

Teens/ Young Adult Reading List

ALENDER, Katie

The Dead Girls of Hysteria Hall

When 16-year-old Cordelia inherits a mansion, she thinks she's "living the dream." But her dream soon turns into a living nightmare as she discovers her new estate is a ghostly former insane asylum. When the house kills Delia, she gradually learns the shocking truths of Hysteria Hall. Will she ever be able to escape?

ALMOND, David

Clay

Davie and his friend Geordie watch the arrival of a new boy, Stephen Rose, in their town. He seems to have come from nowhere, and when he arrives to live with his distant aunt, the local 'loony', 'Crazy Mary', no one envies his new home.

ALMOND, David

Heaven Eyes

Three children escape from the hardships of a children's home and meet Heaven Eyes who shows them friendship and love for the first time. An story of trust and friendship.

ARKSEY, Neil

MacB

Bansie and MacB have spent all summer working to get into the football team. A fortune teller promises that they will both be captain. It's a load of rubbish, naturally. No one plays better than Duncan King, captain and star striker. But then Duncan has a terrible accident – if it is an accident. Banksie starts to have doubts. Is it fate or is it MacB?

AVEYARD, Victoria

Red Queen

In this richly imagined world, people are divided by their blood. Mare is a poor commoner with Red blood and very little hope for the future. When suddenly she is thrust into the dangerous Silver blood world, she discovers previously unknown powers. Soon she discovers political intrigue, romance, and—eventually—her ultimate worth.

BARDUGO, Leigh

Six of Crows

When criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker is offered a chance at a deadly heist that will make him rich beyond his wildest dreams, he recruits a convict, a sharpshooter, a runaway, a spy, a Heartrender, and a thief to help. In this richly imagined and exotic world, the prize has the power to destroy everything.

BERTAGNA, Julie

Exodus

It is based on a world in the future which has been drastically affected by global warming. Mara - the main character, lives on an island that is drowning but none of the inhabitants want to face up to the fact that the floods will not stop.

BODEEN, S.A.

The Detour

Livvy has an insufferable, inflated ego. She's rich, gorgeous, famous, and a successful teenage author. While traveling in a remote area, Livvy's car is wrecked and she is held prisoner. Her deranged captors want to teach her an unforgettable lesson. While plotting to escape, Livvy slowly comes to realizations that could save her.

BOYCE, Frank Cottrell

Millions

When a bag stuffed full of money falls from a passing train to Damian's feet, he's sure it is a gift from God. But Britain is days away from joining the Euro, so soon the cash will be worthless.

BOWLER, Tim

Blade: Breaking Free

Blade's touched the edge of death. His injuries have left him exposed-and vulnerable. Now his enemies have tracked him down, and Blade knows they'll show no mercy. If he doesn't get away, he's dead. But he's weak. And he doesn't know what scares him more . . . breaking free from those hunting him-or breaking free from his own past.

BROCKENBROUGH, Martha

The Game of Love and Death

Claimed at birth, they are pawns in a game between Love and Death. Set in 1930s Seattle, Flora and Henry are attracted to each other through their mutual love of music. Their hearts and wills must overcome their earthly, racially charged circumstances and the epic forces that have battled each other throughout history.

BUCKLEY-ARCHER, Linda

Gideon the Cutpurse

An encounter with an anti-gravity machine catapults Peter Schock and Kate Dyer back to the 18th century. While a massive police hunt gets underway to find the missing children in the 21st Century – in 1763 hardened criminal, The Tar Man, steals the anti-gravity machine and disappears into the London underworld.

CARBONE, Courtney

srsly Hamlet

Shakespeare's Hamlet is modernized and simplified in this text message retelling. It remains true to the basic story, but the iambic pentameter is lost. For those unsure of text abbreviations or emoji face meanings, a glossary is provided. Read it with a friend! This is a deliciously fun read.

COLE, Stephan

The Aztec Code

Jonah Wish is in an elite team of teenage thieves lead by master criminal Nathaniel Coldhardt. Coldhardt plans every mission with absolute precision. So when Jonah and the rest of the team break into a highly secure compound to steal a precious sword, they can't quite believe it when they discover that someone has beaten them to it.

COLFER, Eoin

Artemis Fowl

Criminal mastermind, 12 year old Artemis Fowl doesn't know what he has taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. First in a series about **Artemis Fowl**

CRAIG, Joe

Jimmy Coates: Killer

An eleven-year-old boy discovers he has strange powers, and a future that holds mystery, adventure - and death! Who are the mysterious men chasing Jimmy across the city? Why are they after him? What are Jimmy's parents hiding and who can he trust?

