

## ***A Child Called It Read-Alikes***

### **FICTION**

**Andrews, V.C. *Flowers in the Attic.* (FIC ANDREWS)**

The strange, dark, terrifying tale of passion and peril in the lives of four innocent children, locked away from the world by a selfish mother.

**Coman, Carolyn. *What Jamie Saw.* (J FIC COMAN & J PBK COMAN)**

Having fled to a family friend's hillside trailer after his mother's boyfriend tried to throw his baby sister against a wall, Jamie finds himself living an existence full of uncertainty and fear.

**Conroy, Pat *The Great Santini.* (FIC CONROY)**

A family is torn apart by a headstrong father-- Bull Meecham, a Marine fighter pilot-- who demands loyalty, courage and obedience from his wife and children.

**Crutcher, Cris. *Chinese Handcuffs.* (YA PBK CRUTCHER)**

Still troubled by his older brother's violent suicide, Dillon becomes deeply involved in the terrible secret of his friend Jennifer, who feels she can tell no one what her stepfather is doing to her.

**Fitch, Janet. *White Oleander.* (FIC FITCH)**

Twelve-year-old Astrid has her world blown away when her mother is sentenced to life in prison for murdering her lover. Sharpened by harsh foster home environments, Astrid remakes herself as a survivor, and ultimately, an artist.

**Frank, E.R. *Friction.* (YA FIC FRANK)**

When a new girl at the private school Alex attends starts rumors about Alex's favorite teacher, Alex and her eighth-grade classmates are not sure how to act around him or with each other.

**King, Laurie. *Keeping Watch.* (FIC KING)**

Near retirement after years of rescuing children, Alan Carmichael embarks on one last mission-- to rescue a teenager from an abusive parent-- but after the boy is safely hidden away, Alan begins to doubt his decision to intervene.

**Konigsberg, E.L. *Silent to the Bone.* (YA PBK KONIGSBERG)**

When Branwell is wrongly accused of injuring his baby half-sister, he loses the power of speech. Only his friend Connor is able to help him and uncover the truth about what really happened.

**MacDonald, Ann-Marie. *Way the Crow Flies.* (FIC MACDONALD)**

Twenty years after her early 1960s military father is forced to choose between loyalties in the wake of a local murder, Madeleine begins to understand the case's implication and launches a search for the killer.

**Nolan, Han. *Born Blue.* (YA FIC NOLAN)**

Janie was four years old when she nearly drowned due to her mother's neglect. Through an unhappy foster home experience, and years of feeling that she is unwanted, she keeps alive her dream of someday being a famous singer.

**Shaw, Susan. *The Boy from the Basement.* (YA FIC SHAW)**

Imprisoned in his father's basement for many years, Charlie is sure he's being punished because he is bad, and when he escapes and is placed in a loving foster home, it takes him a long time to adjust to a new place.

**Peak, John. *M and M.* (M PEAK)**

Dr. Vicki Shea is brought in as the physician on call in a suspected child-abuse case involving a 17-week-old infant. The case quickly spirals from child abuse to child smuggling.

**Vachss, Andrew. *False Allegations.* (FIC VACHSS)**

Ex-con, urban survivalist, and mercenary Burke is blackmailed by Kite, a professional debunker specializing in allegations of child sexual abuse, to investigate what appears to be a deadly case that just might turn out to be the real thing.

**NON-FICTION**

**Bottoms, Greg. *Angelhead.* ( 616.8982 B)**

The author chronicles the events that led to his brother Michael's psychotic breakdown, the torment he caused his siblings and parents, the crimes he committed as a result of his illness, and his eventual admission to the psychiatric wing of a maximum security prison.

**Fisher, Antwone Quentin. *Finding Fish.* (B FISHER)**

The memoir of Antwone Fisher's miraculous journey from abandonment and abuse to liberation, manhood, and extraordinary success.

**Lauck, Jennifer. *Blackbird: A Childhood Lost and Found.* (B LAUCK)**

When her mother dies, Jennifer Lauck, her brother and her father move in with "Deb," a woman her father has obviously been seeing for some time. Things go from bad to worse when their father also dies and they are left to live with the selfish stepmother, who force them to work for her weird church.

**Mah, Adeline Yen. *Chinese Cinderella.* (YA B MAH)**

Adeline's mother died giving birth to her. As a result she was deemed bad luck, and suffered a childhood of appalling emotional abuse at the hands of her own family.

**McCourt, Frank. *Angela's Ashes.* ( B MCCOURT)**

McCourt's story is laced with the pain of extreme poverty, aggravated by an alcoholic father who abandons his family.

**Rhodes, Richard. *A Hole in the World : An American Boyhood.* (B RHODES)**

An award-winning author recounts the abuse he and his brother endured at the hands of their terrorizing stepmother and negligent father, and tells of the courageous role his brother played in delivering them to the care of others who would protect and support them.

**Walls, Jeanette. *The Glass Castle: A Memoir.* (B WALLS)**

Journalist Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were their curse and their salvation.