

Beauty

Robin McKinley

Beauty has never been as beautiful as her older sisters, but when she chooses to move into the Beast's castle to save her father, she learns to look beyond the surface. (Retold Fairy Tales)

An American Plague: The True & Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793

Jim Murphy

When yellow fever struck Philadelphia in 1793, doctors used leeches and poison as cures, the government fled, and thousands died. Learn the inside story of one of America's deadliest epidemics and why the disease is a ticking time bomb today. (Epidemics)

How Angel Peterson Got His Name

Gary Paulsen

As teens, Gary Paulsen (Hatchet) and his friends tried some dangerous stunts like shooting a waterfall in a barrel, jumping a bike through a hoop of fire, breaking the world speed record on skis, and worse! (Autobiography, Minnesota)

Full Tilt

Neal Shusterman

Blake wins a pass to a mysterious carnival, and his thrill-seeking younger brother Quinn steals it. Blake must go to the carnival and ride seven rides before dawn-or Quinn's soul will be destroyed. (Horror, Carnivals, Family Problems)

I Believe in Water:

Twelve Brushes with Religion

Marilyn Singer, ed.

Venomous snakes and voodoo, faith and grace, pregnant teens and rock stars all appear in these short stories by such authors as Margaret Peterson Haddix, Nancy Springer, and M. E. Kerr. (Short Stories, Religion)

I Capture the Castle

Dodie Smith

17-year-old Cassandra – smart, sarcastic, quirky – writes in her journal, zigzagging among satire, total despair, and high spirits. Living on pennies in an old castle, falling in love...life is full of adventure! (Eccentric Family, Romance, Post-WWII)

The Afterlife

Gary Soto

All Chuy did was compliment a guy on his yellow shoes, and the guy murdered him. Life after death is full of surprises: some bad, some not so bad. (Death, Afterlife)

One Wild Ride: The Life of Skateboarding Superstar Tony Hawke

Mark Stewart

Photos on every page illustrate the life and achievements of Tony Hawke, credited with building skateboarding from a hobby to a sport through innovative moves, TV coverage, and business smarts. (Biography, Skateboarding)

To the Edge of the World

Michelle Torrey

Orphaned and destitute, 14-year-old Mateo is thrilled to sign on as a cabin boy for Magellan's voyage in search of the Spice Islands. Hoping for adventure and riches, Mateo finds danger, death, and intrigue. (Magellan's Voyage 1519, Fiction)

Inside Out

Terry Trueman

Taken hostage during a bungled robbery attempt, teenage Zack's situation becomes desperate when, denied his schizophrenia medication, he finds it increasingly difficult to figure out what is real. (Mental Illness, Hostages)

Deep

Suzanna Vance

One girl is from Oregon. The other girl is from Norway. One was kidnapped. The other ran away. Now they're both hostages buried deep on a Caribbean island by an insane imposter. (Kidnapping, Caribbean, Friendship)

Sevens

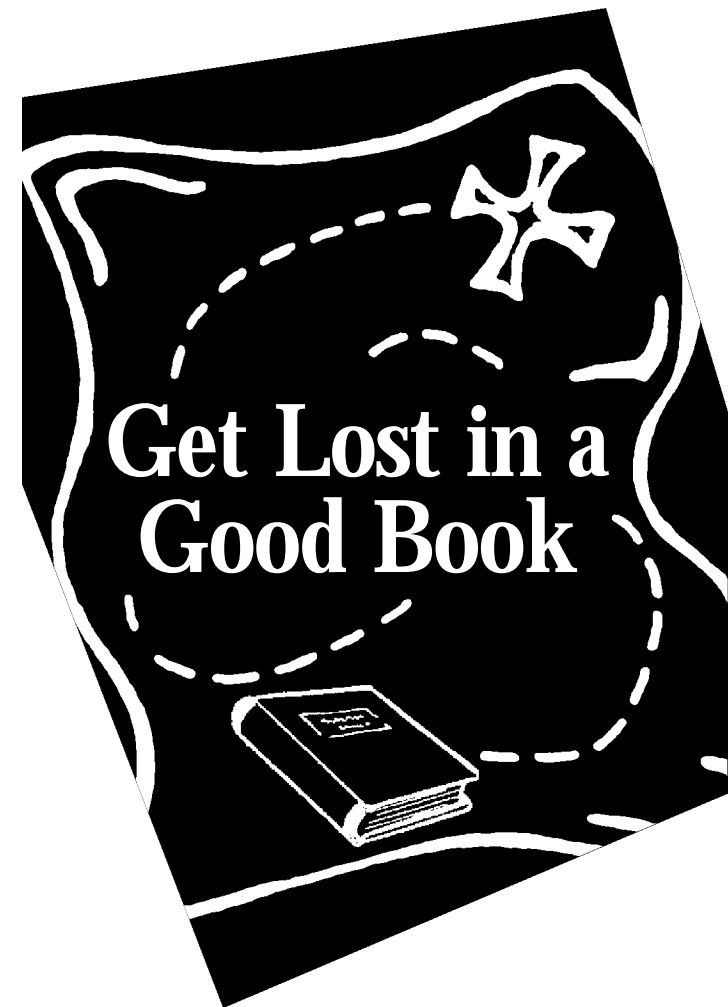
Scott Wallens

Seven 10-year-old friends were torn apart one night. Seven years later, their lives are entwining again, as each teen's problems escalate into crisis. (Series, Suspense, Friendship)

