

# *Little Infinities*

## **THE FAULT IN OUR STARS READ-ALIKES**

### **After Ever After**

YA Sonneblick, Jordon

Although Jeff and Tad, encouraged by a new friend, Lindsey, make a deal to help one another overcome aftereffects of their cancer treatments in preparation for eighth-grade graduation, Jeff still craves advice from his older brother Stephen, who is studying drums in Africa.

### **Among Others**

Walton, Jo

"Mori" Phelps, a scifi/fantasy-loving teenager is coming to terms with the fallout of an event that left her twin sister dead and Mori permanently injured while dealing with her eccentric mother. 2011 [Nebula Award](#) and 2012 [Hugo Award](#) winner.

### **Before I Fall**

YA Oliver, Lauren

After she dies in a car crash, teenage Samantha relives the day of her death over and over again until, on the seventh day, she finally discovers a way to save herself.

### **Beginning of Everything**

YA Schneider, Robyn

Star athlete and prom king Ezra Faulkner's life is irreparably transformed by a tragic accident and the arrival of eccentric new girl Cassidy Thorpe.

### **Deadline**

YA Crutcher, Chris

Given the medical diagnosis of one year to live, high school senior Ben Wolf decides to fulfill his greatest fantasies, ponders his life's purpose and legacy, and converses through dreams with a spiritual guide known as "Hey-Soos."

### **Eleanor & Park**

YA Rowell, Rainbow

The story of two star-crossed misfits--smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.

### **Every Day**

YA Levithan, David

morning A wakes in a different person's body, in a different person's life, learning over the years to never get too attached, until he wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon.

### **The F-It List**

YA Halpern, Julie

When Becca does something nearly unforgivable at Alex's dad's funeral, Alex cuts ties with her and focuses on her grieving family. Time passes, and Alex learns Becca has cancer. It also turns out Becca has a bucket list, one she doesn't know she'll be able to finish now. That's where Alex comes in, along with a mysterious and guarded boy who just may help Alex check a few items off her own bucket

### **Forgive Me, Leonard Peacock**

YA Quick, Matthew

Today is Leonard Peacock's birthday, and he hides a gun in his backpack. Because today is the day he will kill his former best friend, and then himself, with his grandfather's P-38 pistol. Before he sets his plan into motion, he leaves gifts for his four friends so he can say good-bye properly. Speaking to each in turn, Leonard slowly reveals his secrets as the hours tick by and the moment of truth approaches.

### **Going Bovine**

YA Bray, Libba

Cameron Smith, a disaffected sixteen year-old who, after being diagnosed with Creutzfeld Jakob's (aka mad cow) disease, sets off on a road trip with a death-obsessed video gaming dwarf he meets in the hospital in an attempt to find a cure.

### **How to Save a Life**

YA Zarr, Sara

Told from their own viewpoints, seventeen-year-old Jill, in grief over the loss of her father, and Mandy, nearly nineteen, are thrown together when Jill's mother agrees to adopt Mandy's unborn child but nothing turns out as they had anticipated.

### **If I Stay**

YA Foreman, Gayle

While in a coma following an automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, seventeen-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death.

### **Inside Out**

YA Trueman, Terry

A sixteen-year-old with schizophrenia is caught up in the events surrounding an attempted robbery by two other teens who eventually hold him hostage.

### **Just Listen**

YA Dessen, Sarah

Isolated from friends who believe the worst because she has not been truthful with them, sixteen-year-old Annabel finds an ally in classmate Owen, whose honesty and passion for music help her to face and share what really happened at the end-of-the-year party that changed her life.

### **Looking for Alaska**

YA Green, John

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.

### **Maybe One Day**

YA Kantor, Melissa

Zoe thought that being cut from her ballet program was the worst thing that could happen, but when her best friend Olivia is diagnosed with a life-threatening disease, Zoe quickly learns that not being able to dance is the least of her problems.

### **Me and Earl and the Dying Girl**

YA Andrews, Jesse

Seventeen-year-old Greg has managed to become part of every social group at his Pittsburgh high school without having any friends, but his life changes when his mother forces him to befriend Rachel, a girl he once knew in Hebrew school who has leukemia. When she decides to stop treatment, Greg and Earl make her a film that forces them to step into the social spotlight and take a stand.

### **A Monster Calls**

YA Ness, Patrick

Thirteen-year-old Conor awakens one night to find a monster outside his bedroom window, but not the one from the recurring nightmare that began when his mother became ill--an ancient, wild creature that wants him to face truth and loss.

### **My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece**

YA Pitcher, Annabel

With his family still grieving over his sister's death in a terrorist bombing seven years earlier, twelve-year-old Jamie is far more interested in his cat, Roger, his birthday Spiderman T-shirt, and keeping his new Muslim friend Sunya a secret from his father.

### **My Sister's Keeper**

Picoult, Judi

Anna is not sick, but she might as well be. By age 13, she's undergone countless surgeries, transfusions, and shots so that her older sister, Kate, can fight the leukemia that has plagued her since childhood. Anna was conceived as a bone marrow match for Kate, something she's never questioned until now.

### **Noggin**

YA Whaley, John Corey

After dying at age sixteen, Travis Coates' head was removed and frozen for five years before being attached to another body, and now the old Travis and the new must find a way to coexist while figuring out changes in his relationships.

