

## **REAL ISSUES IN YOUNG ADULT NOVELS, *BOOK TALK (8)***

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### **A COUPLE OF VAMPIRES**

**Cirque Du Freak...** Responsibility; consequences

**Glass Houses (The Morganville Vampires)...** Problem-solving; co-operation

### **THE PARANORMAL & FUTURISTIC**

**The Hunger Games...** Intuition; family responsibilities

**Divergent...** Diverse perspectives; social & political values

**Graceling...** Ruling class system; responsibility of actions

**Sabriel...** Choices; family loss; responsibility

**Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment...** family values; belonging

**The Maze Runner...** Critical thinking; problem-solving

**The Uglies...** Body image; science; environmental issues

**Gone...** Responsibility; consequences; moral dilemma

**Virals...** Science experimentation; investigation

**Delirium...** Controlling emotions; personal crisis

**I Am Number Four...** Community; commitment; global responsibility

**Life As We Knew It...** Natural disaster response; family; decision

**White Cat...** Family loyalty; moral dilemma

### **REALISM**

**When I was Joe...** Family values; law; physical disability

**Fat kid rules the world...** Body issues; acceptance; friendship; choices

**Born Blue...** Parent drug addiction; foster homes; survival; hope

**The Road of the Dead...** Family loyalty/loss; anger issues; diverse culture

**The Killer's Cousin...** Family; responsibility/consequences; hope

**Looking for jj...** Child abandonment; control; second chances

### **STEAMPUNK**

**Leviathan...** Camaraderie; honor; prejudice

**Airman...** Monarchy; deceit; perseverance; loyalty; family

**Incarceron...** Dictatorship; prejudice; social order; survival

**The Hunchback Assignments...** Orphan; physical challenges

**Clockwork Angel....** Problem-solving; protection; family

### **HISTORICAL & WAR FICTION**

**Tomorrow; When the War Began...** Consequences; morality; family; war

**Pirates!...** Survival; slavery/oppression; women's role

**The Book Thief...** Holocaust; survival; hope; reality

**The Graveyard Book...** Family tragedy; care-giving; relationship

**This Dark Endeavour...** Responsibility; sibling rivalry; consequences;

**The Eye Of The Crow, Young Sherlock Holmes...** 1800's England; prejudice/classes; critical investigation

### **GRAPHIC NOVEL SERIES**

**The Runaways series...** Family values; leadership; choices

**The Good Neighbours series...** Prejudice; deceit; power

**Buffy the Vampire Slayer...** Responsibility; teamwork; leadership

**The Marvel Noir Series...** 1920's/1930's; poverty; crime/law; justice