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TEEN BOOKLIST



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Middle and high school teens will find plenty of good books on this list:

Goblin Wood

Hilari Bell

Makenna, a young hedgewitch, flees into the woods after her mother's murder and befriends the goblins living there. The young knight Tobin is sent to destroy her and all magical creatures, but he and Makenna make plans of their own. (J-Fiction, Fantasy, Goblins, Knights)

Year of the Hangman

Gary Blackwood

In 1777, bad boy Creighton is shipped out to the American colonies: bummer! At least the British Army put down that "rebellion," threw Washington into prison, and-hey, what kind of historical novel is this? (Revolutionary War, Fiction)

Frozen Rodeo

Catherine Clark

Peggy's working a summer job to pay for two totaled cars, in between hanging out with friends, swooning over a guy, and frying with embarrassment over Mom and Dad. (Jobs, Humor)

Melonhead

Michael De Guzman

Sidney figures he's been ping-ponging between Mom in Seattle and Dad in Los Angeles long enough. Now he's taking the bus – to New York City. (J-Fiction, Outsider, Family Problems)

High Heat

Carl Deuker

Shane saw Dad dragged away from the baseball game in handcuffs. Days later, Shane loses Dad, his home, his school, his baseball team, his friends. What's left? (Baseball, Family Problems)

Northern Light

Jennifer Donnelly

16-year-old Mattie is working at a resort one summer, and making decisions about her future. The death of a young woman guest is a parallel story. Based on the real-life murder that inspired Theodore Dreiser's novel, *An American Tragedy*. (1906 New York State, Fiction, Life Choices) Audio book available.

Battle of Jericho

Sharon Draper

Jericho and his cousin Kofi want to join Warriors of Distinction, the coolest service club at school. But the price of admission might be too high. (Peer Pressure, Friendship)

City of Ember

Jeanne DuPrau

The Builders of the self-contained, sunless city of Ember meant for its inhabitants to leave after 200 years, but the instructions were lost. Now the people will run out of light and time unless Lina and Doon can decipher the ancient message and find a way out. (J-Fiction, Fantasy)

Dead Girls Don't Write Letters

Gail Giles

Sunny is shocked when she receives a letter from her older sister, Jazz, who supposedly died in a fire months earlier. Then "Jazz" returns home, and Sunny must discover who the girl really is, how she knows so many family secrets, and what she wants with Sunny's family. (Disappearance, Sisters, Family Problems)

The Lottery

Beth Goobie

The Shadow Council rules high school, punishing the unpopular and the rebellious. They work through the "Dud," who becomes the most hated student in school. This year they've chosen Sally. (Harassment, Fighting Back)

Not as Crazy as I Seem

George Harrar

Devon's illness drives him to keep everything in ritualized order so the chaos in his head stays quiet. Two new friends offer hope. (Humor, Friendship, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder)

Sweetblood

Pete Hautman

Lucy's diabetes is with her every day. She has to watch what she eats, take insulin shots, and check her blood sugar. Always conscious of blood, she finds herself intrigued by vampires. (Diabetes, Vampires)

Hoot

Carol Hiaasen

Roy, the new student at Tracey Middle School in Florida, gets yanked into an ecological mystery featuring bullies and endangered miniature owls—the adventure of a lifetime! (Humor, Florida, Owls)

Stravaganza: City of Masks

Mary Hoffman

The chemo fighting Lucien's brain tumor destroyed his hair and left him exhausted. One day he wakes up in a beautiful city, with hair on his head and energy to burn. Where is he? (Fantasy, Time Travel, Illness, Venice) Audio book available.

Skeleton Key

Anthony Horowitz

Teen spy Alex Rider must save the world from a nuclear attack engineered by a psychopathic, enigmatic Russian. (Adventure, Teen Spy) (Prequels: Stormbreaker, Point Blank) Audio book available.

A Time for Dancing

David Wills Hurwin

In alternating chapters, 17-year-old best friends Samantha and Juliana tell the intense, gripping story of what happens when one of them is diagnosed with terminal cancer. (Friendship, Dancing, Illness) (Sequel: *The Farther You Run*)

Goose Chase

Patrice Kindl

Rather than marry a cruel king or a dim-witted prince, an enchanted goose girl endures imprisonment, capture by ogresses, and other dangers. (Retold Fairy Tales)

Shakespeare Bats Cleanup

Ron Koertge

When 14-year-old Kevin, ace baseball player, catches mononucleosis, he discovers that poetry and keeping a journal helps him deal with life, love, and loss. (Poetry, Baseball, Illness)

Just Jane

William Lavender

Arriving in the American colonies in 1776, 14-year-old English orphan Jane Prentice is caught in a dangerous situation as war is declared, and her new family splits in two. (Revolutionary War, Fiction)