



# NOVELS IN VERSE

## **SHARK GIRL - KELLY BINGHAM**

After a shark attack causes the amputation of her right arm, fifteen-year-old Jane, an aspiring artist, struggles to come to terms with her loss and the changes it imposes on her day-to-day life and her plans for the future.

## **BECAUSE I AM FURNITURE - THALIA CHALTAS**

Fourteen-year-old Anke feels both relieved and neglected that her father abuses her brother and sister but ignores her, but when she catches him with one of her friends, she finally becomes angry enough to take action.

## **BRONX MASQUERADE - NIKKI GRIMES**

While studying the Harlem Renaissance, students at a Bronx high school read aloud poems they've written, revealing their innermost thoughts and fears to their formerly clueless classmates.

## **FALLOUT - ELLEN HOPKINS**

Written in free verse, explores how three teenagers try to cope with the consequences of their mother's addiction to crystal meth and its effects on their lives.

## **ADDIE ON THE INSIDE - JAMES HOWE**

Outspoken Addie Carle learns about love, loss, and staying true to herself as she navigates seventh grade, fights with her boyfriend, and endures gossip and meanness from her former best friend.

## **LIES, KNIVES AND GIRLS IN RED DRESSES - RON KOERTGE**

Free-verse reveals true stories behind well-known fairy tales, some reset in modern times.

## **MY BOOK OF LIFE BY ANGEL - MARTINE LEAVITT**

16-year-old Angel struggles to free herself from the trap of prostitution in which she is caught.

## **EXPOSED - KIMBERLY MARCUS**

High school senior Liz, a gifted photographer, can no longer see things clearly after her best friend accuses Liz's older brother of a terrible crime.

## **SOLD - PATRICIA MCCORMICK**

Thirteen-year-old Lakshmi leaves her poor mountain home in Nepal thinking that she is to work in the city as a maid only to find that she has been sold into the sex slave trade in India and that there is no hope of escape.

## **AFTER THE KISS - TERA ELAN MCVOY**

In alternating chapters, two high school senior girls in Atlanta reveal their thoughts and frustrations as they go through their final semester of high school.

## **THE DAY BEFORE - LISA SCHROEDER**

Sixteen-year-old Amber, hoping to spend one perfect day alone at the beach before her world is turned upside down, meets and feels a strong connection to Cade, who is looking for his own escape, for a very different reason.

## **THE LIGHTNING DREAMER - MARGARITA ENGLE**

In free verse, this fictionalization evokes the voice of Gertrudis Gomez de Avellaneda, a book-loving writer, feminist, and abolitionist who fought injustice in nineteenth-century Cuba.

## **NIX MINUS ONE - JILL MACLEAN**

More skilled at woodworking than communicating, Nix Humbolt seeks the words to deal with high school expectations, his extroverted sister, and his neighbor's neglected dog.

## **COALTOWN JESUS - RON KOERTGE**

Praying for help after the sudden death of his brother, Walker is astonished by the appearance of an irreverent Jesus in his bedroom who imparts unexpected strength and comfort while helping Walker understand some of life's biggest questions.