

Boot Camp Todd Strasser

IMAPCT ZONE *The most dangerous part of the wave You gotta beat it...or you'll eat it. The summer is hot, and so is action out on the line-up. There's a big competition coming up, with some serious burrito money attached. All the brahs are in it for something. Lucas has his career and his reputation on the line. If Kai wins, he might be able to stay in Sun Haven and not have to hit the road again with his sketchy dad. For everyone it's a chance to close out the summer as a champion. Stoked.*

*When an unthinkable nuclear attack occurs in an alternate-reality 1962, Scott is forced into his father's bomb shelter with his family and neighbors, where they rapidly consume limited supplies and fear the worst about the fate of the world outside. By the best-selling author of *The Wave*.*

While dealing with her parents' failing marriage and her Future Business Leaders of America project, high school senior Kate Blessing, the daughter of a crime boss, is torn between two guys--one of whom is the son of her dad's rival.

When Brad asks someone else to the senior prom, Nicole resorts to a desperate measure--she decides to make her next-door neighbor over into a dream date.

Stolen Kisses, Secrets, and Lies

Rock 'N' Roll Nights

A Novelization

Can't Get There from Here

Something strange is happening in the parking lot of Time Zone High: The established cliques aren't in their usual gathering places. Instead, everyone has joined in one large, frantically interacting mass. Why? Maybe it's because the world may end tomorrow. Allegra Hanover is Time Zone High's over-achieving valedictorian, so motorcycle-driving surfer bum Andros Bliss seems like the last person she would date. But when an asteroid is rumored to be hurtling toward Earth, the normal high school rules start to fade. Students and teachers are ditching class, and the lines between high school cliques are breaking down. Is the end of the world enough to make Allegra finally go for her secret crush?

*Jake Sherman's terrible first day at summer camp gets even worse when he discovers that he is doomed to live through it again and again, in a humorous fantasy tale by the author of *Help! I'm Trapped in an Alien's Body*.*

Original.

Boot Camp Simon and Schuster

When their van veers off the road and crashes, four kids are stranded on a desolate army artillery range in the middle of the Mojave Desert, where they face such challenges as deadly heat, dwindling water, scorpions, and mine shafts. Original.

No Place

Sidewayz Glory

Nighttime!

The Good War

The Blood on my Hands

*"Ms. Peterson is starting a video game club where the students will be playing *The Good War*, a new game based on World War II. They are divided into two teams: Axis and Allies, and they will be simulating a war they know nothing about yet. Only one team will win. But what starts out as friendly competition takes an unexpected turn for the worse when one player takes the game too far"--Publisher marketing.*

Eleven-year-old Jesse tries to find a way to free his new friend, a 7,000-pound killer whale named Willy, from a miserable existence as the star attraction at an amusement park.

It's a hot, hot summer, and in the depths of the Toronto Transit Authority's Lost and Found, 17-year-old Duncan is cataloging lost things and sifting through accumulated junk. And between Jacob, the cranky old man who runs the place, and the endless dusty boxes overflowing with stuff no one will ever claim, Duncan's just about had enough. Then he finds a little leather book. It's a diary filled with the dark and dirty secrets of a twisted mind, a serial killer stalking his prey in the subway. And Duncan can't make himself stop reading. What would you do with a book like that? How far would you go to catch a madman? And what if time was running out. . . .

Lines are clearly marked at South Bay High School. It's mixed territory for the Crips and the Bloods, which means the drama never stops. Julia DiVino wants none of it. No colors, no C-Walks— it's just not her thing. But when Eric Valiente jumps into her life, everything changes. Lines are redrawn. And then they're crossed.

Fallout

If I Grow Up

Close Out

How I Spent My Last Night On Earth

Boot Camp

After running away from her fifth foster home, Holly, a twelve-year-old orphan, travels across the country, keeping a journal of her experiences and struggle to survive.

