

Books

Title	Author	Summary	Copyright	Lexile Level
The Notorious Benedict Arnold...	Steve Sheinkin	An introduction to the life of Benedict Arnold that highlights not only the traitorous actions that made him legendary, but also his heroic involvement in the American Revolution.	2010	990L
Lock and Key: A Novel	Sarah Dessen	When she is abandoned by her alcoholic mother, high school senior Ruby winds up living with Cora, the sister she has not seen for ten years, and learns about Cora's new life, what makes a family, how to allow people to help her when she needs it, and that she too has something to offer others.	2008	840L
The Afterlife	Gary Soto	A senior at East Fresno High School lives on as a ghost after his brutal murder in the restroom of a club where he had gone to dance.	2005	810L
I Am J	Chris Beam	J, who feels like a boy mistakenly born as a girl, runs away from his best friend who has rejected him and the parents he thinks do not understand him when he finally decides that it is time to be who he really is.	2011	unavailable
Across the Universe	Beth Revis	Teenaged Amy, a cryogenically frozen passenger on the spaceship Godspeed, wakes up to discover that someone may have tried to murder her.	2011	HL 720L
Looking for Alaska	John Green	Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.	2006	930L
Endgame	Nancy Garden	Fifteen-year-old Gray Wilton, bullied at school and ridiculed by an unfeeling father for preferring drums to hunting, goes on a shooting rampage at his high school.	2006	870L
I will Plant you a Lilac Tree...	Laura Hillman	This is one woman's incredible story of finding courage, strength, and love during one of the most horrific times of the modern era.	2003	740L
If I Stay	Gayle Forman	Adam and Mia reunite in New York and reconnect after the horrific events that tore them apart when Mia almost died in a car accident.	2010	830L
An Inconvenient Truth: The Crisis of Global Warming	Albert Gore	Former Vice President Al Gore explains global warming, presents arguments that the dangers of global warming have reached crisis level, and addresses the efforts of certain interests to discredit the anti-global warming cause.	2006	1070L
Inexcusable	Chris Lynch	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.	2007	810L
Jinx	Margaret Wild	With the help of her understanding mother and a close friend, Jen eventually outgrows her nickname, Jinx, and deals with the deaths of two boys with whom she had been involved.	2004	790L

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Just Another Hero	Sharon Draper	As Kofi, Arielle, Dana, November, and Jericho face personal challenges during their last year of high school, a misunderstood student brings a gun to class and demands to be taken seriously.	2010	HL 660L
<u>A Northern Light</u>	Jennifer Donnelly	In 1906, sixteen-year-old Mattie, determined to attend college and be a writer against the wishes of her father and fiancé, takes a job at a summer inn where she discovers the truth about the death of a guest. Based on a true story.	2003	700L
The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation	<u>M.T. Anderson</u>	Various diaries, letters, and other manuscripts chronicle the experiences of Octavian, a young African American, from birth to age sixteen, as he is brought up as part of a science experiment in the years leading up to and during the Revolutionary War.	2008	unavailable
Legend of Buddy Bush	Shelia Moses	In 1947, twelve-year-old Pattie Mae is sustained by her dreams of escaping Rich Square, North Carolina, and moving to Harlem when her Uncle Buddy is arrested for attempted rape of a white woman and her grandfather is diagnosed with a terminal brain tumor.	2005	760L
<u>La Linea</u>	Ann Jaramillo	When fifteen-year-old Miguel's time finally comes to leave his poor Mexican village, cross the border illegally, and join his parents in California, his younger sister's determination to join him soon imperils them both.	2008	650L
<u>Lockdown</u>	Walter Dean Myers	Teenage Reese, serving time at a juvenile detention facility, gets a lesson in making through hard times from an unlikely friend with a harrowing past.	2011	730L
Love, Football, and Other Contact Sports	Alden Carter	A girl's guide to football players -- A football player's guide to love.	2005	640L
Between Shades of Gray	Ruta Sepetys	In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil. Based on the author's family, includes a historical note.	2001	HL 490L
Delirium	Lauren Oliver	Lena looks forward to receiving the government-mandated cure that prevents the delirium of love and leads to a safe, predictable, and happy life, until ninety-five days before her eighteenth birthday and her treatment, she falls in love.	2011	920L

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Popular Series			
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<u>Matched</u>	<u>Allie Condie</u>	All her life, Cassia has never had a choice. The Society dictates everything: when and how to play, where to work, where to live, what to eat and wear, when to die, and most importantly to Cassia as she turns 17, whom to marry. When she is matched with her best friend Xander, things couldn't be more perfect. But why did her neighbor Ky's face show up on her match disk as well?	HL 680L
<u>Leviathan</u>	Scott Westerfeld	In an alternate 1914 Europe, fifteen-year-old Austrian Prince Alek, on the run from the Clanker Powers who are attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery, forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically-engineered beasts.	790 L
<u>Beautiful Creatures</u>	Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl	In a small South Carolina town, where it seems little has changed since the Civil War, sixteen-year-old Ethan is powerfully drawn to Lena, a new classmate with whom he shares a psychic connection and whose family hides a dark secret that may be revealed on her sixteenth birthday.	HL 650L
<u>The Maze Runner</u>	<u>James Dashner</u>	Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.	HL 770L
<u>Fallen</u>	<u>Lauren Kate</u>	Suspected in the death of her boyfriend, seventeen-year-old Luce is sent to a Savannah, Georgia, reform school where she meets two intriguing boys and learns the truth about the strange shadows that have always haunted her.	830L
<u>The Curse Workers</u>	<u>Holly Black</u>	When Cassel Sharpe discovers that his older brothers have used him to carry out their criminal schemes and then stolen his memories, he figures out a way to turn their evil machinations against them.	HL 680L

Favorite Young Adult Authors

<u>Maureen Johnson</u>	<u>John Green,</u>	<u>Scott Westerfeld</u>
<u>Stephanie Perkins</u>	<u>Lauren Oliver</u>	<u>Meg Cabot</u>
<u>Sarah Dessen</u>	<u>Neil Shusterman</u>	<u>Libba Bray</u>

Favorite Websites

<u>Teen Reads</u> – book reviews, games, contests, polls, and information about new and popular books and series.	<u>http://www.teenreads.com/</u>
<u>Guys Read</u> – books, magazines, and other information organized by guys for guys about guy stuff and things guys like.	<u>http://www.guysread.com/</u>
<u>San Antonio Public Library</u> – the public library hosts events all summer long and has numerous books for teens.	<u>http://www.mysapl.org/</u>
<u>Harper Teen</u> – author news, blogs, lists, reviews, and games for teen readers	<u>http://www.harperteen.com/</u>
<u>Teens@Random</u> – author news, blogs, lists, reviews, and games for teen readers	<u>http://www.randomhouse.com/teens/</u>