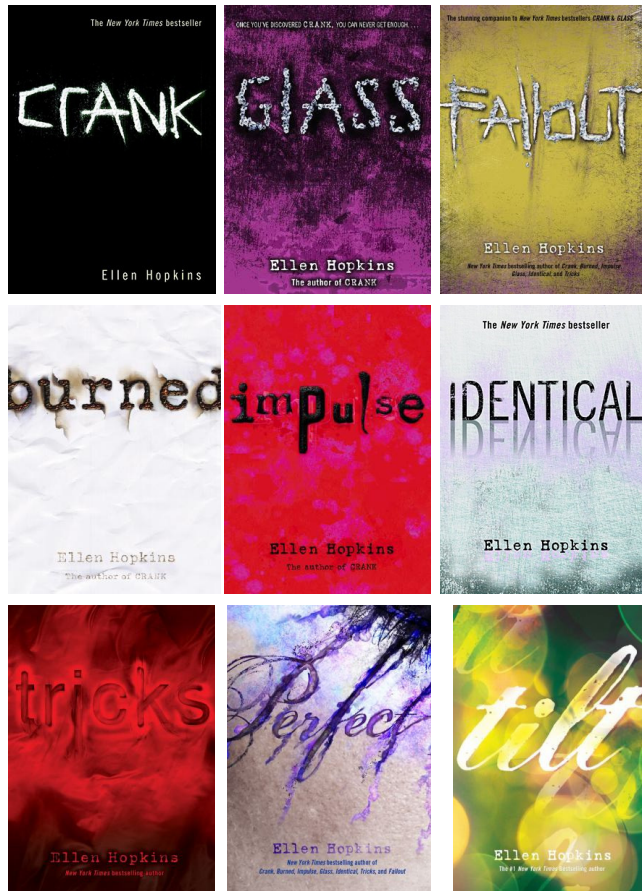


# Ellen Hopkins

The genre of novel-in-verse has risen to a new level of popularity with readers who relate to Ellen Hopkins's intense stories. Drug abuse, incest and life on the streets are all subjects explored in a sensitive and non-exploitative manner.

Start with: *Crank*.



## Novels in Verse

Longer stories told through poetry



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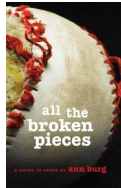
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Suggested reading for Young Adults

# Novels in Verse



## All the Broken Pieces

**Burg, Ann**

Two years after being airlifted out of Vietnam in 1975, Matt Pin is haunted by the terrible secret he left behind and, now, in a loving adoptive home in the United States, a series of profound events forces him to confront his past.

**Young Adult Fiction Burg**

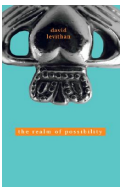


## Because I Am Furniture

**Chaltas, Thalia**

The youngest of three siblings, fourteen-year-old Anke feels both relieved and neglected that her father abuses her brother and sister but ignores her, but when she catches him with one of her friends, she finally becomes angry enough to take action.

**Young Adult Fiction Chaltas**



## The Realm of Possibility

**Levithan, David**

A variety of students at the same high school describe their ideas, experiences, and relationships in a series of interconnected free verse stories.

**Young Adult Fiction Leviathan**



## Heaven Looks a Lot Like the Mall

When high school junior Tessa Reynolds falls into a coma after getting hit in the head during gym class, she experiences heaven as the mall where her parents work, and she revisits key events from her life.

**Young Adult Fiction Mass**

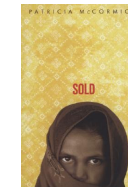


## Under the Mesquite

**McCall, Guadalupe Garcia**

Throughout her high school years, as her mother battles cancer, Lupita takes on more responsibility for her house and seven younger siblings, while finding refuge in acting and writing poetry.

**Young Adult Fiction McCall**



## Sold

**McCormick, Patricia**

Thirteen-year-old Lakshmi leaves her poor mountain home in Nepal thinking that she is to work in the city as a maid only to find that she has been sold into the sex slave trade in India and that there is no hope of escape.

**Young Adult Fiction McCormick**



## Song of the Sparrow

**Sandell, Lisa Anne**

In fifth-century Britain, after the destruction of their home on the island of Shalott brings her to live with her father and brothers in the military encampments of Arthur's army, seventeen-year-old Elaine describes her changing perceptions of war and the people around her.

**Young Adult Fiction Sandell**



## Far From You

**Schroeder, Lisa**

A novel-in-verse about sixteen-year-old Ali's reluctant road trip with her step-mother and new baby sister, and the terror that ensues after they end up lost in the snow-covered woods.

**Young Adult Fiction Schroeder**



## What My Mother Doesn't Know

**Sones, Sonya**

Sophie describes her relationships with a series of boys as she searches for Mr. Right.

**Sequel: What My Boyfriend Doesn't Know**

**Young Adult Fiction Sones**



## One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies

**Sones, Sonya**

Fifteen-year-old Ruby Milliken leaves her best friend, her boyfriend, her aunt, and her mother's grave in Boston and reluctantly flies to Los Angeles to live with her father, a famous movie star who divorced her mother before Ruby was born.

**Young Adult Fiction Sones**



## Love and Leftovers

**Tregay, Sarah**

When her father starts dating a man, fifteen-year-old Marcie's depressed mother takes her to New Hampshire, but just as Marcie starts falling for a great guy her father brings her back to Iowa, where all of her relationships become strained. Written in verse form.

**Young Adult Fiction Tregay**



## Make Lemonade

**Wolff, Virginia Euwer**

In order to earn money for college, fourteen-year-old LaVaughn babysits for a teenage mother.

**Sequels: True Believer and This Full House**

**Young Adult Fiction Wolff**