

Action & Adventure

Teen Fiction Suggested Reading List

All titles located in YA Fiction or YA Paperbacks by the author's last name.



City of the Beasts by *Isabelle Allende*

When fifteen-year-old Alexander Cold accompanies his grandmother on an expedition to find a humanoid Beast in the Amazon, he experiences ancient wonders and a supernatural world as he tries to avert disaster for the Indians. (Grades 7 & up)



Spy High: Mission One* by *A.J. Butcher*

As students at a special high school that trains them to be secret agents, six teenagers struggle to complete the training exercises as a team before being sent out into the field to sink or swim. (Grades 7 & up)



Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy* by *Ally Carter*

When the Gallagher Academy, a secret spy school for girls, hosts male guests from Knowlton-Hale, Cammie is blamed for a series of security breaches that forces her to clear her name while trying to deny her attraction to a hottie named Zach. (Grades 7 & up)



Dark Ground by *Gillian Cross*

A trip to brush his teeth in an airplane bathroom ends with Robert waking up naked in a strange, cold jungle having been shrunk to a diminutive size. (Grades 7 & up)



The Maze Runner by *James Dashner*

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. (Grades 7 & up)



Little Brother by *Cory Doctrow*

After being interrogated by the Department of Homeland Security after a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, Marcus is released into what is now a police state and uses his expertise in computer hacking to set things right. (Grades 9 & up)



Devil's Breath by *David Gilman*

When fifteen-year-old Max Gordon's environmentalist-adventurer father goes missing while working in Namibia and Max becomes the target of a would-be assassin at his school in England, he decides he must follow his father to Africa and find him before they both are killed. (Grades 7 & up)



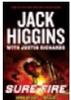
The Lab by *Jack Heath*

As the strongest agent in The Deck, sixteen-year-old Agent Six of Hearts has powers like no mortal man in the world, thus when he discovers that he is the product of an illegal experiment by the Lab, Six takes dangerous steps to find out things about himself that powerful men never wanted him to know. (Grades 7 & up)



The Great Wide Sea by *M.H. Herlong*

Still mourning the death of their mother, three brothers go with their father on an extended sailing trip off the Florida Keys and have a harrowing adventure at sea. (Grades 7 & up)



Sure Fire by *Jack Higgins*

Fifteen-year-old twins Rich and Jade find themselves in serious trouble when their long-lost father is kidnapped and their attempts to rescue him involve them in a dangerous international plot to control the world's oil. (Grades 8 & up)



SilverFin* by *Charles Higson*

Young Young James Bond, while attending boarding school at Eton in the 1930s, must battle against an insane arms dealer who, by using killer eels, is attempting to create a race of indestructible soldiers on the eve of World War II. (Grades 8 & up)



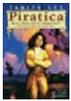
Evil Genius* by *Catherine Jinks*

As a diligent student of criminal mastermind Dr. Phineas Darkkon, Cadel Piggott has grown into quite an intelligent thief and computer hacker, but at fourteen and with new plots on the agenda, Cadel begins to rethink his future and the evil plans his mentor has in store for the world. (Grades 7 & up)



The Wreckers* by *Iain Lawrence*

Being known for making their fortunes on the wealth of nearby coastal shipwrecks and the death of their crews, a young crew member finds himself in a fearful situation after he is stranded in the village after his ship goes under. (Grades 7 & up)



Piratica: Being a Daring Tale of a Singular Girl's Adventure Upon the High Seas by *Tanith Lee*

Young Artemesia, the daughter of a pirate queen, gets more than she bargained for when she escapes from a finishing school and commands her mother's old crew to take to the open seas. (Grades 7 & up)



I Am Number Four by *Pittacus Lore*

Friendships and a beautiful girl are distracting to a teenager who is hiding on Earth while he waits to develop the powers he will need to rejoin the other six surviving Garde members and fight those who destroyed their planet. (Grades 8 & up)

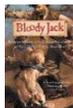
**Series*

**Traitor** by Andy McNab

A boy who believes his grandfather to be a traitor, a spy who turned against England and then disappeared, tracks down his grandfather and finds out the truth. (Grades 7 & up)

