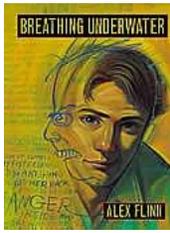


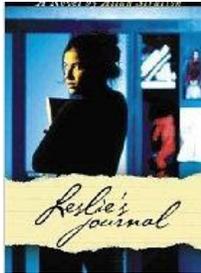
# Books Dealing With Abuse

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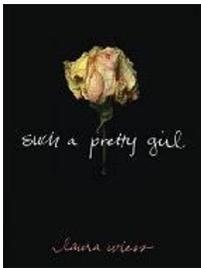
### **Breathing Underwater**

*By Alex Flinn*  
Seemingly perfect Nick hides his father's violent temper until he realizes he may have inherited it.



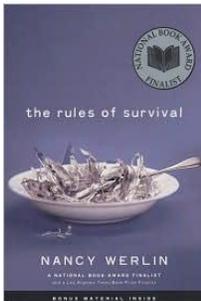
### **Leslie's Journal**

*By Allan Stratton*  
Leslie tries in vain to break up with her abusive boyfriend Jason, but finds it impossible as he blackmails, torments, stalks, and terrifies her. With Jason escalating, who can she turn to?



### **Such a Pretty Girl**

*By Laura Wiess*  
Her father was supposed to be locked up until Meredith turned eighteen. She thought she had time to get out and start a new life. But Meredith is only fifteen, and today her father is coming home from prison. Today her time has run out.



### **The Rules of Survival**

*By Nancy Werlin*  
Matt and his sisters are emotionally tortured every day by their cruel, vicious mother. But salvation may lie with their mother's new boyfriend, Murdoch.



### **Painting Caitlyn**

*By Kimberly Joy Peters*  
When Tyler enters Caitlyn's life she feels wanted for the first time in ages- and it feels good. But Tyler is as controlling as he is caring, and Caitlyn must soon find the strength to break away.



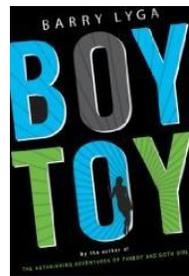
### **Living Dead Girl**

*By Elizabeth Scott*  
When Alice was ten Ray took her from her family, her friends- her life. Now Alice is fifteen and too old for Ray. She becomes conflicted when assigned the task of finding her replacement.



### **Mercy's Birds**

*By Linda Holeman*  
Mercy's mother is depressed, her Aunt Moo is an alcoholic, and worst of all, her Aunt's boyfriend is making sexual advances on her. Will help arrive in time?



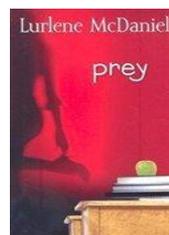
### **Boy Toy**

*By Barry Lyga*  
Five years ago, something terrible happened to Josh, and everyone in his town knows about it and thinks they understand, when they don't. Josh tries to pick up the pieces of his life before graduating high school.



### **Dreamland**

*By Sarah Dessen*  
In the wake of her older sister's running away, Caitlin finds herself trapped in an abusive relationship, unable to pull herself from the dreamland that has become her life.



### **Prey**

*By Lurlene McDaniel*  
When Ryan's teacher, Ms. Settles, starts paying extra attention to him he's happy at first. But then one day things go farther than he ever thought they would.