CREECH, Sharon

Walk Two Moons

Salamanca Hiddle is travelling across the United States with her eccentric grandparents. On her journey, she tells the story of her friend Phoebe, a girl of wild imaginings. But beneath Sal's funny anecdotes is the deeper story of Sal's mother, who left home and never returned.

CROSSAN, Sarah

Apple and Rain

Reality hits hard when, after an 11-year absence, Apple's mother comes back into her life. Though Apple had imagined a close, joyful reunion, tension develops and the relationship deteriorates. Apple becomes overwhelmed by household tasks and taking care of her troubled younger sister, Rain. Eventually, Apple finds comfort and her voice through poetry.

DARER, Sarah

Backlash

Lara is rejected in the most embarrassing of ways on social media. Though she had created a new façade, her old insecurities come back to haunt her and she attempts suicide. As Lara's pain becomes even more public, questions arise regarding the circumstances surrounding the cyberbullying she experiences.

FRANK, Anne

Diary Of A Young Girl

In Amsterdam, in the summer of 1942, the Nazis forced teenager Anne Frank and her family into hiding. For over two years, they, another family and a German dentist lived in a 'secret annexe', fearing discovery.

FRENCH, Jackie

Hitler's Daughter

The bombs were falling, the smoke was rising from the concentration camps, but all Hitler's daughter knew was lessons with Fraulein Gelber, the hedgehogs she rescued from the cold and infrequent visits from her beloved Duffi, her father. Was it just a story? Did Hitler's daughter rally exist? If you were Hitler's daughter, would it all be your fault? Could you still love your own father if he had done what Hitler did? Mark, a contemporary child, starts to question his own beliefs as he listens to the story that Anna weaves.

FREEDMAN, Dan

Golden Goal

There's a massive buzz around Jamie Johnson. His dreams of becoming a professional footballer seem to be coming true, after years of hoping and practising. But, just when he seems close to living the dream, a shocking event turns his world upside down. Jamie finds himself facing his toughest times yet. He's never been a quitter, but can he rise to the challenge?

FRY, Stephen

Mythos

From the birth of the universe to the creation of humankind, Fry retells the Greek myths for our tragic, comic, fateful age. Witness Athena born from the cracking open of Zeus's great head and follow Persephone down into the dark realm of Hades. Experience the terrible and endless fate of Prometheus after his betrayal of Zeus and shiver as Pandora opens her jar of evil torments. Mythos - smart, funny, and above all great fun - is the retelling we deserve by a master of story-telling.

FUNKE, Cornelia

Dragon Rider

Go on a journey across the world in the company of a silver dragon, a brownie and a small boy, who are looking for a safe place for the last dragons to hide away. They are pursued by a larger-than-life baddie in the shape of a giant golden dragon and along the way they meet and are helped by many magical and fantastic creatures. This is a good old-fashioned fantasy adventure. Great fun!

FUNKE, Cornelia

Inkheart

Meggie has been surrounded by books her whole life. But her father, Mo, has never read aloud to her and refuses to do so. The arrival of the mysterious Dustfinger makes everything clear. If Mo reads out loud, he brings characters to life, and when this last happened, Meggie's mum disappeared into a story in exchange for a very bad character appearing! This is a stunning book with unique characters and great twists and turns. You may never dare to read aloud again! First book in a trilogy. The story continues in *Inkspell*

GIBBONS, Alan

The Lost Boys Appreciation Society

When Mum dies in a car crash Gary, John and Dad have to rebuild their lives. It is a bigger challenge than any of them could have imagined.

GORDON, Roderick

Tunnels

Fourteen-year-old Will Burrows lives with his family in London. He has little in common with them except a passion for digging which he shares with his father. When his father suddenly disappears down an unknown tunnel, Will decides to investigate with his friend Chester. Soon they find themselves deep underground where they unearth a dark and terrifying secret - a secret which may cost them their lives.

GRANT, Michael

Gone

Suddenly there are no adults, no answers. What would you do? In the blink of an eye, the world changes. The adults vanish without a trace, and those left must do all they can to survive. But everyone's idea of survival is different. Some look after themselves, some look after others, and some will do anything for power...Even kill. For Sam and Astrid, it is a race against time as they try to solve the questions that now dominate their lives...

