

Wooding, Chris. *Malice*. Once you get into the story, there's no way out.

Wrede, Patricia & Stevermer, Caroline. *Sorcery & Cecelia*. Two cousins write letters to keep each other updated on their exploits, which take a sinister turn when they find themselves confronted by evil wizards.

Wright, Bil. *Putting Makeup on the Fat Boy*. Watch out world; here comes Carlos!

Yancey, Rick. *The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp*. When Alfred steals an ancient sword for his uncle's client, he discovers that he's unwittingly given Excalibur to a man bent on evil. Getting it back will take everything Alfred's got!

Yolen, Jane. *Dragon's Blood (The Dragon Chronicles, bk 1)*. Training a dragon to be a fighting champion is the only way to freedom for fifteen-year-old Jakkin.

Young, E.L. *STORM: The Infinity Code*. The teen geniuses of STORM, a secret organization dedicated to eliminating the world's misery, uncover plans for a deadly weapon.

Zevin, Gabrielle. *Elsewhere*. Is it possible to grow up while getting younger?



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TEEN CENTRAL

This book list was created to help ease the transition into teen literature. The books in Teen Central cover the full range of the teen years, thirteen through eighteen, and a bit beyond. That being said, “teen” doesn’t necessarily indicate a reading level, but rather a maturity level. Within this collection you’ll find a wide range of topics dealing with the teen years, including subjects you or your teen may not be ready for. If you’re unsure if a book is appropriate, please ask! There is nothing we like better than matching a reader with the perfect book. **All the books presented here are “clean” reads, without a lot that “other stuff” you’ll find in books aimed at older teens. Enjoy!**

Alender, Katie. *Bad Girls Don't Die*. Kasey's dolls could give Chucky a run for his money.

Alexander, Jill. *The Sweetheart of Prosper County*. Austin sets out to win a ride in the next parade, knowing it won't be an easy undertaking.

Alexander, Kwame. *The Crossover*. Told in verse, this novel focuses on the lives of fourteen-year-old basketball stars Josh and Jordan as they navigate both the court and middle school.

Anderson, RJ. *Wayfarer*. Linden, the youngest faery of the Oak, teams with a human named Timothy to search for faeries who might help save the Oakenfolk.

Barnes, Jennifer Lynn. *The Squad: Perfect Cover*. The Bayport High cheerleaders are typical - perky, blonde, & ditzzy. But they're really a cover-up for an elite group of government operatives!

Barron, TA. *The Lost Years of Merlin*. When Merlin, suffering from a case of severe amnesia, discovers his strange powers, he becomes determined to discover his identity

Bauer, Joan. *Backwater*. Ivy battles the family legal tradition and a treacherous blizzard.

Beaufrand, Mary Jane. *Primavera*. As her older sister is being painted by the famed artist Botticelli, Flora decides to escape life in a convent by masquerading as a boy.

Berry, Julie. *The Amaranth Enchantment*. Orphaned at age five, Lucinda, now fifteen, stands with courage against the man who took everything from her.

Bodeen, S.A. *The Compound*. Eli's family survived nuclear fallout, but can they survive his father's greatest lie?

Brennen, Herbie. *Faerie Wars*. When Henry helps old Mr. Fogarty clean

Spinelli, Jerry. *Stargirl*. From the day she arrives at quiet Mica High in a burst of color and sound, the hallways hum with the murmur of her name.

Sutherland, Tui. *So This Is How It Ends (Avatars, bk 1)*. The end of the world is only the beginning. From New York to Egypt, five teens awake to find their cities eerily deserted.

Takaya, Natsuki. *Fruits Basket*. Tohru Honda finds a home with a family who has a most unusual secret.

Trigiani, Adriana. *Viola in Reel Life*. Viola is sent to a boarding school in Indiana for ninth grade, and uses the ghost she's been seeing as the subject of her first film.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. *Flipped*. She loves him, he loves her not. Wait! Isn't it the other way around?

Van Draanen, Wendelin. *The Running Dream*. Running away from her past and her future.

Waldon, Mark. *H.I.V.E: Higher Institute for Villainous Education*. Otto Malpense may only be thirteen years old, but he is the perfect candidate to become the world's next supervillain.