Her street name is Maybe She lives with a tribe of homeless teens -- runaways and throwaways, kids who have no place to go other than the cold city streets, and no family except for one another. Abused, abandoned, and forgotten, they struggle against the cold, hunger, and constant danger. With the frigid winds of January comes a new girl: Tears, a twelve-year-old whose mother doesn't believe her stepfather abuses her. As the other kids start to disappear -- victims of violence, addiction, and exposure -- Maybe tries to help Tears get off the

streets...if it's not already too late. Todd Strasser, author of the powerful and disturbing *Give a Boy a Gun*, again focuses on an important social issue as he tells a thought-provoking, heart-wrenching story of young lives lost to the streets, and of a society that has forgotten how to care.

After arriving in Sun Haven, fifteen-year-old Kai can't wait to get on a board and surf again, but the locals patrolling the best spot on the beach will only let him into the lineup if he consents to compete against one of them.

In the middle of the night Garrett is taken from his home to Harmony Lake, a boot camp for troubled teens. Maybe some kids deserve to be sent there, but Garrett knows he doesn't. Subjected to brutal physical and psychological abuse, he tries to fight back, but the battle is futile. He won't be allowed to leave until he's admitted his "mistakes" and conformed to Harmony Lake's standards of behavior. And there's no way to fake it. Beaten, humiliated, and stripped of his pride, Garrett's spirit is slowly ebbing away. Then he hears whispers of an escape plot. It's incredibly risky -- if he's caught, the consequences will be unthinkable -- but it may be his only way out. In this tense, riveting novel, award-winning YA author Todd Strasser reveals what really goes on in highly secretive -- and notoriously dangerous -- boot camps, a stealth prison system where any teenager under the age of eighteen can be imprisoned at his parents' whim.

Richie Rich

How I Created My Perfect Prom Date

Nighttime

Runaway

Acceleration

Sixteen-year-old Jamie Gordon had a taste of praise and recognition at age fourteen when her unflattering photograph of an actress was published, but as she pursues her dream of being a celebrity photographer, she becomes immersed in the dark side of fame.

Once a model student and high school tennis star, Alex Lazar finds an easier, more profitable way of life in drug dealing, but finds he must make a difficult choice when he falls in love, for the first time, with Ellen.

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When their friend Daisy brings her neighbor's smelly dog to school and one of the students makes a big fuss, Leyton and Wade Tardy have to find a way to keep the dog hidden so that Daisy does not get in trouble.

Free Willy

Is that a Dead Dog in Your Locker?

Angel Dust Blues

Summer of '69

Kill You Last

When Dan and his family go from middle class to homeless, issues of injustice rise to the forefront in this relatable, timely novel from Todd Strasser that VOYA calls "poignant," "darkly humorous," and "exceptionally thought-provoking." It seems like Dan has it all. He's a baseball star who is part of the popular crowd and dates the hottest girl in school. Then his family loses their home. Forced to move into the town's Tent City, Dan feels his world shifting. His friends try to pretend that everything's cool, but they're not the ones living among the homeless. As Dan struggles to adjust to his new life, he gets involved with the people who are fighting for better conditions and services for the residents of Tent City. But someone wants Tent City gone, and will stop at nothing until it's destroyed...

"Night Time" is an interdisciplinary unit for 1st grade students that was developed by Ann-Marie Henry and others in 1997. The students discuss fears associated with the dark and investigate night lights, night skies, and nocturnal animals that live in the woods. The authors highlight the daily instructional activities of this five week unit and include content background, scoring rubrics, a list of suggested resources, and more. The Henry County Public School system in McDonough, Georgia, provides the unit online.

After their plane crashes into the Everglades, Justin, his injured mother, her friend Bill, and Bill's daughter Rachel must work together to survive the dangers of the swamp and to find help, before it is too late. Original.

Todd Strasser's acclaimed account of school violence that Kirkus Reviews calls "vivid, distressing, and all too real." For as long as they can remember, Brendan and Gary have been mercilessly teased and harassed by the jocks who rule Middletown High. But not anymore. Stealing a small arsenal of guns from a neighbor, they take their classmates hostage at a school dance. In the panic of this desperate situation, it soon becomes clear that only one thing matters to Brendan and Gary: revenge.