GRATZ, Alan

Code of Honor

When Kamran Smith's older brother is accused of being involved in a terrorist attack, he faces social ostracism and unwanted attention. As he develops doubts about his brother's innocence, Kamran is

kidnapped by the federal government. He is plunged into a fast-paced world of espionage and suspense where survival is the name of the game.

HADDON, Mark

The Curious Incident OF The Dog In The Night Time

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time is a murder mystery novel like no other. The detective, and narrator, is Christopher Boone. Christopher is fifteen and has Asperger's, a form of autism. He knows a very great deal about maths and very little about human beings. He loves lists, patterns and the truth. He hates the colours yellow and brown and being touched. He has never gone further than the end of the road on his own, but when he finds a neighbour's dog murdered he sets out on a terrifying journey which will turn his whole world upside down.

HENDERSON, J A

Bunker 10

At eight o'clock in the evening, on Monday 24th December 2007, Pinewood Military Installation exploded. No official cause was given for the incident. Inside Pinewood were 185 male and female military personnel - a mixture of scientists and soldiers. There were also seven teenagers at Pinewood. This is the story of their last day.

HIGSON, Charlie

Silverfin

The adventures of the teenage James Bond at school at Eton and in Scotland, at the remote home of his Aunt Charmian and Uncle Max. A local Laird, in his ominous castle nearby, is conducting horrific scientific experiments that prove he is very mad indeed and a threat to society who must be defeated. First in a series about the Teenage Bond

JOHNSON, J.J.

Believarexic

This is the autobiographical story of Jennifer's eating disorder after she convinces her parents to check her into a facility. While there, she must face her behaviors, her family's dysfunction, and her need to be perfect. She must work the program, evaluate relationships, and discover truth before she can come home.

KURTAGICH, Dawn

The Dead House

Decades after a series of unsettling series of incidents and a horrific fire at Elmbridge High, an investigation takes place. Told through journal entries, psychotherapist's notes, photos, and transcripts, the desperate story of Carly/Kaitlin's life unfolds. Deeply disturbing and creepy, this emotional horror story clutches the imagination of its readers.

LAIRD, Elizabeth

The Garbage King

This is the story of children who live on the very edge of destitution. Dani and Mamo, and the gang of street boys that they join, have nothing and share everything. Their courage, loyalty and determination enable them to survive in the harshest of worlds.

LAURIE, Victoria

When

Maddie Flynn has a special gift, which most often feels like a curse. She can see the shadowy death-date digits of everyone just over their forehead. When the authorities discover Maddie's ability, she is implicated in a series of homicides. Her own safety is at stake when she becomes a tantalizing target for murder.

McNAB, Andy

Boy Soldier

Danny Watts' grandfather, Fergus, was a traitor who betrayed his country and his Regiment for money - drug money. He was arrested and left to rot and die in a Columbian jail. At least, that's what seventeen-year-old Danny is told when his hopes of becoming a soldier are destroyed for ever. But Danny knows that his grandfather is alive living in secret under an assumed name - but where? Burning with fury and desire for revenge, Danny sets out to track down his grandfather and expose him. In doing so, he sets in train an explosive sequence of events which throw Danny and Fergus together on the run from the people who want Fergus, and now Danny, dead.

MAH, Adeline Yen

Chinese Cinderella

Chinese Cinderella is a young girl who finds herself searching for her own destiny after she is thrown out of her home. She soon meets up with a group of orphaned children, all from very different backgrounds, who live with an old lady called Grandma Wu. Chinese Cinderella realises her destiny is to help the lives of others and the young group set out on a mission to rescue a group of American pilots whose plane has crashed after a bombing raid in Japan. This is an unforgettable story based on true events of the Second World War and inspired by the adventure stories Adeline Yen Mah wrote as a child growing up in Shanghai.

MAGORIAN, Michelle

Goodnight Mister Tom

Young Willie Beech is evacuated to the country as Britain stands on the brink of WW2. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of old Tom Oakley - but his new-found happiness is shattered by a summons from his mother back in London...

MORGAN, Nicola

Fleshmarket

Set in the 1820s in Edinburgh, a city of cruel contrasts between the lives of the rich and poor, and home to the infamous Burke and Hare, who sold their murder victims to brilliant anatomist Dr Robert Knox. This is the evocative, often harrowing story of a boy who must survive the pain of his mother's death, at the hands of Doctor Knox.