Westerfeld, Scott. *Leviathan*. In a steampunk re-telling of World War One, fifteen-year-old Austrian Prince Alek is on the run from the Clanker Powers who are attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery.

Westerfeld, Scott. *Uglies*. In Tally's world everyone is an Ugly, until they're turned into a Pretty on their sixteenth birthday.

Wiseman, Rosalind. *Boys, Girls, and Other Hazardous Materials*. Transferring to a new high school, freshman Charlotte "Charlie" Healey decides to shed her "mean girl" image.

Peterson, Will. *Triskellion*. Rachel & Adam are visiting their grandmother in England when strange things begin happening. Where is everyone?

Pierce, Tamora. *First Test (Protector of the Small, bk 1)*. It's been ten years since the proclamation that girls can train for knighthood, and Kel is the first to enter the training.

Pike, Aprilynne. *Wings*. What would YOU do if a flower blossomed from your back?

Rallison, Janette. *All's Fair in Love, War, and High School*. Can head cheerleader Samantha tame her tongue during a student body election?

Rallison, Janette. *Just One Wish*. Annika tries to cheer up her little brother Jeremy before his surgery by bringing home his favorite television actor.

Roth, Veronica. *Divergent*. Beatrice must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life.

Sandell, Lisa Ann. *Song of the Sparrow*. The story of Elaine, future wife of Lancelot.

Schmidt, Gary D. *The Wednesday Wars*. Meet Holling Hoodhood, a seventh-grader at Camillo Junior High, who must spend Wednesday afternoons with his teacher, reading Shakespeare.

Schreiber, Ellen. *Vampire Kisses*. Prince Charming is a vampire!

Shaw, Tucker. *Flavor of the Week*. If food is the way to a woman's heart, then Cyril should be Prince Charming.

Sheldon, Dyan. *Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen*. All the world's a stage and all Lola's friends and enemies are merely players.

Shulman, Polly. *Enthusiasm*. Julie's best friend Ashleigh is an Enthusiast. Can she survive her latest obsession?

up around his house, he expects to find a mess. What he finds instead is Pyrgus Malvae, crown prince of the Faerie realm.

Cabot, Meg. *All-American Girl*. Being a hero isn't all it's cracked up to be.

Card, Orson Scott. *Ender's Game*. Ender's skills in battle simulation have made him a leader in school - but are the battles truly a simulation, or are they real?

Carroll, Michael. *Super Human*. A ragtag group of young superheroes takes on a powerful warrior who is transported from 4,000 years in the past to enslave the modern world.

Carter, Aly. *Heist Society*. A group of teenagers uses their combined talents to re-steal several priceless paintings and save fifteen-year-old Kat Bishop's father, himself an international art thief, from a vengeful collector.

Cass, Kiera. *The Selection*. In future post-WWIII United States, America Singer is bound for a life of servitude until she is chosen for the Selection, an intense contest through which Prince Maxon will choose his princess.

Childs, Tera Lynn. *Oh. My. Gods*. Just as she's about to start her senior year, Phoebe learns that the gods from ancient Greek myth are anything but.

Click: *One Novel Ten Authors*. Ten short stories written by ten of the best authors in teen fiction are interconnected to tell one amazing story.

Collins, Suzanne. *The Hunger Games*. Katniss is chosen as her district's tribute in the annual Hunger Games, a deadly competition watched by all. Can she survive?

Cornwell, Autumn. *Carpe Diem*. Vassar's an overachiever with every minute of her life planned out, and she's about to spend the summer

backpacking through Southeast Asia with her grandmother. Hilarity ensues!

Dashner, James. *The Maze Runner*. Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze. Can he escape?

Dessen, Sarah. *Along for the Ride*. When Auden impulsively goes to stay with her father, stepmother, and new baby sister the summer before she starts college, all the trauma of her parents' divorce is revived.

DuPrau, Jeanna. *City of Ember*. On Assignment Day, Lina trades jobs on to be a messenger - with hopes to glimpse the Unknown Regions.

Farraiolo, Jack. *Sidekicks*. Bright Boy isn't so boyish anymore.

Ferris, Jean. *Love Among the Walnuts*. Two parents, a girlfriend, and a chicken fall into comas after being poisoned.

Flanagan, John. *The Ruins of Gorlan (Ranger's Apprentice, bk 1)*. Will, an orphan who is taken as an apprentice Ranger, strives to keep the Kingdom of Araluen safe from invaders, traitors, and threats.

