from the rubble of guilt and trauma, *Four, Three, Two, One* glows brilliantly with heart, humanity, and hope.” —Brendan Kiely, *New York Times* bestselling coauthor of *All American Boys* and author of *Tradition Golden* “Go” Jennings wasn’t supposed to be on Bus 21 the day it blew up in New York City. Neither was her boyfriend, Chandler. But they were. And so was Rudy, a cute stranger Go shared a connection with the night before. And Caroline, a girl whose silence ended up costing nineteen people their lives. Though it’s been a year since the bombing, Go isn’t any closer to getting over what happened. With Chan completely closed off to even talking about it, Go makes an impulsive decision: round up the rest of the survivors and head to New York City. There they will board an art installation made of the charred remnants of Bus 21 and hopefully reach some sort of resolution. But things are never easy when it comes to rehashing the past. Uniting the four stirs up conflicting feelings of anger and forgiveness, and shows them that, although they all survived, they may still need saving.

### **The Pigman**

Briefly traces Zindel's life and career, and discusses the major themes of his fiction

### **Questions I Want to Ask You**

"Eight hundred and fifty-three horrifying things had happened to me by the time I was a teenager. That

was when I met my Pigman, whose real name was Nonno Frankie." The year Paul Zindel, his sister, Betty, and their mother lived in the town of Travis, Staten Island, New York, was the most important time of his teenage life. It was the year he and Jennifer Wolupopski were best friends. It was the year of the apple tree, the water-head baby, and Cemetery Hill. And it was the year he met Nonno Frankie Vivona, who became his Pigman. Every word of his story is true. And *The Pigman & Me* has an added bonus--one crucial piece of information: the secret of life, according to the Pigman.

### **The Pigman's Legacy (Sequel to The Pigman)**

From Printz Honor winner and Morris Award finalist Jessie Ann Foley comes a comitragic YA novel that will appeal to fans of Jandy Nelson and Jeff Zentner. As the youngest of eight, painfully average Pup Flanagan is used to flying under the radar. He's barely passing his classes. He lets his longtime crush walk all over him. And he's in no hurry to decide on a college path. The only person who ever made him think he could be more was his older brother Patrick. But that was before Patrick died suddenly, leaving Pup with a family who won't talk about it and acquaintances who just keep saying, "sorry for your loss." When Pup excels at a photography assignment he thought he'd bomb, things start to come into focus. His dream girl shows her true colors. An unexpected friend exposes Pup to a whole new world, right under his nose. And the photograph that was supposed to show Pup a way

out of his grief ultimately reveals someone else who is still stuck in their own. Someone with a secret regret Pup never could have imagined.

### **A Study Guide for Paul Zindel's "The Pigman"**

All the animals of the forest pitch in and help Pa Pig give his wife the best birthday surprise of her life.

### **The Doom Stone**

A Study Guide for Paul Zindel's "The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed Drama For Students. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Drama For Students for all of your research needs.

### **Gorgeous**

Kritische essays over het werk van 10 Amerikaanse en 8 Britse auteurs van jeugdboeken, wiens werk veelal in Nederland in vertaling is uitgegeven

### **Study Guide**

A Study Guide for Paul Zindel's "The Pigman," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed Novels for Students. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions;

historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Novels for Students for all of your research needs.

### **Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes**

New York City's Staten Island is often described as the forgotten borough. But with *Staten Island Stories*, Claire Jimenez shines a spotlight on the imagined lives of the islanders. Inspired by Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*, this collection of loosely linked tragicomic short stories travels across time to explore defining moments in the island's history, from the 2003 Staten Island Ferry crash and the New York City blackout to the growing opioid and heroin crisis, Eric Garner's murder, and the 2016 presidential election.

### **Minecraft: Combat Handbook (Updated Edition)**

The breakthrough modern sports novel *The Contender* shows readers the true meaning of being a hero. This acclaimed novel by celebrated sportswriter Robert Lipsyte, the recipient of the Margaret A. Edwards Award for lifetime achievement in YA fiction, is the story of a young boxer in Harlem who overcomes hardships and finds hope in the ring on his path to becoming a contender. Alfred Brooks is scared. He's a high-school dropout, and his grocery store job is leading nowhere. His best friend is sinking further and further into drug addiction. Some street kids are after him for something he didn't even do. So Alfred begins going to Donatelli's Gym, a boxing club in Harlem that

has trained champions. There he learns it's the effort, not the win, that makes the boxer—that before you can be a champion, you have to be a contender. ALA Best of the Best Books for Young Adults \* ALA Notable Children's Book \* New York Public Library Books for the Teen Age

### **The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds (Winner of the Pulitzer Prize)**

Jackson is looking forward to visiting his aunt who has been busy working on an anthropological dig at Stonehenge in England. Jackson can't wait to finally see the massive and mysterious stone formations in person. But then he witnesses a vicious attack on a young man, and another on his beloved aunt Sarah. A savage beast no one has ever seen before is on the prowl. Now it's up to Jackson and his new friend, Alma, a gravedigger's daughter, to stop the beast. All the clues lead back to Stonehenge, where he and Alma must risk their lives to solve the mystery of the monster stalking the countryside-before it's too late.

### **Focus on Reading**

Four friends, Two couples, One year that will change their lives. Liz and Sean, both beautiful and popular, are madly in love and completely misunderstood by their parents. Their best friends, Maggie and Dennis, are shy and awkward, but willing to take the first tentative steps toward a romance of their own. Yet before either couple can enjoy true happiness, life

conspires against them, threatening to destroy their friendships completely.

