

Cirque Du Freak: A Living Nightmare by Darren Shan
Two boys who are best friends visit an illegal freak show, where an encounter with a vampire and a deadly spider forces them to make life-changing choices. *Read the sequels too.*

Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen
by Dyan Sheldon

In her first year at a suburban high school Mary Elizabeth, a.k.a. Lola, sets her sights on the lead in the annual drama production.

The Virtual War by Gloria Skurzynski
In a future world, three teens with genetically engineered abilities are teamed up to wage war in virtual reality.

Dreams: Explore the You that You Can't Control by Tucker Shaw

Answers your toughest questions about the unknown causes and hidden meanings of your dreams.

Zach's Lie by Roland Smith

Jack has begun to make friends and adjust to his family's sudden move to Nevada in the witness protection program, but a drug cartel is determined to track them down.

What My Mother Doesn't Know

by Sonya Sones

Sophie describes her relationships with a series of boys as she searches for Mr. Right.

How I Spent My Last Night on Earth

by Todd Strasser

When a rumor appears on the Internet that a giant asteroid is about to destroy Earth, Legs Hanover scrambles to meet the boy of her dreams, the elusive Andros Bliss.

The Tale of One Bad Rat

by Bryan Talbot

Helen Potter ran away from sexual abuse at home and now she's traveling through urban and rural England in this graphic novel.

Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen

In alternating chapters, two teens describe how their feelings about themselves, each other and their families have changed over the years.

Memory Boy by Will Weaver

After a chain of volcanic explosions creates dangerous conditions in the city, Miles and his family must flee their Minneapolis home.

Black Mirror by Nancy Werlin

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

Pedro and Me: Friendship, Loss and What I Learned by Judd Winick

In graphic art format, this book describe the real-life friendship between two roommates on the MTV show, *Real World*, one of whom died of AIDS.

Make Lemonade by Virginia Euwer Wolff

In order to earn money for college, LaVaughn babysits for a teenage mother and gets more than she expected. *Read the sequel too.*

Rats by Paul Zindel

When mutant rats threaten to take over Staten Island, Sarah and her younger brother try to figure out how to stop them.

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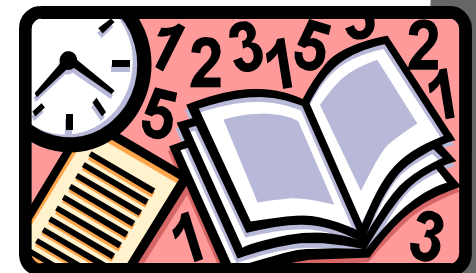
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Need a quick read?

Try these!



Great Books for Teens

Before We Were Free by Julia Alvarez

In the early 1960s in the Dominican Republic, Anita learns that her family is involved in the underground movement to end the bloody rule of the dictator.

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

Demon in My View by Amelia Atwater-Rhodes

Jessica discovers that the vampire world of her fiction is real when she meets an alluring vampire and a teenage witch trying to save Jessica from the vampire.

The Edge by Ben Bo

A gang member accused of various crimes finds redemption working and snowboarding at a ski lodge near Canada's Glacier National Park.

Blackwater by Eve Bunting

When a boy and girl are drowned, Brodie must decide whether to confess that he may have caused the accident.

Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul by Jack Canfield

One hundred and one stories of life, love and learning. *Look for the sequels too.*

Wurst Case Scenario by Catherine Clark

Courtney, a vegetarian animal-rights activist, records in her diary the events of the beginning of her freshman year at a Wisconsin college, surrounded by cheese- and meat-lovers. *Sequel to Truth or Dairy.*

Spyboy by Peter David

High school student Alex Fleming's life is the standard mix of homework, dating anxiety and school bullies until his dormant abilities surface and he is drawn into a world of mystery, intrigue and villainy. *Graphic Novel*

Rat Boys by Thom Eberhardt

Marci and Summer use a magic ring to turn two rats into cute guys so that they can have dates for the Spring Fling.

After the Death of Anna Gonzales by Terri Fields

Poems written in the voices of 47 people record the aftermath of a high school student's suicide.

Things I Have to Tell You:

Poems and Writings by Teenage Girls

You Hear Me?:

Poems and Writings by Teenage Boys

both books edited by Betsy Franco

These collections of poems, stories, and essays written by teens reveal the secrets which enabled them to overcome the challenges they faced.

Coraline by Neil Gaiman

Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own.

Who Killed Mr. Chippendale? By Mel Glenn

Free verse poems describe the reactions of students, colleagues and others when a high school teacher is shot to death as the school day begins.

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to two children, Luke is in hiding as a "third."

Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, Alex Rider is forced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency.

I'm Not Who You Think I Am by Peg Kehret

Thirteen-year-old Ginger becomes the target of a disturbed woman who believes that Ginger is her dead daughter.

Stoner & Spaz by Ronald Koertge

A troubled youth with cerebral palsy struggles toward self-acceptance with the help of a drug-addicted young woman.

The Girls by Amy Goldman Koss

Each of the girls in a middle-school clique reveals the strong, manipulative hold one of the group exerts on the others, and the hurt and self-doubt it causes them.

Yoga for Teens by Thia Luby

Improve your fitness, confidence, appearance, and health - and have fun doing it!

Spellbound by Janet McDonald

Raven, a teenaged mother and high school dropout living in a housing project, decides to study for a spelling bee which could lead to a college preparatory program and a scholarship.

Soldier's Heart: A Novel of the Civil War

by Gary Paulsen

Eager to enlist, 15-year-old Charley has a change of heart after experiencing both the physical horrors and mental anguish of the Civil War.

Freak the Mighty by W. Rodman Philbrick

At the beginning of 8th grade, learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak whose birth defect has affected his body, make a powerful team

Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging:

Confessions of Georgia Nicolson by Louise Rennison

This is the humorous journal of Georgia, who tries to reduce the size of her nose, stop her cat from terrorizing the neighborhood, and win the love of the handsome Robbie. *Read the sequels too.*

Empress of the World by Sara Ryan

While attending a summer institute, Nic falls in love with another girl named Battle but finds the relationship to be difficult and confusing.