



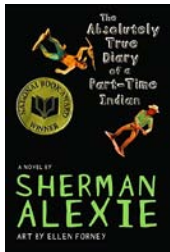
10th, 11th, & 12th Grade

(Not Your School's Required Reading List!)

Updated: by Allison Madsen 4/2009

This booklist is a mixed bag of teen & adult titles, both fiction and non-fiction. Titles were chosen based on professional reviews, topics of special interest to the high school-age teen, and popularity among their peers. These are *just plain good books* that will keep teens reading. In fact, most of them teens won't be able to put down!

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The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

By Sherman Alexie

Call #: YF Alexie

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. The story is based on the author's own experiences.



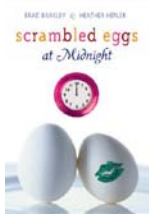
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The Summoning

By Kelley Armstrong

Call #: YF Armstrong

After 15-year-old Chloe starts seeing ghosts and is sent to Lyle House, a mysterious group home for mentally disturbed teenagers, she soon discovers that neither Lyle House nor its inhabitants are exactly what they seem, and that she and her new friends are in danger.



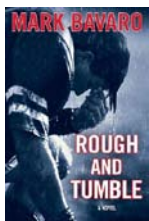
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Scrambled Eggs At Midnight

By Brad Barkley & Heather Helper

Call #: YF Barkley

Calliope and Eliot, two 15-year-olds in Asheville, North Carolina, begin to acknowledge some unpleasant truths about their parents and form their own ideas about love.



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Rough and Tumble

By Mark Bavaro

Call #: F Bavaro

The team's star linebacker has always lived on the edge and enjoyed the nightlife more than he should. So when he is found beaten nearly to death in the stadium parking lot, it's clear he's gotten himself into more than he bargained for, and it's something that threatens to tear himself and his team's promising season apart





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City of Bones

By Cassandra Clare



Call #: YF Clare

Suddenly able to see demons and the Darkhunters who are dedicated to returning them to their own dimension, 15-year-old Clary Fray is drawn into this bizarre world when her mother disappears and Clary herself is almost killed by a monster. Book one of the *Mortal Instruments* series.



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The Hunger Games

By Suzanne Collins



Call #: YF Collins

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, 16-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.



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Just Listen

By Sarah Dessen



Call #: YF Dessen

Isolated from friends who believe the worst because she has not been truthful with them, 16-year-old Annabel finds an ally in classmate Owen, whose honesty and passion for music help her to face and share what really happened at the end-of-the-year party that changed her life.



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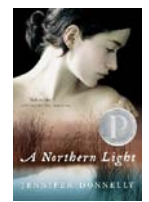
Little Brother

By Cory Doctorow



Call #: YF Doctorow

After being interrogated for days by the Department of Homeland Security in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, 17-year-old Marcus, released into what is now a police state, decides to use his expertise in computer hacking to set things right.



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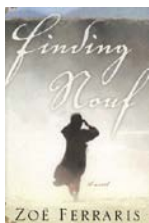
A Northern Light

By Jennifer Donnelly



Call #: YF Donnelly

In 1906, 16-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.



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Finding Nouf

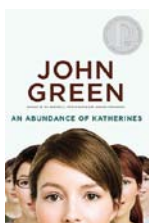
By Zoë Ferraris



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When 16-year-old Nouf goes missing and is found drowned in the desert, Nayir--a desert guide hired by Nouf's prominent family to search for her--feels compelled to find out what really happened.





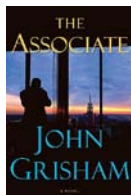
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An Abundance of Katherines

By John Green

Call #: YF Green

Having been recently dumped for the nineteenth time by a girl named Katherine, recent high school graduate and former child prodigy Colin sets off on a road trip with his best friend to try to find some new direction in life while also trying to create a mathematical formula to explain his relationships.



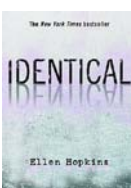
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The Associate

By John Grisham

Call #: F Grisham

Three months after leaving Yale, Kyle McAvoy becomes an associate at the largest law firm in the world, where, in addition to practicing law, he is expected to lie, steal, and take part in a scheme that could send him to prison, if not get him killed.



