Realistic Fiction for Boys

Titles

• 12 Things to Do Before You Crash and Burn by James Proimos
• The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie
• An Abundance of Katherines by John Green
• Alabama Moon & Dirt Road Home by Watt Key
• Astonishing Adventures of FanBoy and Goth Girl by Barry Lyga
• The Big Crunch by Pete Hautman
• Blank Confession by Pete Hautman
• Brain Jack by Brian Falkner (a bit sci-fi, but in the same mode as Little Brother, which I'd also rec)
• Breathing Underwater by Alex Flinn
• Burger Wuss by M.T. Anderson
• Cardturner by Louis Sachar
• Carter Finally Gets It by Brent Crawford
• The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon
• Deadline by Chris Crutcher
• The Disenchantments by Nina LaCour (too bad about the girly cover)
• Don't Call Me Ishmael by Michael Gerard Bauer
• The downside of being Charlie by Jenny Torres Sanchez
• Everybody Sees the Ants by A. S. King
• The Fault in our Stars by John Green
• Fighting Ruben Wolf by Markus Zusak
• Food, Girls, & Other Things I Can't Have (as well as other books) by Allen Zadoff
• Funny How Things Change by Melissa Wyatt
• Gentlemen by Michael Northrop (guys also seem to like Trapped, which I found disappointing)
• Happyface & Winter Town by Stephen Emond
• Head Case by Sarah Aronson
• Heavy Metal and You by Christopher Krovatin
• How to Get Suspended and Influence People by Adam Selzer
• I am the Messenger by Markus Zusak
• I'll Be There by Holly Goldberg Sloan
• JASPER JONES by Craig Silvey
• King Dork by Frank Portman
• Looking for Alaska by John Green
• Marcelo in the Real World by Francisco X. Stork
• Me, Earl, and the Dying Girl by Jesse Andrews
• Monster by Walter Dean Myers
• Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist by Rachel Cohn and David Levithan
• Peak by Roland Smith
• The Piper's Son by Melina Marchetta
• Recovery Road by Blake Nelson
• Right Behind You by Gail Giles
- Rotters by Daniel Kraus (it seems like a zombie book, but it's not)
- Seth Baumgartner's Love Manifesto by Eric Luper
- Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie by David Lubar
- Something Like Normal by Trish Doller
- Son of the Mob by Gordon Korman
- Split by Swati Avasthi
- Sprout by Dale Peck
- Stick by Andrew Smith
- Stupid Fast and Nothing Special (a duology) by Geoff Herbach
- Swim the Fly and Beat the Band by Don Calame
- Two Parties, One Tux and a Very Short Film About the Grapes of Wrath by Steven Goldman
- Tyrell and others by Coe Booth
- WAITING TO FORGET by Sheila Kelly Welch
- Where She Went (guy's take on a devastating breakup) by Gayle Forman
- Where Things Come Back by John Corey Whaley (is mostly realistic)
- Will Grayson, Will Grayson by John Green
- With or Without You by Brian Farrey
- Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty (graphic novel) by G. Neri

Web Links
- http://sccl.bibliocommons.com/list/show/71513322_sccl_teens/83356849_teens_read_books_for_guys

Authors
- Barry Lyga
- Chris Crutcher (pretty much everything he writes)
- Gary Soto
- Gordon Korman
- John Green
- Jordan Sonnenblick
- Matt de la Pena
- Terry Trueman