Friedman, Aimee. *Sea Change*. When her estranged grandmother dies and leaves her mother the family home on Selkie Island, Miranda moves to the Georgia island, where she discovers mysterious family secrets.

Friesner, Esther. *Nobody's Princess*. Helen of Sparta wants more out of life, & sets out to find adventure.

Fusilli, Jim. *Marley Z & the Blood-stained Violin*. When her best friend is accused of stealing a priceless violin, Marley steps in to prove her friend's innocence.

Gaiman, Neil. *The Graveyard Book*. Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other inhabitants of the graveyard.

George, Jessica Day. *Princess of the Midnight Ball*. A retelling of the tale

Miller, Kirsten. *Kiki Strike: Inside the Shadow City*. Life will never be the same for Kiki after she ventures into an enormous sinkhole near her New York City apartment.

Mull, Brandon. *Fablehaven*. Fablehaven survives as one of the last strongholds of true magic. Can Kendra & her brother fight the evil that has been unleashed?

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert. *Princess Ben*. Benevolence is not your typical princess and Princess Ben is certainly not your typical fairy tale.

Nix, Garth. *Mister Monday (The Keys to the Kingdom, bk 1)*.

Arthur's life is saved by a key shaped like the minute hand of a clock. But Mister Monday will do anything to get it back.

Northrop, Michael. *Trapped*. Snow day gone wrong.

O'Roark, Francis Dowell. *Ten Miles Past Normal*. How do you make a good first impression with goat poop on your shoes?

Oppel, Kenneth. *Airborn. Pirates of the Caribbean meets Where the Wild Things Are*.

Paolini, Christopher. *Eragon*. 15-year-old Eragon is a poor farm boy - until his destiny as a Dragon Rider is revealed.

Patterson, James. *The Angel Experiment (Maximum Ride, bk 1)*. The members of the "Flock," a government experiment combining human DNA with that of birds.

Patterson, James. *The Dangerous Days of Daniel X*. The greatest superpower of all isn't to be part spider, part man, or to cast magic spells - the greatest power is the power to create.

Paver, Michelle. *Wolf Brother (Chronicles of Ancient Darkness, bk 1)*. Six thousand years ago, Evil stalked the land. Only twelve-year-old Torak and his wolf-cub companion can defeat it.

tions. Adelina, whose hair turned silver, joins the Young Elites and soon discovers that she has abilities that shouldn't exist in this world.

Lubar, David. *Dunk*. Step right up and take your best shot at dunking Chad the Bozo!

Mackall, Dandi Daley. *My Boyfriends' Dogs*. When Bailey shows up at a diner soaking wet in the middle of a rainy night, wearing her prom dress & with three dogs, the owner invites her to share her story.

Mantchev, Lisa. *Eyes Like Stars*. Behind the curtain at the Theatre Illuminata, the actors are born to play their parts. Can Bertie save the only world she's ever known?

Marillier, Juliet. *Wildwood Dancing*. On the night of each full moon, five sisters don their finest gowns & dance the night away in the Other Kingdom.

McKinley, Robin. *Dragonhaven*. Jake discovers a dying dragon & her newborn off-spring next to a human poacher she obviously killed. Should he keep her actions a secret?

McKinley, Robin. *Pegasus*. Princess Sylvi is ceremonially bound to Ebon, a pegasus, on her twelfth birthday. But something about their bonding is a bit... different.

McKinley, Robin. *The Hero & the Crown*. Aerin is the only child of the king of Damar, and should be his rightful heir. But because of her mother's origin, no one trusts her.

McKinley, Robin. *The Outlaws of Sherwood*. A new take on the familiar tale of Robin Hood.

Meyer, LA. *Bloody Jack*. Life as a ship's boy aboard HMS Dolphin is a dream come true for Jacky Faber. There's only one problem: Jacky is a girl.

of twelve princesses who wear out their shoes dancing every night. Can Galen break the curse?

George, Jessica Day. *Sun and Moon, Ice and Snow*. A girl travels east of the sun and west of the moon to free her beloved prince from a magic spell.

Gier, Kirsten. *Ruby Red*. A skipped gene leads to time travel trouble.

