

REAL ISSUES IN YOUNG ADULT NOVELS, *BOOK TALK (8)*

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A COUPLE OF VAMPIRES

Cirque Du Freak... Responsibility; consequences

Glass Houses (The Morganville Vampires)... Problem-solving; co-operation

THE PARANORMAL & FUTURISTIC

The Hunger Games... Intuition; family responsibilities

Divergent... Diverse perspectives; social & political values

Graceling... Ruling class system; responsibility of actions

Sabriel... Choices; family loss; responsibility

Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment... family values; belonging

The Maze Runner... Critical thinking; problem-solving

The Uglies... Body image; science; environmental issues

Gone... Responsibility; consequences; moral dilemma

Virals... Science experimentation; investigation

Delirium... Controlling emotions; personal crisis

I Am Number Four... Community; commitment; global responsibility

Life As We Knew It... Natural disaster response; family; decision

White Cat... Family loyalty; moral dilemma

REALISM

When I was Joe... Family values; law; physical disability

Fat kid rules the world... Body issues; acceptance; friendship; choices

Born Blue... Parent drug addiction; foster homes; survival; hope

The Road of the Dead... Family loyalty/loss; anger issues; diverse culture

The Killer's Cousin... Family; responsibility/consequences; hope

Looking for jj... Child abandonment; control; second chances

STEAMPUNK

Leviathan... Camaraderie; honor; prejudice

Airman... Monarchy; deceit; perseverance; loyalty; family

Incarceron... Dictatorship; prejudice; social order; survival

The Hunchback Assignments... Orphan; physical challenges

Clockwork Angel.... Problem-solving; protection; family

HISTORICAL & WAR FICTION

Tomorrow; When the War Began... Consequences; morality; family; war

Pirates!... Survival; slavery/oppression; women's role

The Book Thief... Holocaust; survival; hope; reality

The Graveyard Book... Family tragedy; care-giving; relationship

This Dark Endeavour... Responsibility; sibling rivalry; consequences;

The Eye Of The Crow, Young Sherlock Holmes... 1800's England; prejudice/classes; critical investigation

GRAPHIC NOVEL SERIES

The Runaways series... Family values; leadership; choices

The Good Neighbours series... Prejudice; deceit; power

Buffy the Vampire Slayer... Responsibility; teamwork; leadership

The Marvel Noir Series... 1920's/1930's; poverty; crime/law; justice