**Acceleration** by Graham McNamee

Stuck working in the lost and found of the Toronto Transit Authority for the summer, seventeen-year-old Duncan finds the diary of a serial killer and sets out to stop him. (Grades 7 & up)

**Bloody Jack: Being an Account of the Curious Adventures of Mary "Jacky" Faber, Ship's Boy*** by L.A. Meyer

Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a thirteen-year-old orphan disguises herself as a boy and connives her way onto a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates. (Grades 7 & up)

**Operation Typhoon Shore*** by Joshua Mowll

Teenaged siblings Rebecca and Doug MacKenzie continue their adventures on their uncle's ship, sailing through a typhoon into the Celebes Sea in pursuit of a missing "gyrolabe" which may be connected to the disappearance of their parents. (Grades 7 & up)

**The Recruit: Cherub, A Division of the MIS*** by Robert Muchamore

When James is recently orphaned, he is recruited by a secret agency for his math skills and must undergo one hundred days of grueling training. (Grades 7 & up)

**Kingdom Keepers*** by Ridley Pearson

Finn Whitman and his fellow DHIs, teenagers chosen to serve as actors for a new technology, must investigate strange occurrences at Disney theme park attractions, racing to uncover a supernatural force that could destroy the world. (Grades 7 & up)

**Steel Trapp*** by Ridley Pearson

On a train trip to enter his invention in the National Science Competition in Washington, D.C., young Steven "Steel" Trapp becomes embroiled in an international plot of kidnapping and bribery that may have links to terrorists. (Grades 7 & up)

**Streams of Babel** by Carol Plum-Ucci

Six teens face a bioterrorist attack on American soil as four are infected with a mysterious disease and two others, both brilliant computer hackers, assist the United States Intelligence Coalition in tracking the perpetrators. (Grades 7 & up)

**Chaos Code** by Justin Richards

Fifteen-year-old Matt and his new friend Robin search the globe to retrieve an ancient code--rumored to have brought down the ancient civilization of Atlantis--from the hands of a madman who is bent on destroying the modern world. (Grades 7 & up)

**The Alchemyst: The Immortal Life of Nicholas Flamel*** by Michael Scott

Fifteen-year-old twins Sophie and Josh find themselves caught up in the deadly, centuries-old struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient book holding the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life. (Grades 7 & up)

**Lockdown** by Alexander Fardon Smith

Alex is framed for murder and becomes an inmate in the Furnace Penitentiary, where brutal inmates and sadistic guards reign, boys disappear in the middle of the night and return weirdly altered, and escape might just be possible. (Grades 7 & up)

**Sleeper Code*** by Tom Sniegowski

Just when he has met a beautiful girl and his outlook is improving, sixteen-year-old narcoleptic Tom Lovett begins to suspect that his dreams and hallucinations of killing people may be something more real and terrifying. (Grades 7 & up)

**Voyage of Plunder** by Michelle Torrey

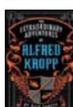
Fourteen-year-old Daniel's life is turned upside down when his father's merchant ship is plundered by pirates in 1696 and Daniel is forced to stay aboard the pirate ship as a hostage. (Grades 7 & up)

**Double Helix** by Nancy Werlin

Eighteen-year-old Eli discovers a shocking secret about his life and his family while working for a Nobel Prize-winning scientist whose specialty is genetic engineering. (Grades 7 & up)

**Surviving Antarctica: Reality TV 2083** by Andrea White

In the year 2083, five fourteen-year-olds who were deprived of the opportunity to continue school, reenact Scott's 1910-1913 expedition to the South Pole as contestants on a reality television show. (Grades 7 & up)

**The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp*** by Rick Yancy

Through a series of dangerous and violent misadventures, teenage loser Alfred Kropp rescues King Arthur's legendary sword Excalibur from the forces of evil. (Grades 7 & up)

**White Darkness** by Geraldine McCaughrean

Taken to Antarctica by the man she thinks of as her uncle for what she believes to be a vacation, Symone--a troubled fourteen year old--discovers that he is dangerously obsessed with seeking Symmes's Hole, an opening that supposedly leads into the center of a hollow Earth. (Grades 7 & up)