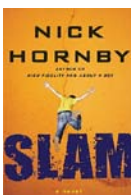
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Identical

By Ellen Hopkins

Call #: YF Hopkins

16-year-old identical twin daughters of a district court judge and a candidate for the House of Representatives, Kaeleigh and Raeanne Gardella desperately struggle with secrets that have already torn them and their family apart.



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Slam

By Nick Hornby

Call #: YF Hornby

At the age of fifteen, Sam Jones's girlfriend gets pregnant and Sam's life of skateboarding and daydreaming about Tony Hawk changes drastically.



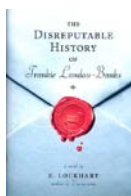
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If I Have a Wicked Stepmother, Where's My Prince?

By Melissa Kantor

Call #: YF Kantor

When the father of high school sophomore, Lucy Norton, remarries, Lucy finds herself tormented by two bratty stepsisters and a wicked stepmother.



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The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks

By E. Lockhart

Call #: YF Lockhart

Frankie-Landau-Banks returns to school a different person with a boyfriend, new objectives, and desire for friendship of the Loyal Order of the Basset Hounds.





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All We Know Of Heaven

By Jacquelyn Mitchard

Call #: YF Mitchard

When Maureen and Bridget, two 16-year-old best friends who look like sisters, are in a terrible car accident and one of them dies, they are at first incorrectly identified at the hospital. Then, as Maureen achieves a remarkable recovery, she must deal with the repercussions of the accident, the mix-up, and some choices she made while getting better.



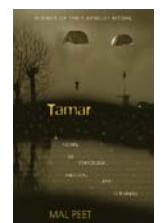
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Things They Carried

By Tim O'Brien

Call #: F O'Brien

The lives of the men of Alpha Company including the character Tim O'Brien who has survived his tour in Vietnam to become a father and writer. They battle the enemy, and occasionally each other. In their relationships we see their isolation and loneliness, their rage and fear.



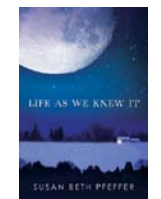
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Tamar

By Mal Peet

Call #: YF Peet

In England in 1995, 15-year-old Tamar, grief-stricken by the puzzling death of her beloved grandfather, slowly begins to uncover the secrets of his life in the Dutch resistance during the last year of the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, and the climactic events that forever cast a shadow on his life and that of his family.



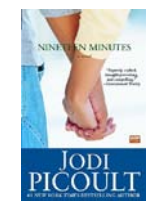
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Life As We Knew It

By Susan Pfeffer

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Through journal entries 16-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.



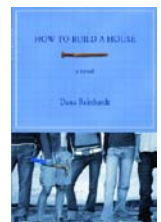
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Nineteen Minutes

By Jodi Picoult

Call #: F Picoult

The daughter of a judge in a New Hampshire school shooting case witnessed the events, but cannot remember the last several minutes of the attack.



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How To Build A House

By Dana Reinhardt

Call #: YF Reinhardt

17-year-old Harper Evans hopes to escape the effects of her father's divorce on her family and friendships by volunteering her summer to build a house in a small Tennessee town devastated by a tornado.





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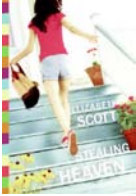
Unwind

By Neal Shusterman



Call #: YF Shusterman

In a future world where those between the ages of thirteen and eighteen can have their lives "unwound" and their body parts harvested for use by others, three teens go to extreme lengths to uphold their beliefs--and, perhaps, save their own lives.



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Stealing Heaven

By Elizabeth Scott

Call #: YF Scott

Danielle and her mother have spent years traveling from town to town, making their living by selling items stolen from upscale homes. Dani must evaluate her past life and what she will do in the future when she begins to make friends in a new town.



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The Lovely Bones

By Alice Sebold



Call #: F Sebold

This is the tale of family, memory, love, and living told by 14-year-old Susie Salmon, who is already in heaven. Through the voice of a precocious teenage girl, Susie relates the awful events of her death and builds out of her family's grief a hopeful and joyful story.



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Peak

By Roland Smith



Call #: YF Smith

A 14-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.



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Me, the Missing, and the Dead

By Jenny Valentine



Call #: YF Valentine

When a series of chance events leaves him in possession of an urn with ashes, 16-year-old Londoner, Lucas Swain, becomes convinced that its occupant, Violet Park, is communicating with him, initiating a voyage of self-discovery that forces him to finally confront the events surrounding his father's sudden disappearance.