MUCHAMORE, Robert

The Recruit

A terrorist doesn't let strangers into her flat because they might be undercover police, but her children bring their mates home. She doesn't know that a kid has bugged her house. The kid works for CHERUB. CHERUB kids slip under adult radar and get information that sends criminals to jail.

NICHOLSON, William

The Wind Singer

In the walled city of Aramant exams are everything. When Kestrel Hath dares to rebel, the Chief Examiner humiliates her father and sentences the whole family to the harshest punishment. Desperate to save them, Kestrel learns the secret of the wind singer, and she and her twin brother Bowman, set out on a terrifying journey to the true source of the evil that grips Aramant. First in the *Wind on Fire* Trilogy

NIVEN, Jennifer

All the Bright Places

Finch and Violet form an undeniable bond when they, both desperate, meet on the bell tower of their school. Their friendship deepens while on a "Wander the State" road tour through Indiana. Though Finch is instrumental in Violet's healing, he ultimately can't save himself. This emotional story is honest, moving, and heartbreaking.

PAOLINI, Christopher

Eragon

The story begins as Eragon, a young farm boy from Carvahall discovers a mysterious "Stone" and takes it home hoping to sell it and make some money. However, the Stone turns out to be a dragon egg, and when the egg hatches Eragon is then very quickly drawn in to a world of adventure, magic and all the time he has to keep an eye out for pursuers that mean to harm him. You can follow the next stage of the quest in *Eldest*

PULLMAN, Philip

Northern Lights

A powerful fantasy of an alternative world, where each human is accompanied by their personal daemon, and armoured bears rule the North Pole. The story is continued in *The Subtle Knife* and *The Amber Spyglass*.

REEVE, Philip

Mortal Engines

The book is set in a far-future age of traction cities that roll around a barren landscape, with the strong preying on the weak (capturing their inhabitants and recycling their parts). Tom and Hester have been thrown out of a city on wheels that's left them stranded and starving in the middle of nowhere while it hares off after its prey. First Book in the *Mortal Engines* Quartet

RIGBY, Robert

Goal

This is a terrific story of a young Latino boy, who spotted by an ex-scout, playing in a park in Los Angeles, wins himself a trial at one of England's Premier League clubs - Newcastle United. Struggling to cope with the gritty Northern weather, the rivalries and jealousies from other players and dodgy scouts, he has just this one shot at fulfilling his dream. He has the skill, but does he have the pace and stamina necessary for success?

SACHAR, Louis

Small Steps

In this sequel to *Holes*, Armpit and X-Ray are living in Austin, Texas. It is three years since they left the confines of Camp Green Lake Detention Centre and Armpit is taking small steps to turn his life around. He is working for a landscape gardener because he is good at digging holes. He is going to school and he is enjoying his first proper romance, but is he going to be able to stay out of trouble when there is so much building up against him?

SHAN, Darren

Lord Loss

Grubbs Grady opts out of a family trip never anticipating that he's about to take a terrifying journey into darkness where demons and werewolves haunt his waking nightmares. The first novel in a new horror series from the author of the *Darren Shan Saga*

SHEINKIN, Steve

Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War

Truth is dangerous. When Daniel Ellsberg leaked the top-secret Pentagon Papers to the press, he changed the narrative of America's actions in the Vietnam War. These documents exposed the government's deceptive policies that destroyed many lives. Ellsberg's courageous, patriotic actions changed history. Immaculately researched and compelling, Sheinkin's account brings history vividly to life.

SPARKS, Ali

Frozen In Time

1956 Freddy and Polly have always known their father is a genius. So they've never minded helping him with his experiments. Even when that means being put into cryonic suspension-having their hearts frozen until their father wakes them up again. They know it will only be for an hour or two, so there's nothing to worry about... 2009 Ben and Rachel have resigned themselves to a long, boring summer. Then they find the hidden underground vault in the garden-and inside it two frozen figures, a boy and a girl. And as if that isn't spooky enough, when Rachel accidentally presses a button, something unbelievable happens... Can Polly and Freddy adapt to the twenty-first century? Will their bodies survive having been in suspension for so long? And most important of all, what happened to their father-and why did he leave them frozen in time?

SPINELLI, Jerry

Milkweed

He's a boy called Jew, Gypsy, Stopthief who lives in the streets of Nazi occupied Warsaw and has the job of stealing food for himself and other orphans. A dark story of heartbreak, hope and survival and the perseverance of a simple boy.