### **A Study Guide for S. E. Hinton's "That Was Then, This Is Now"**

Loch and his sister join their father on a scientific expedition to a quiet lake in Vermont. Suddenly, on a routine exploration, a hideous water beast explodes out of the water, and an eager photographer is ruthlessly devoured alive in front of them. The plesiosaurs proceed to reign terror and destruction down on the secluded lake community. But when Loch encounters a baby plesiosaur he believes the monsters only attack when threatened. So he risks his life, and the lives of his family, to save these prehistoric creatures from destruction, but is it already too late? 1995 Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers (ALA) 1995 Books for the Teen Age (NY Public Library)

### **Pigman**

One of the best-selling young adult books of all time, written by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Paul Zindel. John Conlan is nicknamed "The Bathroom Bomber" after setting off firecrackers in the boys' bathroom 23 times without ever getting caught. John and his best friend, Lorraine, can never please their parents, and school is a chore. To pass the time, they play pranks on unsuspecting people and it's during one of these pranks that they meet the "Pigman." In spite of themselves, John and Lorraine soon get caught up in

Mr. Pignati's zest for life. In fact, they become so involved that they begin to destroy the only corner of the world that has ever mattered to them. Can they stop before it's too late?'

### **The Beginning of Everything**

Paul Zindel's compelling and inspirational Pulitzer Prize-winning play that was made into a motion picture directed by Paul Newman starring Joanne Woodward. The old, converted vegetable shop where Tillie lives is more like a madhouse than a home. Tillie's mother, Beatrice, is bitter and cruel, yet desperate for her daughters' love. Her sister, Ruth, suffers epileptic fits and sneaks cigarettes every chance she gets. In the midst of chaos, Tillie struggles to keep her focus and dreams alive. Tillie — keeper of rabbits, dreamer of atoms, true believer in life, hope, and the effect of gamma rays on man-in-the-moon marigolds.

### **The Assistant**

Called a “masterpiece” in a starred review from School Library Journal, award-winning author Chris Crutcher’s acclaimed *Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes* is an enduring classic. This bestselling novel is about love, loyalty, and friendship in the face of adversity. “Superb plotting, extraordinary characters, and cracking narrative make this novel unforgettable.”—Publishers Weekly Sarah Byrnes and Eric Calhoun have been friends for years. When they were children, his weight and her scars made them

both outcasts. Now Sarah Byrnes—the smartest, toughest person Eric has ever known—sits silent in a hospital. Eric must uncover the terrible secret she’s hiding before its dark current pulls them both under. Will appeal to fans of Marieke Nijkamp, Andrew Smith, and John Corey Whaley. “Once again, Chris Crutcher plunges his readers into life’s tough issues within a compelling story filled with human compassion . . . with his characteristic intelligence, humor, and empathy.”—ALAN Review An American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults

### **Staten Island Stories**

Three bestselling authors—E. Lockhart, Sarah Mlynowski, and Lauren Myracle—bring you on the road trip of a lifetime in this dynamic novel packed with fun, friendship, and feminism. Jesse, Vicks, and Mel each has her own reason for wanting to get away from their nowhere Florida town. Add in a hot (and harmless) hitchhiker, an impending hurricane, and a close encounter of the gator kind, and the result is one sizzling road trip where the journey is far more important than the destination. Now in a fresh new package, How to Be Bad will take even more readers along for the ride.

### **A Study Guide for Paul Zindel's "The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds"**

Veronica is top of her class - and somehow she's found herself gazing in disbelief at a positive

pregnancy test. Even worse, her ex-best friend and the high school's legendary malcontent, Bailey, is the only one there to help. In this warm and darkly funny road trip story, Veronica and Bailey drive a thousand miles to an out-of-state abortion clinic - rediscovering their friendship in the process

### **Brooklyn Story**

After injuring his hand, a silversmith's apprentice in Boston becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution.

### **Four Three Two One**

Chronicles the relationship of Dewey and Yvette, two high school dropouts working in a hospital.

### **The Contender**

A Study Guide for S. E. Hinton's "Rumble Fish," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed Novels for Students. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Novels for Students for all of your research needs.

### **You Look Different in Real Life**

Perfectly evoking the sights and sounds of the summer of 1978 in Brooklyn, Suzanne Corso makes an acclaimed fiction debut with this powerful coming-

of-age tale, told from an adult perspective, of family, best friends, first loves, and big dreams waiting to come true. Samantha Bonti is fifteen years old, half Jewish and half Italian, and hesitantly edging toward pure Brooklyn. She lives in Bensonhurst with her mother, Joan, a woman poisoned with cynicism and shackled by addictions; and with her Grandma Ruth, Samantha's loudest and most opinionated source of encouragement. As flawed as they are, they are family. And this is home—a tight-knit community of ancestors and traditions, of controlling mobsters, compliant wives, and charismatic young guys willing to engage in anything illegal to get a shot at playing with the big boys. Yet Samantha has something that even her most simpatico girlfriend, Janice Caputo, doesn't share—a desire to become a writer and to escape their insular, overcrowded little world and the destiny that is assumed for all of them. Then comes Tony Kroon. He's a gorgeous mobster wannabe, a Bensonhurst Adonis whose seductive charms Samantha finds irresistible—even when she knows she's too smart to fall this deep . . . but Samantha soon finds herself swallowed up by dangerous circumstances that threaten to jeopardize more than her dreams. Grandma Ruth's advice: Samantha had better write herself out of this story and into a new one, fast.

### **Johnny Tremain**

A teenage boy and girl, high school sophomores from unhappy homes, tell of their bizarre relationship with an old man.



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