

Vande Velde, Vivian - **Heir Apparent**

While playing a total Immersion virtual reality game, fourteen year-old Giannine learns that demonstrators have damaged the equipment to which she is connected, and she must win the game quickly or be damaged herself.

Volponi, Paul - **Black and White**

Two star high school basketball players, one black and one white, experience the justice system differently after committing a crime together and getting caught.

Werlin, Nancy - **Impossible**

When seventeen-year-old Lucy discovers her family is under an ancient curse by an evil Elfin Knight, she realizes to break the curse she must perform three impossible tasks before her daughter is born in order to save them both.

Westerfield, Scott - **The Uglies (series)**

Just before their sixteenth birthdays, when they will be transformed into beauties whose only job is to have a great time, Tally's best friend runs away and Tally must find her and turn her in, or never become pretty at all.

Whitcomb, Laura - **A Certain Slant of Light**

After benignly haunting a series of people for 130 years, Helen meets a teenage boy who can see her and together they unlock the mysteries of their pasts.

Wittlinger, Ellen - **Hard Love**

After starting to publish a 'zine in which he writes his secret feelings about his lonely life and his parents' divorce, sixteen-year-old John meets an unusual girl and begins to develop a healthier personality.

Woodson, Jacqueline - **After Tupac and D Foster**

In the New York City borough of Queens in 1996, three girls bond over their shared love of Tupac Shakur's music, as together they try to make sense of the unpredictable world in which they live.

Zusak, Markus - **The Book Thief**

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel—a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

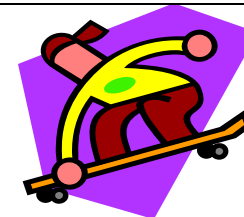
These are just a few of the many books that young adults enjoy. Ask your local librarian for further suggestions.

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YOUNG ADULT READING LIST



Alexie, Sherman - **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is his school mascot.

Anderson, M.T. - **Feed**

In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.

Bray, Libba - **A Great and Terrible Beauty (series)**

After the suspicious death of her mother in 1865, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world.

Card, Orson Scott - **Ender's Game (series)**

Andrew "Ender" Wiggin, schoolboy genius, finds his alien fighting skills are needed before he finishes training.

Chbosky, Stephen - **Perks of Being a Wallflower**

Charlie finds his way through freshman year in spite of being too smart for his own good and haunted by confusing and disturbing memories. He's helped by some independent seniors and a sympathetic teacher.

Collins, Suzanne - **The Hunger Games**

To save her young sister from competing, Katniss Everdeen takes her place in the annual Hunger Games, a televised competition in which only one person, the winner, survives. By turns an adventure, a love story, and a futuristic thriller, this is the first in a planned trilogy

Crutcher, Chris - **The Sledding Hill**

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.

Desai Hidier, Tanuja - **Born Confused**

Dimple, whose family is from India, discovers that she is not Indian enough for Indians and not American enough for Americans, as she sees her manipulative best friend claiming her heritage and the boy she likes.

Dessen, Sarah - **Just Listen**

Being nice, never complaining, and avoiding conflict no longer work for Annabel Green. Can she listen to her own voice and speak up?

Freymann-Weyr, Garret - **My Heartbeat**

As she tries to understand the closeness between her older brother and his best friend, fourteen-year-old Ellen finds her relationship with each of them changing.

Green, John - **Paper Towns**

Quentin idolizes next door neighbor, Margo Roth Spiegelman. When she includes him in a wild night of revenge and then disappears, Q must follow the clues to find her.

Lynch, Chris - **Inexcusable**

High school senior and football player Keir sets out to enjoy himself on graduation night, but when he attempts to comfort a friend whose date has left her stranded, things go terribly wrong.

McKinley, Robin - **Rose Daughter**

Thirty years after she first explored the depths of the “Beauty and the Beast” story in Beauty, the author returns to the same story from a different viewpoint. Both are wildly romantic.

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert - **Dairy Queen**

After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school’s rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.

Myers, Walter Dean - **Shooter**

Written in the form of interviews, reports, and journal entries, this story of three troubled teenagers ends in a tragic school shooting.

Napoli, Donna Jo - **Hush: An Irish Princess' Tale**

Melkorka, a 10th century Irish princess, must adapt to a harsh new life after she is stolen from her home by Russian slavers.

Nix, Garth - **Sabriel (series)**

Sabriel, daughter of the necromancer Abhorsen, must journey into the mysterious and magical Old Kingdom to rescue her father from the land of the dead.

Oates, Joyce Carol - **Big Mouth and Ugly Girl**

When Matt is falsely accused of threatening to blow up his high school and his friends turn against him, an unlikely classmate comes to his aid.

Oppel, Kenneth - **Airborn**

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above Earth’s surface.

Sanchez, Alex - **Rainbow Boys (series)**

Three high school seniors, a jock with a girlfriend and an alcoholic father, a closeted gay, and a flamboyant gay rights advocate, struggle with family issues, gay bashers, first sex, and conflicting feelings about each other.

Scott, Michael - **The Alchemyst: Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel (series)**

While working at pleasant but mundane summer jobs in San Francisco, fifteen-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, suddenly find themselves caught up in the deadly, centuries-old struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient and powerful book holding the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life.

Shusterman, Neal - **Unwind**

In a future world where those between the ages of thirteen and eighteen can have their lives “unwound” and their body parts harvested for use by others, three teens go to extreme lengths to uphold their beliefs—and perhaps, save their own lives.

Smith, Cynthia Leitich - **Eternal**

Zachary, a guardian angel has, against all rules, fallen in love with his charge. When he sees Miranda sleeping in the shadow of death, his attempt to save her hurls her into life as a vampire princess and exiles him from heaven.

Springer, Nancy - **I am Mordred**

King Arthur’s illegitimate son fights against his destiny to be his father’s killer.

Staples, Suzanne Fisher - **Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind**

Loyal to her family but with strong opinions of her own, Shabanu struggles against the old customs, such as an arranged marriage, in this story of a nomadic tribe in modern Pakistan.

Swanwick, Michael - **The Dragons of Babel**

Enslaved by a war-dragon of Babel, young Will evacuates to the Tower of Babel where he meets the confidence trickster, Nat Whilk, and becomes a hero to the homeless living in the tunnels under the city. As he rises from an underling to a politician, Will falls in love with a high-elven woman he dare not aspire to.

Tashjian, Janet - **The Gospel According to Larry**

Seventeen-year-old Josh, a loner-philosopher who wants to make a difference in the world, tries to maintain his secret identity as the author of a web site that is receiving national attention.

Trueman, Terry - **Stuck in Neutral**

Seventeen-year-old Shawn McDaniel, who suffers from severe cerebral palsy and cannot function, relates his perceptions of his life, his family, and his condition, especially as he believes his father is planning to kill him.