SWINDELLS, Robert

Shrapnel

It's the height of World War Two. Britain is being ravaged by bombs and most young men are off fighting. Gordon wishes he was too. Maybe then he wouldn't get bullied for having a cowardly family...Gordon's dad didn't serve in World War One, and now his older brother Raymond isn't serving in World War Two - he's gone missing. When Gordon finds a revolver hidden in his house, he tracks Raymond down, but ends up involved in more than he'd bargained for. Raymond enlists Gordon's help to deliver and collect some 'packages'. But is the work actually for the government? And will it have terrible consequences?

WALDEN, Mark

H.I.V.E.

HIVE is a high-tech Hogwarts, a top secret school of advanced villainy where students are trained for six years to become criminal masterminds. First book in a series.

WILSON, Lesley

Saving Rafael

There was a vehicle pulling up outside. I heard the booted feet running up the stairs, then the hammering on the apartment door and the shouting. 'Open up! Gestapo!' You're fifteen years old. You're in love. Only this is Nazi-ruled Berlin and he's a Jew, so it's against the law to love him. There are spies everywhere. And they're taking the last Jews away from Berlin. To the gas chambers. This novel of love and courage in the face of danger is one that you won't be able to put down.

YOON, Nicola

Everything, Everything

Madeline Whitter has SCID, a disease that makes her, basically, allergic to the world. She is happy in the bubble of her home with her mom and her nurse, Carla. When she strikes up a relationship with Olly, the boy next door, everything changes. Everything, everything.

ZEPHANIA, Benjamin

Face

How could Martin know when he accepts a lift late one night that it will change his life for ever? The car crashes at speed and he is left horribly scarred. This is a powerful story of bravery in the face of dreadful odds. And it isn't only Martin who has to be courageous. You might also like to try ***Refugee Boy***, which deals with the issue of asylum seekers.

And for the more adventurous...

Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen
All the Pretty Horses, Cormack McCarthy
Dracula, Bram Stoker
Frankenstein, Mary Shelley
Rebecca, Daphne Du Maurier
The Left-Hand of Darkness, Ursula Le Guin
Across the Nightingale Floor, Lian Hearn
Arthur and George, Julian Barnes
The Sharpe Series, Bernard Cornwell
The Time Traveller's Wife, Audrey Niffenegger
Lullaby, Chuck Palahniuk
Notes from a Small Island, Bill Bryson
Emotional Intelligence, Daniel Coleman
Middlemarch, George Eliot
Chocolat, Joanne Harris
The Lord of the Flies, William Golding
Fever Pitch, Nick Hornby
Animal Farm, George Orwell
David Copperfield, Charles Dickens
The Stars' Tennis Balls, Stephen Fry
Maus, Art Spiegelman
Mister God, This is Anna, Fynn
A Fine Balance, Rohinton Mistry
The Road, Cormack McCarthy
Kon Tiki, Thor Heyerdahl
1984, George Orwell
A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man, James Joyce
Metamorphosis and other stories, Franz Kafka
100 Years of Solitude, Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Love in the Time of Cholera, Gabriel Garcia Marquez
The Sword in the Stone, TH White
Gormenghast, Mervyn Peake

Sense and Sensibility, Jane Austen
Casino Royal, Ian Fleming
Anna Karenina, Leo Tolstoy
Of Mice and Men, John Steinbeck
Crime and Punishment, Fyodor Dostoyevsky
Rebecca, Daphne du Maurier
For Whom the Bell Tolls, Ernest Hemingway
Catch 22, Joseph Heller
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich,
Alexander Solzhenitsyn
Hunger, Knut Hamsun
The Iliad, Homer
The Outsider, Albert Camus
Things Fall Apart, Chinua Achebe
Wuthering Heights, Emily Bronte
The Handmaid's Tale, Margaret Atwood
Jane Eyre, Charlotte Bronte
Atonement, Ian McEwan
The Picture of Dorian Gray, Oscar Wilde
Heart of Darkness, Joseph Conrad
Hitchhikers' Guide to the Galaxy, Douglas Adams
Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury
To Kill a Mocking Bird, Harper Lee
The Screwtape Letters, CS Lewis
His Dark Materials, Phillip Pullman
Brave New World, Aldous Huxley
The Complete Sherlock Holmes, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
The Beauty Myth, Naomi Wolf
If This is a Man, Primo Levi
Great Expectations, Charles Dickens
Riddley Walker, Russell Hoban