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Big Fat Manifesto

By Susan Vaught

Call #: YF Vaught

Overweight, self-assured, high school senior Jamie Carcaterra writes in the school newspaper about her own attitude to being fat, her boyfriend's bariatric surgery, and her struggles to be taken seriously in a very thin world.



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Climbing the Stairs

By Padma Venkatraman

Call #: YF Venkatraman

In India, in 1941, when her father becomes brain-damaged in a non-violent protest march, 15-year-old Vidya and her family are forced to move in with her father's extended family and become accustomed to a totally different way of life.



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The Rules of Survival

By Nancy Werlin

Call #: YF Werlin

17n-year-old Matthew recounts his attempts, starting at a young age, to free himself and his sisters from the grip of their emotionally and physically abusive mother.



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The Book Thief

By Markus Zusak

Call #: YF Zusak

Trying to make sense of the horrors of WWII, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.



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The Screwtape Letters

By C.S. Lewis

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One of C.S. Lewis's most imaginative creations, this world-famous book is a humorous correspondence between the devil Screwtape and his apprentice Wormwood, whose job is to produce a human's soul for eternity in hell.



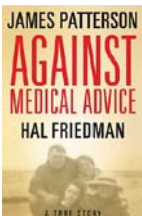
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No Choirboy: Murder, Violence, & Teenagers on Death Row

By Susan Kuklin

Call #: Y364.66 Kuk

In their own voices--raw and uncensored--inmates sentenced to death as teenagers talk about their lives in prison, and share their thoughts and feelings about how they ended up there. Kuklin also gets inside the system, exploring capital punishment itself and the intricacies and inequities of criminal justice in the U.S.



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Against Medical Advice

By James Patterson

Call #: 616.83 Pat

This is the true story of Cory Friedman and his family's decades-long battle for survival in the face of extraordinary difficulties as they embarked on an excruciating journey to discover the cause of Cory's disease.



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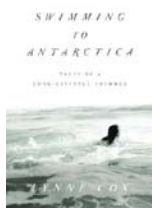
American Born Chinese

By Gene LuenYang

Call #: 741.597 Yan

Alternates three interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in the popular culture. Presented in comic book format.





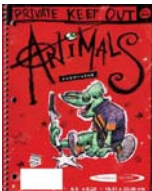
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Swimming To Antarctica

By Lynne Cox

Call #: 797.21 Cox

Lynne Cox started swimming almost as soon as she could walk. By age 16, she had broken all records for swimming the English Channel. Her daring eventually led her to the Bering Strait, where she swam five miles in 38° water in just a swimsuit, cap, and goggles.



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Animals Anonymous: Poems

By Richard Michelson

Call #: Y811.54 Mic

School's in session and here's your introduction to some of the wildest, most undisciplined and ROWDIEST students in class. They're talkative, sneaky, disgusting, and...well...a bunch of animals!



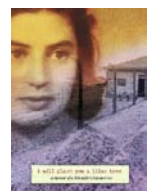
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Into the Wild

By Jon Krakauer

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Admitting an interest that borders on obsession, Krakauer searches for the clues to the drives and desires that propelled 24-year-old Chris McCandless to leave civilization behind and head into the remote Alaskan wilderness. Four months later, McCandless's emaciated corpse was found at his campsite by a hunter. Mesmerizing and heartbreaking, Krakauer's powerful and luminous storytelling blaze through every page.



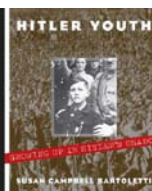
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I Will Plant You A Lilac Tree

By Laura Hillman

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In 1942 Hannelore Wolff made a difficult decision, one that changed her life forever. She left the comfort and safety of her boarding school in Berlin, Germany, and volunteered to be sent to a Polish ghetto. One woman's incredible story of finding courage, strength, and love during one of the most horrific times of the modern era.



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Hitler Youth: Growing Up In Hitler's Shadow

By Susan Campbell Bartoletti

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The story of a generation of German young people who devoted all their energy to the Hitler Youth and the propoganda that gave Hitler his power, and the youths that resisted the Nazi movement.

