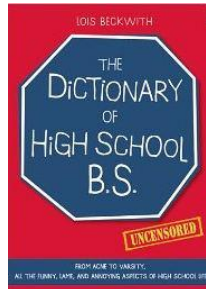


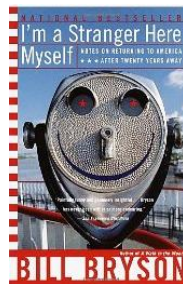
## The Dictionary of High School B.S.: From Acne to Varsity, All the Funny, Lame, and Annoying Aspects of High School Life by Lois Beckwith



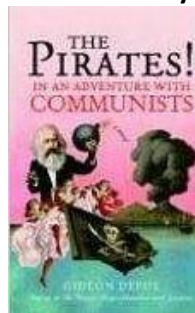
Broken down in handy A-to-Z fashion, this uncensored, sarcastic, and sharp-witted dictionary gives the lowdown on all of your favorite and not-so-favorite aspects of high school, from prom, hooking up, and graduation to acne, standardized tests, and school shrinks.

## I'm a Stranger Here Myself by Bill Bryson

Ex-expatriate Bryson, chronicles the whimsical columns on America he wrote weekly, while living in New Hampshire in the mid-to-late 1990s, for a British Sunday newspaper.

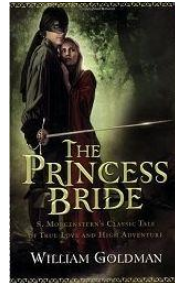


## The Pirates! In An Adventure with Communists by Gideon Defoe



Led by their indomitable, peanut-brained Pirate Captain, he of the glossy beard and insatiable hunger for all things ham, the pirate crew find themselves in the company of Karl Marx (whose beard nearly rivals the Pirate Captain's, much to his dismay) and Friedrich Engels.

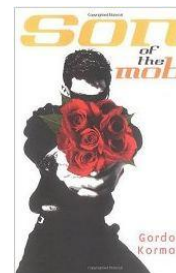
## The Princess Bride by William Goldman



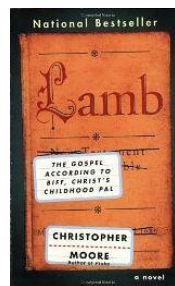
Everyone knows the movie, but not everyone knows the hilariously comic book! A 'classic' medieval melodrama that sounds like all the Saturday serials you ever saw feverishly reworked by the Marx Brothers.

## Son of the Mob by Gordon Korman

The Sopranos (minus the vulgarity and violence) meets Leave It to Beaver (minus the "aw-shucks" tone and dated sensibility) in Korman's (No More Dead Dogs) brassy, comical caper.

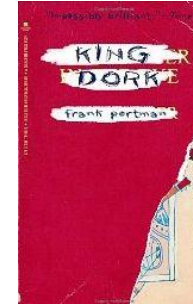


## Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal by Christopher Moore



A funny, lighthearted satire of the life of Christ—from his childhood days up to his crucifixion—in *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal*. This clever novel is surely blasphemy to some, but to others it's a coming-of-age story of the highest order.

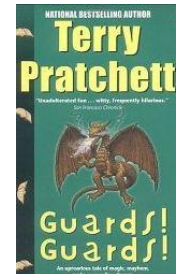
## King Dork by Frank Portman



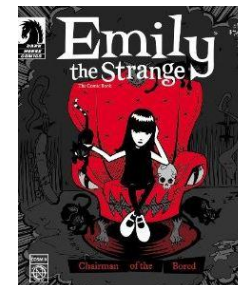
In Frank Portman's dazzling debut novel, frustrated songwriter and high school student Tom Henderson finds his dead father's copy of *The Catcher in the Rye*, and his life changes forever. Part social satire, part mystery, with a healthy dose of rock music (and angst), *King Dork* is a must-read favorite of the year.

## Guards! Guards! By Terry Pratchett

The start of a hilarious fantasy series set in Discworld about a dragon who declares himself king of the city and the City Watchmen who try to solve such a crisis.



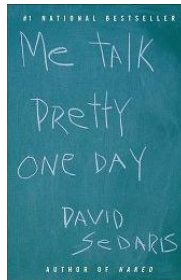
## Emily the Strange series by Rob Reger



Graphic novel series about a mysterious, brooding 13 year-old girl living in a strange world where kitty friends talk, the ghosts of famous weirdos come out to play, and reality is never quite what it seems.

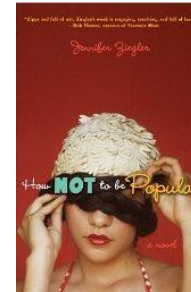
## Me Talk Pretty One Day by David Sedaris

Collection of laugh-out loud vignettes of from the author's life that deal with everything from overcoming a lisp, trying to master French, or take an IQ test.

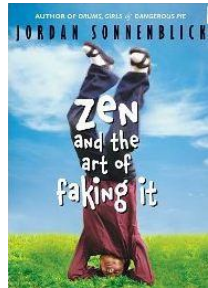


## How Not to Be Popular by Jennifer Ziegler

Maggie Dempsey is tired of moving all over the country. Now that she's moved to Austin, she knows better. She's not going to make friends. She's not going to fit in. Anything to prevent her from liking this new place and them from liking her. Only . . . things don't go exactly as planned.



## Zen and the Art of Faking It by Jordan Sonnenblick



When eighth-grader San Lee moves to a new town and a new school for the umpteenth time, he accidentally becomes known as a Zen master. And just when he thinks everyone (including the cute girl he can't stop thinking about) is on to him, everyone believes

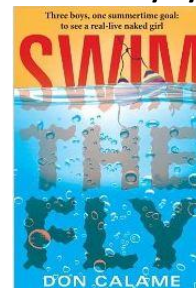
him . . . in a major Zen way.

## America (a book): The Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction by Jon Stewart

Jon Stewart and writers from the Daily Show present this hilarious parody of U.S. History textbooks.



## Swim the Fly by Don Calame



Fifteen-year-old Matt Gratton and his two best friends have set themselves a summertime goal: to see a real-live naked girl for the first time —a challenge, given that none of the guys has the nerve to even ask a girl out.

But that looks easy compared to Matt's other goal: to swim the 100-yard butterfly as a way to impress Kelly West, the sizzling new star of the swim team.