

Adventure

YA Fic Anderson Name Me and My Big Mouth

Zack Delacruz is unnoticed at his middle school—and that's just the way he likes it. But a school assembly, a typhoon of spit, and an uncharacteristic moment of bravery are all it takes to change everything. Suddenly Zack is in charge of the class fundraiser. Worse, his partner is the school's biggest bully! If they don't sell all the chocolate bars, there will be no dance for the sixth grade. Zack never

wanted to be a hero, but with his classmates' hopes on the line, can he save the day?

*First in a series

YA Fic Falkner Name Battlesaurus: Rampage at Waterloo

Battlesaurus reimagines the 1815 Battle of Waterloo as something other than a crushing defeat for the French emperor Napoléon Bonaparte, when he unleashes a terrible secret weapon—giant carnivorous survivors from pre-history—on his unsuspecting British and Prussian adversaries. In this world, smaller “saur” are an everyday danger in the forests of Europe, and the Americas are a forbidden zone roamed by the largest and most deadly animals ever to walk the earth. But in his quest for power, Napoléon has found a way to turn these giant dinosaurs into nineteenth-century weapons of mass destruction. Only Willem Verheyen, an outsider living in hiding in the tiny village of Gaillmarde, has the power to ruin the tyrant's plans. And Napoléon will stop at nothing to find him.

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YA Fic Higson Name The Enemy

When the sickness came, every parent, police officer, politician - every adult fell ill. The lucky ones died. The others are crazed, confused and hungry. Only children under fourteen remain, and they're fighting to survive. Now there are rumors of a safe place to hide. And so a gang of children begin their quest across London, where all through the city - down alleyways, in deserted houses, underground - the grown-ups lie in wait.

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YA Fic Hughes Name Soldier Boys

Spencer Morgan and Dieter Hedrick are on opposite sides of the war, but they're fighting for the same things: honor and respect. At the age of fifteen, Dieter's blind devotion gets him promoted from Hitler Youth into the German army. Dieter is determined to prove his allegiance and bravery all costs. Spence, just sixteen, drops out of his Utah high school to begin training as a paratrooper.

Both Spence and Dieter fear the war will end too soon—that they won't get the chance to prove themselves. But when they finally see the action they were hoping for, it's like nothing they ever could have imagined.

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YA Fic Gemeinhart Name Some Kind of Courage

Joseph Johnson has lost just about everyone he's ever loved. He lost his pa in an accident. He lost his ma and his little sister to sickness. And now, he's lost his pony--fast, fierce, beautiful Sarah, taken away by a man who had no right to take her.

Joseph can sure enough get her back, though. The odds are stacked against him, but he isn't about to give up. He will face down deadly animals, dangerous men, and the fury of nature itself on his quest to be reunited with the only family he has left.

YA Fic Muchamore Name Shadow Wave

After a tsunami causes massive devastation to a tropical island, its governor sends in the bulldozers to knock down villages, replacing them with luxury hotels. Guarding the corrupt governor's family isn't James Adams' idea of the perfect mission, especially as it's going to be his last as a CHERUB agent. And then retired colleague Kyle Blueman comes up with an unofficial and highly dangerous plan of his own. James must choose between loyalty to CHERUB, and loyalty to his oldest friend. #12 in the CHERUB series.

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YA Fic Naylor Name Going Where it's Dark

Buck Anderson's life seems to be changing completely. His best friend, David, has moved away; his anxious parents are hounding him more than ever; he has reluctantly agreed to fill in for his uncle and do odd jobs for a grumpy old veteran in town; and his twin sister has a new boyfriend and is never around anymore. To top it all off, Buck is bullied by a group of boys at school—mainly because he stutters.

There is one thing that frees Buck from his worries. It is the heart-pounding exhilaration he feels when exploring underground caves in and around his hometown. He used to go caving with David, but he's determined to continue on his own now. He doesn't know that more changes are headed his way— changes that just might make him rethink his view of the world and his place in it.

YA Fic Oppel Name Every Hidden Thing

Somewhere in the Badlands, buried in millennia of rock and sand, lie the bones of a massive dinosaur—a Rex. Discovering it would be the greatest fossil find of the nineteenth century. Samuel Bolt needs to be the one to do it. Rachel Cartland wants the exact same thing, for herself.

The Bolts. The Cartlands. Rival families of fossil hunters, alike in their hatred of one another and their dream of finding the Rex. As both set off into a treacherous landscape searching for the glory of the first American dinosaurs, their paths cross. Amid danger and mystery, the competition between their fathers intensifies. But Rachel and Samuel also find themselves pushed closer together.

YA Fic Pearsall

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The Seventh Most Important Thing

It was a bitterly cold day when Arthur T. Owens grabbed a brick and hurled it at the trash picker. Arthur had his reasons, and the brick hit the Junk Man in the arm, not the head. But none of that matters to the judge—he is ready to send Arthur to juvie for the foreseeable future. Amazingly, it's the Junk Man himself who offers an alternative: 120 hours of community service . . . working for him.

Arthur is given a rickety shopping cart and a list of the Seven Most Important Things: glass bottles, foil, cardboard, pieces of wood, lightbulbs, coffee cans, and mirrors. It isn't long before Arthur realizes

there's more to the Junk Man than meets the eye, and the "trash" he's collecting is being transformed.

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Savage Mountain

Brothers Sebastian and James Savage decide to climb one of the highest Alaskan mountains to prove themselves to their father. Inspired by true events, Savage Mountain is not a story of father-son reconciliation, but a touching story of two brothers who test their limits and learn that no matter how different they might be, the strongest bond of all is brotherhood.