

# Top Ten Story Collection Books

**The Full Spectrum.** Using works submitted anonymously through the Web site the authors created in conjunction with the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), Levithan and Merrell have selected 40 essays, mini-autobiographies, poems, and photographs that chronicle the lives of 21st-century young people, ages 13 to 23. The handsomely dense package includes real-life stories about coming out, falling in and out of love, mistaken identities, families and friends, misplaced affection, confronting homophobia, and more. **YA SC FUL**

**Half-Human.** A collection of stories about such creatures as mermaids and centaurs, who are part-human and part-animal or part-plant, and their struggles to understand their true identity. **YA SC HAL**

**Love & Sex: ten stories of truth.** A collection of little romances with happy endings? No way. These "ten stories of truth" take a hard, clear look at those first overwhelming feelings of passion, the yearning, aching, sweaty miseries and ecstasies of young love. **YA SC LOV**

**Night Terrors.** Various modern-day bogeys, both real and imaginary, lurk in the pages of this compelling collection of original short stories from acclaimed YA authors. Brief author commentaries appear at the end of each story. The balance and diversity of the selections serve to strengthen the book's overall appeal; herein lie tales that will attract a variety of YA suspense and horror fans. **YA SC NIG**

**Not like I'm Jealous or Anything.** Thirteen writers share their visions of jealousy in short stories, essays, and a poem. Jealousy of the rich and privileged; jealousy of a boyfriend's new car; jealousy of another's talent, beauty, boyfriend, or goodness. Emotions we have all encountered are verbalized in this well-chosen collection. **YA SC NOT**

**On the Fringe.** Kids who are geeks, unathletic, poor, emotionally fragile, loners, or unattractive by current standards form the heart of this collection of exceptional stories. The authors pondered how being isolated and shut out of high school groups could tear down the fragile walls of self-esteem, making vulnerable individuals snap and cause massive destruction. The result is a compilation of short stories from the point of view of those tormented, and those who view others being bullied and how their perceptions change as they examine the situations. **YA SC ON**

**One Hot Second.** A collection of eleven stories by award-winning authors that explore the many varieties of teenage desire, including first crushes, first kisses, and first times. **YA SC ONE**

**Places I Never Meant to Be.** A collection of short stories accompanied by short essays on censorship by twelve authors whose works have been challenged in the past.

**YA SC PLA**

**Sixteen: stories about that sweet and bitter birthday.** A compilation of short stories inspired by all the angst, melodrama, and wonderment of being sixteen. These hilarious, poignant, and touching tales are perfect for both those who have yet to reach that milestone and those who want to reminisce about their “sweetest” year. **YA SC SIX**

**Twice Told.** Presents nine drawings by a single illustrator, each of which has been translated into a story by two different authors writing about what they imagine is going on in the picture. **YA SC TWI**