

## Chris Crutcher

*Running Loose*, Greenwillow Books (New York), 1983. [TEEN FIC CRU](#)

Louie, a high school senior in a small Idaho town, learns about sportsmanship, love, and death as he matures into manhood.

*Stotan!*, Greenwillow Books (New York), 1986.

A high school coach invites members of his swimming team to a memorable week of rigorous training that tests their moral fiber as well as their physical stamina.

*The Crazy Horse Electric Game*, Greenwillow Books (New York), 1987.

A high school athlete, frustrated at being handicapped after an accident, runs away from home and is helped back to mental and physical health by a black benefactor and the people in a special school where he enrolls.

*Chinese Handcuffs*, Greenwillow Books (New York), 1989. [TEEN FIC CRU](#)

Still troubled by his older brother's violent suicide, eighteen-year-old 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.

*The Deep End*, Zebra Books (New York, NY), 1991. [FIC CRU](#)

Workaholic family therapist Wilson Corder becomes caught in the middle of a chilling kidnapping and child abuse case when Sabrina Parker, the daughter of one of his patients, is abducted and later found dead.

*Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes*, Greenwillow Books (New York), 1993. [YA FIC CRU](#)

The daily class discussions about the nature of man, the existence of God, abortion, organized religion, suicide and other contemporary issues serve as a backdrop for a high-school senior's attempt to answer a friend's dramatic cry for help.

*Ironman*, Greenwillow Books (New York), 1995. [TEEN FIC CRU](#)

While training for a triathlon, seventeen-year-old Bo attends an anger management group at school which leads him to examine his relationship with his father.

*Whale Talk*, Greenwillow Books (New York), 2001. [LP TEEN FIC CRU](#)

Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students.

*The Sledding Hill*, Greenwillow Books (New York), 2005. [TEEN FIC CRU](#)

Billy, recently deceased, keeps an eye on his best friend, fourteen-year-old Eddie, who has added to his home and school problems by becoming mute, and helps him stand up to a conservative minister and English teacher who is orchestrating a censorship challenge.

*Deadline*, Greenwillow Books (New York), 2007. [TEEN FIC CRU](#)

Given the medical diagnosis of one year to live, high school senior Ben Wolf decides to fulfill his greatest fantasies, ponders his life's purpose and legacy, and converses through dreams with a spiritual guide known as "Hey-Soos."

### Autobiography

*King of the Mild Frontier*, Greenwillow Books (New York), 2003. [ORDERED](#)

Chris Crutcher, author of young adult novels such as "Ironman" and "Whale Talk," as well as short stories, tells of growing up in Cascade, Idaho, and becoming a writer.

### Collection of Short Stories

*Athletic Shorts*, Greenwillow Books (New York), 1991. [TEEN FIC CRU](#)

A collection of short stories featuring characters from earlier books by Chris Crutcher.