

Feeling Sorry for Celia by Jaclyn Moriarty
(*Realistic Fiction*)

A funny story about the complicated life of Elizabeth and her best friend Celia written in letters, messages, postcards and bizarre missives from imaginary organizations like “The Cold Hard Truth Association”.

Monster by Walter Dean Myers (*Realistic Fiction*)

While on trial as an accomplice to murder, Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and the courtroom in the form of a film script.

Dancing on the Edge by Han Nolan (*Realistic Fiction*)

After her father disappears, Miracle McCloy creates an alternative world that nearly results in her death, but which ultimately leads her to reality.

The Body of Christopher Creed by Carol Plum-Ucci
(*Mystery*)

Three classmates implicate themselves while trying to solve the mystery of the class outcast’s disappearance.

Imani All Mine by Connie Rose Porter (*Realistic Fiction*)

Fifteen-year-old Tasha is trying to grow up in a bleak housing project, get good grades and take care of her daughter without help from her mother.

The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman
(*Science Fiction/Fantasy*)

Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming subjects of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

Close to a Killer by Marsha Qualey (*Mystery*)

Seventeen-year-old Barrie finds herself involved in a string of murders that are somehow connected to her mother's hair salon.

The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold (*Realistic Fiction*)

Susie Salmon, raped and murdered when she was 14, is now in “heaven” watching her friends and family cope with their grief as she learns to let go of earthly concerns.

Sugar in the Raw: Voices of Young Black Girls in America edited by Rebecca Carroll (*Non-fiction*)

African-American teenage girls discuss their views on race, gender and their future in America.

Rats Saw God by Rob Thomas (*Realistic Fiction*)

Steve York must write a hundred page essay about himself in order to graduate from high school which forces him to reflect upon his life and figure out where it all went wrong.

Playing Without the Ball: A Novel in Four Quarters

by Rich Wallace (*Realistic Fiction*)

Feeling abandoned by his parents, who have gone their separate ways and left him behind, 17-year-old Jay finds hope for the future in a church-sponsored basketball team and a female friend.

What Are You?: Voices of Mixed-race Young People

edited by Pearl Fuyo Gaskins (*Non-Fiction*)

Young people of racially mixed backgrounds discuss their feelings about family relationships, prejudice, dating, personal identity and other issues.

Black Mirror by Nancy Werlin (*Realistic Fiction*)

Convinced her brother's death was murder rather than suicide, 16-year-old Frances begins her own investigation into suspicious student activities at her boarding school.

To Say Nothing of the Dog by Connie Willis
(*Science Fiction/Mystery*)

A mystery novel and time travel adventure, this is a witty tale of misconceptions, misunderstandings and a chaotic world.

True Believer by Virginia Euwer Wolff
(*Realistic Fiction in Verse*)

Living in the inner city amid guns and poverty, 15-year-old LaVaughn learns that life is what you make it--an occasion to rise to.

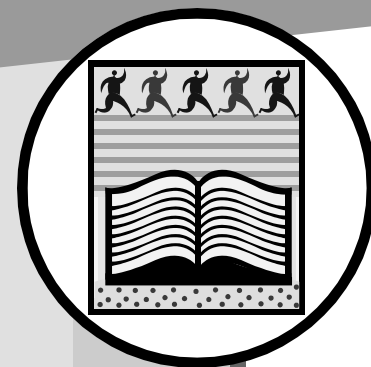
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High School

Recommended Teen Reads



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Kit's Wilderness by David Almond (*Fantasy*)

Kit goes to live with his grandfather in an old coal mining town and finds the town and his grandfather are haunted by ghosts from the past.

Burger Wuss by M. T. Anderson (*Realistic Fiction*)

Hoping to shed his loser image, Anthony plans revenge on a bully which results in a war between two competing fast food restaurants.

Rules of the Road by Joan Bauer (*Realistic Fiction*)

Jenna learns valuable life lessons while driving the owner of Gladstone's Shoes from Chicago to Texas.

Weetzie Bat by Francesca Lia Block (*Fantasy*)

Follow the wild adventures of Weetzie Bat and her Los Angeles friends: Dirk, Duck and My-Secret-Agent-Lover-Man.