### **The Probability of Miracles**

YA Wunder, Wendy

Having spent several years in and out of hospitals for a life-threatening illness, pragmatic sixteen-year-old Cam is relocated by her miracle-seeking mother to a town in Maine known for its mystical healing qualities.

### **Queen of Hearts**

YA Brooks, Martha

Shortly after her first kiss but before her sixteenth birthday in December, 1941, Marie Claire and her younger brother and sister are sent to a tuberculosis sanatorium near their Manitoba farm.

### **The Running Dream**

YA Van Draanen, Wendelin

When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a wonderful way to help rekindle her dream of running again. [Schneider Family Book Award](#) winner.

### **Side Effects May Vary**

YA Murphy, Julie

Alice is ready to go out in a blaze of glory, but then she discovers she's in remission from cancer and she must deal with all of the mistakes she's made and the people she's hurt. Alternating between points of view and points in time, this story slowly reveals glimpses of Alice's battle against cancer, but at its heart it is really the story of the relationship between Alice and her best friend Harvey, who she enlists to help her complete her bucket list. This is a book about what happens when you *don't die*, and how difficult it can be to decide to grow as a person.

### **Somebody Up There Hates You**

YA Seamon, Hollis

Dying of cancer in a hospice, 17-year-old prankster Richard Casey has big plans for his final days. Sylvie, the only other hospice inmate under 60, tells Richie she has a few plans of her own. What begins as camaraderie quickly blossoms into real love, and this star-crossed pair is determined to live on their own terms, in whatever time they have left. A very believable and funny protagonist.

### **The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks**

YA Lockart, E.

No longer the kind of girl to take “no” for an answer, especially when “no” means she’s excluded from her boyfriend’s all-male secret society. Not when her ex-boyfriend shows up in the strangest of places. Not when she knows she’s smarter than any of them.

When she knows Matthew’s lying to her. And when there are so many, many pranks to be done.

### **Son**

YA Lowry, Lois

Unlike the other Birthmothers in her utopian community, teenaged Claire forms an attachment to her baby, feeling a great loss when he is taken to the Nurturing Center to be adopted by a family unit.

### **Stronger**

362.88 Bauman, Jeff

A survivor of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing discusses his experiences that day and his ongoing mission to walk again after losing both legs.

### **Stuck in Neutral**

YA Trueman, Terry

Fourteen-year-old Shawn McDaniel, who suffers from severe cerebral palsy and cannot function, relates his perceptions of his life, his family, and his condition, especially as he believes his father is planning to kill him.

### **13 Reasons Why**

YA Asher, Jay

When high school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, he spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death.

### **This Star Won't Go Out**

YA 362.1969 Earl, Esther

The memoir told through the journals, letters, and stories of young cancer patient Esther Earl, the girl John Green dedicated TFiOS to.

### **Why We Broke Up**

YA Handler, Daniel

Sixteen-year-old Min Green writes a letter to Ed Slaterton in which she breaks up with him, documenting their relationship and how items in the accompanying box, from bottle caps to a cookbook, foretell the end.

### **Wonder**

X Palacio, R.J.

Auggie Pullman is entering middle school after a lifetime of homeschooling

because of a facial deformity. Told from multiple perspectives, including those of Auggie and his friends as well as his older sister, Via, and her friends, this book captures how middle school and high school students react to Auggie and also examines the impact that this sort of disability can have on an entire family.

**Year of Luminous Love**

YA MacDaniel, Lurlene

Eighteen-year-olds Ciana Beauchamp, Arie Winslow, and Eden McLauren of Tennessee rely on their close friendship as they face serious problems the summer before they start college, from parents' illnesses, to cancer, to two loving the same cowboy.

**Zach and Mia**

YA Betts, A.J.

“When I was little I believed in Jesus and Santa, spontaneous combustion, and the Loch Ness monster. Now I believe in science, statistics, and antibiotics.” Zac Meier, a 17-year-old cancer patient, endures a long, grueling leukemia treatment when he meets Mia, the patient next door. She’s beautiful, feisty, and has questionable taste in music, but the two find themselves enwrapped in a surprising friendship.



**Please Ignore Vera Dietz**

YA King, A. S.

When her best friend, whom she secretly loves, betrays her and then dies under mysterious circumstances, high school senior Vera Dietz struggles with secrets that could help clear his name.

**Sammy and Julianna in Hollywood**

YA Saenz, Benjamin Alire

As a Chicano boy living in the unglamorous town of Hollywood, New Mexico, and a member of the graduating class of 1969, Sammy Santos faces the challenges of "gringo" racism, unpopular dress codes, the Vietnam War, barrio violence, and poverty.

**Wintergirls**

YA Anderson, Laurie Halse

Lia and Cassie are best friends, wintergirls frozen in matchstick bodies, competitors in a deadly contest to see who can be the skinniest. But what comes after size zero and size double-zero? When Cassie succumbs to the demons within, Lia feels she is being haunted by her friend's restless spirit.

**Soul Surfer: a True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Go Back on the Board**

XB Hamilton, Bethany

Teen surfer Bethany Hamilton loses her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcomes all odds to become a champion again, through her sheer

determination and unwavering faith.