Golding, Julia. *The Diamond of Drury Lane*. She's Cat Royal – four foot four, with long red hair, green eyes and not a penny she can call her own. But she does have a secret.

Green, Tim. *Football Genius*. Troy White has a phenomenal gift - he can predict football plays before they happen

Griffin, Adele. *Picture the Dead*. Eternal love from the grave.

Hale, Shannon. *Book of a Thousand Days*. Can Dashti survive a seven-year imprisonment for something her lady did?

Hale, Shannon. *Princess Academy*. Miri lives a simple life, until word travels that the next princess will come from her small village.

Hale, Shannon. *River Secrets*. Razo is no great soldier, but is chosen for an elite mission. Can he get everyone home alive?

Halpern, Julie. *Into the Wild Nerd Yonder*. When her best friend goes punk, Jessie decides to visit "the wild nerd yonder" and seek true friends among those who play Dungeons and Dragons.

Han, Jenny. *The Summer I Turned Pretty*. Belly spends the summer she turns sixteen at the beach just like every other summer of her life, but this time things are very different.

Han, Jenny. *To All the Boys I've Loved Before*. Lara writes love letters to her crushes, then puts those letters safely into a box. She pours her heart and soul into them, knowing they're for her eyes only. One day,

they go missing, and worse still, are sent to the boys they're written about.

Hanley, Victoria. *The Light of the Oracle*. Bryn is recruited by the Temple of the Oracle, but when her gifts threaten a growing evil, she encounters unimaginable danger.

Harrison, Lisi. *Monster High*. Cliques like no other. They're simply monstrous!

Higgins, Jack. *Sure Fire*. Annoyed to live with their dad, twins Rich and Jade soon find they have more complicated problems when he is kidnapped and their attempts to rescue him involve them in a dangerous international plot.

Higson, Charlie. *SilverFin (Young James Bond, bk 1)*. Meet the boy who will become 007.

Horowitz, Anthony. *Stormbreaker*. After the death of his uncle, Alex Rider is forced to continue the dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

Horowitz, Anthony. *Raven's Gate (The Gatekeepers, bk 1)*. After witnessing a crime, Matt is sent to live with a new foster mom. But his new guardian is involved in very sinister things, and the whole town seems to be on her side.

Hunter, Erin. *Into the Wild (Warriors, bk 1)*. Four Clans share the forest according to the laws laid down by powerful ancestors, but when the Warrior Code is threatened, it's up to Rusty to save the ThunderClan.

Jacques, Brian. *Redwall*. When the peaceful life of the ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil Cluny, Matthias determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior.

Jinks, Catherine. *Evil Genius*. At seven, Cadel Piggott was illegally hacking into computers. Now, he's fourteen and studying for his World Dom-

ination degree.

Johnson, Angela. *Heaven*. Marley lives in quiet Heaven, Ohio, & is about to discover that everything she knows about her past is a lie.

Johnson, Maureen. *Suite Scarlett*. Fifteen-year-old Scarlett Marvin is stuck in New York City for the summer working at her quirky family's historic hotel, but her brother's new friend offers an intriguing distraction...

Jones, Dianna Wynne. *Howl's Moving Castle*. Sophie Hatter feels doomed to lead an uninteresting life, until a witch transforms her into an old woman.

Kishimoto, Masashi. *Naruto Mission: Protect the Waterfall Village*. Squad Seven returns home to discover travel in the village. Alone & without his teacher, Naruto must protect his home & his village.

Kobayashi, Miyuki. *Kitchen Princess*. Najika is an aspiring young chef with a flawless sense of taste & a heart of gold.

Langan, John. *Search for Safety*. Where do you go when home is no longer safe?

Larson, Kirby. *Hattie Big Sky*. Tired of being shuffled from home to home, orphaned Hattie leaves Iowa to claim a Montana homestead inherited from her uncle. She has only a year to cultivate the land in order to keep it. Can she do it?

Levine, Gail Carson. *Ella Enchanted*. At birth, Ella is cursed by a fairy who bestows upon her the "gift" of obedience. Anything anyone tells her to do, Ella must obey.

Lore, Pittacus. *I Am Number Four*. Three are dead. Four is next.

Lu, Marie. *The Young Elites*. A decade ago, the blood fever swept the world, killing many. Those who survived were left with strange markings and supernatural powers, and are cast out by their families as abomina-