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares (*Realistic Fiction*)

Four best girlfriends spend the biggest summer of their lives sharing a seemingly magical pair of jeans.

All Loves Excelling by Josiah Bunting III (*Realistic Fiction*)

The pressure to get into a prestigious college is the drama in this contemporary story of a hardworking high school student overwhelmed by parental expectations.

Girl With a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier (*Historical Fiction*)

Through the eyes of 16-year-old Griet, the world of 1660s Holland comes alive in this richly imagined portrait of the young woman who inspired one of Vermeer's most celebrated paintings.

Postcards From No Man's Land by Aidan Chambers (*Realistic & Historical Fiction*)

In the present, 17-year-old Jacob visits Amsterdam and in the past, 19-year-old Geertrui relates her experience of British soldiers' attempts to liberate Holland from its German occupation.

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky (*Realistic Fiction*)

Caught between trying to live his life and trying to run from it, Charlie is navigating through the strange worlds of love, drugs, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" and dealing with loss.

Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher (*Realistic Fiction*)

Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ is a multiracial adopted teenager who shuns organized sports but agrees to form a swimming team and recruits misfits.

Keeping the Moon by Sarah Dessen (*Realistic Fiction*)

Colie, a former "fat girl," spends the summer with her overweight Aunt Mira and works as a waitress while trying to figure out who she really is.

Blade Runner (Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep)

by Phillip Dick (*Science Fiction*)
Somewhere among the hordes of humans lurk several rogue androids who look exactly like humans; the assignment is to find and "retire" them.

Invisible Enemies: Stories of Infectious Disease

by Jeanette Farrell (*Non-Fiction*)
Man's fight against seven major dangerous and deadly diseases such as leprosy and cholera is examined.

Breathing Underwater by Alexandra Flinn (*Realistic Fiction*)

Sent to counseling for hitting his girlfriend and ordered to keep a journal, 16-year-old Nick recounts this relationship and describes living with his abusive father.

Eleanor's Story: An American Girl in Hitler's Germany

by Eleanor Ramrath Garner (*Biography*)
Learn what it was like for Eleanor and her family to live in Nazi Germany as American citizens during World War II.

At All Costs by John Gilstrap (*Mystery*)

After hiding from the FBI for fifteen years, the Donovan family has just been discovered and is on the run.

Leaving Fishers by Margaret Peterson Haddix (*Realistic Fiction*)

After joining her new friends in the religious group called Fishers of Men, Dorry finds herself immersed in a cult.

Born Confused by Tanuja Desai Hidier (*Realistic Fiction*)

Dimple, whose family is from India, discovers that she is not Indian enough for the Indians and not American enough for the Americans.

The Adventures of Blue Avenger by Norma Howe (*Realistic Fiction*)

On his 16th birthday, David changes his name to Blue Avenger hoping to find a way to make a difference in the world and cope with the unexpected death of his father.

A Time for Dancing by Davida Wills Hurwin (*Realistic Fiction*)

Juliana and Samantha have been best friends forever, but their friendship is threatened when Jules is diagnosed with cancer.

Kinship by Trudy Krisher (*Realistic Fiction*)

It's 1961 and 15-year-old Pert living in a trailer with her mother in Georgia, finally gets to meet her long-absent father and discovers the true meaning of home.

Cut by Patricia McCormick (*Realistic Fiction*)

While confined to a mental hospital, Callie slowly comes to understand some of the reasons behind her self-mutilation and gradually begins to get better.

Swallowing Stones by Joyce McDonald (*Realistic Fiction*)

Michael cannot bear his grief and guilt when he shoots off his antique rifle and accidentally kills his classmate's father.

Falling Leaves: The True Story of an Unwanted Chinese Daughter by Adeline Yen Mah (*Biography*)

This memoir chronicles the author's life in China, Hong Kong and America as she deals with emotional abuse from her father and stepmother.

Tomorrow When the War Began by John Marsden (*Realistic Fiction*)

Australian teenagers returning from a camping trip in the outback find enemy forces have invaded their country, and they must hide in order to stay alive and rescue their family members. Book one in the *Tomorrow* series.

Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida

by Victor Martinez (*Realistic Fiction*)
Manny relates his life as a member of a poor Mexican-American family in which his alcoholic father only adds to everyone's struggle.

