

**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-