Kids' Book of Gross Facts & Feats

The Wave

Help! I'm Trapped in the First Day of Summer Camp

Give a Boy a Gun

Snitch

Overweight high school senior Bo decides to change her image while working on the school play with a former star football player who is also struggling to find a new identity for himself.

"They always agreed to meet me. Of course, I told them I was bringing them money. I said it was cash and I didn't want to send it through the mail. They might have hesitated at first about meeting me, but I never had to work very hard to convince them. Why? . . . It was the only way they could prolong their pathetic dreams of someday becoming rich, famous models." Shelby's life in Soundview has always been comfortable. Her dad provides a luxurious lifestyle for his family through his photography business. He makes a ton of money taking headshots of pretty young teens who are desperate to become models.

Shelby has always enjoyed driving around town in a red sports car, shopping with her best friend at her side. And her Mom is laidback, so it's all good. However, as reports of girls disappearing from nearby towns start to appear on the news, Shelby's seemingly perfect life begins to fall apart. The three missing girls have one thing in common--they were all clients of her dad's photography business. Secrets begin to surface as the investigation continues. Shelby receives threatening e-mails, battles the nosy media, and tries to keep her family together. Now that her dad is implicated in the disappearances, can Shelby figure out a way to clear his name? Or is dad not as innocent as he seems? PRAISE FOR BLOOD ON MY HANDS: "[A] rare teen thriller with an actual mystery, this is as quickly paced as it is heart-wrenching." - Booklist "Author recognition, teen love of mystery, and a stellar cover will...make this a well-circulating title." - School Library Journal PRAISE FOR WISH YOU WERE DEAD: "Hits all the right notes of a teen thriller[...] his gripping plot will keep readers turning pages late into the night" - School Library Journal "Carefully plotted; this suspenseful novel blends the traditional with new tech details to successful end [...] will keep readers guessing right up to the satisfying conclusion." - Kirkus Reviews

Drawing from his teenage years, Todd Strasser's novel revisits a tumultuous era and takes readers on a psychedelically tinged trip of a lifetime. With his girlfriend, Robin, away in Canada, eighteen-year-old Lucas Baker's only plans for the summer are to mellow out with his friends, smoke weed, drop a tab or two, and head out in his microbus for a three-day happening called the Woodstock Music and Art Fair. But life veers dramatically off track when he suddenly finds himself in danger of being drafted and sent to fight in Vietnam. If that isn't heavy enough, there's also the free-loving (and undeniably alluring) Tinsley, who seems determined to test Lucas's resolve to stay faithful to Robin; a frighteningly bad trip at a Led Zeppelin concert; a run-in with an angry motorcycle gang; parents who appear headed for a divorce; and a friend on the front lines in 'Nam who's in mortal danger of not making it back. As the pressures grow, it's not long before Lucas finds himself knocked so far down, it's starting to look like up to him. When tuning in, turning on, and dropping out is no longer enough, what else is there?

Just when it looks like the Blessing family is going to hit rock bottom, Kate's reality show is sold, the money starts to flow, and Kate can start concentrating on what's really important: the prom. Original.

Take Off

GRIZZLY ATTACK: AGAINST THE ODDS

Price of Duty

Thief of Dreams

Famous

A house at the beach. A bunch of hot strangers. A three-month party that's Off The Hook. Seven randoms cram into a house down the shore, and they've all got agendas. Curt wants a gig. Polly wants a life. Owen's jonesing for someone he can't have. And everyone's geared up for one wicked summer. Surfing all day, partying all night. Here's the real question: If your boyfriend's cheating but you're too busy hooking up, does it really count? And if people aren't who they say they are, does it really matter?

In a gripping novel with a plot pulled from the headlines, Todd Strasser turns his attention to gang life in the inner-city projects. DeShawn is a teenager growing up in the projects. Most of his friends only see one choice: join up to a gang. DeShawn is smart enough to want to stay in school and make something more of himself, but when his family is starving while his friends have fancy bling and new sneakers, DeShawn is forced to decide--is his integrity more important than feeding his family?

Str-S-d: I ' ll begin with Lucy. She is definitely first on the list. You can ' t believe how it feels to be in the cafeteria and turn around and there she is staring at me like I ' m some disgusting bug or vermin. Does she really think I WANT to be this way? I hate you, Lucy. I really hate you. You are my #1 pick. I wish you were dead. The day after anonymous blogger Str-S-d wishes the popular girl would die, Lucy vanishes. The students of Soundview High are scared and worried. Especially frightened and wracked with guilt is Madison Archer, Lucy ' s friend and the last person to see her the night she disappeared. As days pass with no sign of the missing girl, even the attention of Tyler, an attractive new student, is not enough to distract Madison from her growing sense of foreboding. When two more popular students disappear after their names are mentioned on Str-S-d ' s blog, the residents of Soundview panic. Meanwhile, Madison receives anonymous notes warning that she could be next. Desperate to solve the mystery before anyone else disappears, Madison turns to Tyler, but can she trust him when it becomes clear that he knows more than he ' s sharing? The clock is ticking. Madison must uncover the truth behind the mysterious disappearances . . . before her name appears in Str-S-d ' s blog. In the spirit of stories like I Know What You Did Last Summer, Todd Strasser updates the teen thriller for the techno age with Wish You Were Dead, the first installment in a new "thrill" -ogy. The cops cracked down on illegal races, and now the only street racing around is at the hottest casino on the strip. The casino owner is starting his own high-stakes, high-payoff drift team -- and there's little he wouldn't do to have Sin City's best drifter. Kennin's under pressure to quit the scene and get his life back on track. But when he's offered five grand to fix his ride -- and the promise of enough cash to take care of his problems -- Kennin knows exactly what he has to do. No matter what the catch.

How I Changed My Life

Shirt and Shoes Not Required

Count Your Blessings

Buzzard's Feast

Wish You Were Dead

Collects seven scary short stories, including tales about seeing a ghostly face in a campfire, phantom text messages, and a house haunted by a young boy.

Vicious aliens, human gladiators, and elemental gods populate the realms of the Star Requiem series in the second novel following Mother of Storms. Adrian Cole's acclaimed Star Requiem series welcomes readers to Innasmorn, a planet where the elements are worshipped as gods . . . and where mankind is considered the enemy. In the impenetrable West of Innasmorn lies the forbidden city of Shung Hang--a mystical place shrouded in legend . . . and guarded by the winged warriors of the last goddess, the Aviatrix. Pursued by the relentless death machine of the corrupt prime consul Zellorian, the last

remnants of an exterminated mortal race make their way across a perilous, devastated land. For only by harnessing an ancient power secreted in the Deathless City can the intrepid human survivors hope to hold the enemy at bay—and forestall the bloodthirsty alien Csendook's planned genocide of humankind. Don't miss the entire Star Requiem quartet: *Mother of Storms*, *Thief of Dreams*, *Warlord of Heaven*, and *Labyrinth of Worlds*.

Kidnapped and sent to live in a disciplinary boot camp where he is physically and psychologically tortured on a daily basis, fifteen-year-old Garrett knows that he has been wrongly imprisoned and so feels there is no choice but to attempt a daring escape in order to save the life he has left in him. Visiting Alaska for what he believes will be a dream vacation, Tyler is forced to share his uncle's cabin with two strangers and inadvertently leads a rogue, eight-hundred-pound grizzly back to his cabin. Original.

Too Afraid to Scream

Gator Prey: Against The Odds

From award-winning author Todd Strasser comes a gripping new novel that explores the struggles of war, the price paid by those who fight in them, and what it really means to be a hero. Jake Liddell is a hero. At least, that's what everyone says he is. The military is even awarding him a Silver Star for his heroic achievements—a huge honor for the son of a military family. Now he's home, recovering from an injury, but it seems the war has followed him back. He needs pills to get any sleep, a young woman is trying to persuade him into speaking out against military recruitment tactics, and his grandfather is already urging him back onto the battlefield. He doesn't know what to do; nothing makes sense anymore. There is only one thing that Jake knows for certain: he is no hero.

High school rock musicians Gary, Susan, Oscar, and Carl, the Electric Outlet, pursue their dream of stardom by trying to get their pictures in the paper and their records on the radio.