

Funny Books for Teens

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Want something to laugh about? These books will have you smiling, giggling, and even LOL.

The Salt Lake County Library System does not necessarily recommend that all teens read all titles on this booklist. These books offer a balance in reading level and interests. We encourage parents to read and discuss these books with their teens.

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THE BRIDESMAID

By Hailey Abbott

Call #: YF Abbott

Having vowed as children to never marry after witnessing many disastrous weddings and obnoxious brides in their parents' wedding planning business, 15-year-old Abby is dismayed when her older sister Carol suddenly gets engaged and turns into "Bridezilla."



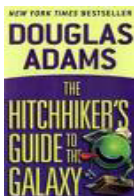
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DOES MY HEAD LOOK BIG IN THIS?

By Randa Abdel-Fattah

Call #: YF Abdel-Fattah

Life at an exclusive prep school would be tough enough, but it is further complicated for Amal when she decides to wear the hijab, the Muslim head scarf, full-time as a badge of her faith--without losing her identity or sense of style.



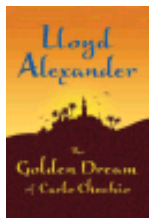
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THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY

By Douglas Adams

Call #: F Adams

Chronicles the journeys, notions, and acquaintances of reluctant galactic traveler Arthur Dent and galaxy-hopping tour-guide writer Ford Prefect as they race to save the universe.



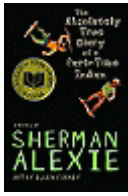
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THE GOLDEN DREAM OF CARLO CHUCHIO

By Lloyd Alexander

Call #: JF Alexander

Naive and bumbling Carlo, his shady camel-puller Baksheesh, and Shira, a girl determined to return home, follow a treasure map through the deserts and cities of the infamous Golden Road, as mysterious strangers try in vain to point them toward real treasures.



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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.



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BEAUTY AND THE BULLY

By Andy Behrens

Call #: YF Behrens

Hoping to attract a beautiful student activist who is the long-time object of his crush, Duncan Boone, lead guitarist in a band, enlists the help of a bully whose sister wants to be in the band although she is the worst guitar player in the universe.



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24 GIRLS IN 7 DAYS

By Alex Bradley

Call #: YF Bradley

Jack Grammar has no date to the prom, or so he thinks. His so-called best friends, post an ad in the online version of the school newspaper. He has just seven days to meet and date the girls who respond before asking one special girl to the prom.



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I'D TELL YOU I LOVE YOU, BUT THEN I'D HAVE TO KILL YOU

By Ally Carter

Call #: YF Carter

As a sophomore at a secret spy school and the daughter of a former CIA operative, Cammie is sheltered from "normal teenage life" until she meets a local boy while on a class surveillance mission.



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AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS

By Gennifer Choldenko

Call #: YF Choldenko

A 12-year-old named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935, where his father is a guard, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.



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SEBASTIAN DARKE: PRINCE OF FOOLS

By Philip Caveney

Call #: YF Caveney

Accompanied by his sardonic buffalope Max, 17-year-old Sebastian Darke meets a spoiled princess and a diminutive soldier who aid in his quest to become court jester to the evil King Septimus.





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LBD: IT'S A GIRL THING

By Grace Dent

Call #: YF Dent

Barred by their parents from attending a rock music festival, three 14-year-olds, also known as "Les Bambinos Dangereuses," decide to stage their own music festival at Blackwell School.



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MODELS DON'T EAT CHOCOLATE COOKIES

By Erin Dionne

Call #: YF Dionne

Overweight teen Celeste begins a campaign to lose weight in order to make sure she does not win the Miss HuskeyPeach modeling challenge, in which her mother and aunt have entered her—against her wishes.



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AN ABUNDANCE OF KATHERINES

By John Green

Call #: YF Green

Having been recently dumped for the 19th 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 while also trying to create a mathematical formula to explain his relationships.



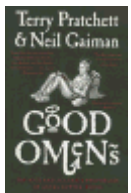
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LOVE AMONG THE WALNUTS

By Jean Ferris

Call #: YF Ferris

Born and raised in isolation in a wealthy, eccentric family, Sandy is shocked when he, his parents, and their servants become victims of a vicious plot by his greedy uncles to incapacitate them and take their money.



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GOOD OMENS

By Neil Gaiman & Terry Pratchett

Call #: F Gaiman

The world is going to end next Saturday, but there are a few problems—the Antichrist has been misplaced, the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse ride motorcycles, and the representatives from heaven and hell decide that they like the human race.



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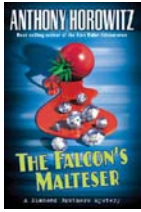
PROJECT SWEET LIFE

By Brent Hartinger

Call #: YF Hartinger

When their fathers insist that they get summer jobs, three 15-year-old friends dedicate their summer to fooling their parents into thinking that they're working, which proves to be even harder than having real jobs.





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THE FALCON'S MALTESER

By Anthony Horowitz

Call #: YF Horowitz

After his older brother, a new private detective, agrees to guard a package for a dwarf who doesn't live long, Nick scampers to solve the mystery while also trying to stay one step ahead of an assortment of thugs.



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NO MORE DEAD DOGS

By Gordon Korman

Call #: JF Korman

Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.



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HOW TO DITCH YOUR FAIRY

By Justine Larbalestier

Call #: YF Larbalestier

In a world where everyone has a personal fairy, 14-year-old Charlie decides she does not want hers—a parking fairy—and tries to rid herself of the invisible sprite and replace it with a better one, like a shopping fairy.



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SLEEPING FRESHMAN NEVER LIE

By David Lubar

Call #: YF Lubar

While navigating his first year of high school and awaiting the birth of his new baby brother, Scott loses old friends and gains some unlikely new ones as he hones his skills as a writer.



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THE YEAR OF SECRET ASSIGNMENTS

By Jaclyn Moriarty

Call #: YF Moriarty

Three female students from Ashbury High write to three male students from rival Brookfield High as part of a pen pal program, leading to romance, humiliation, revenge plots, and war between the schools.



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DAIRY QUEEN

By Catherine Gilbert Murdock

Call #: YF Murdock

After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, 16-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself.





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THE TEACHER'S FUNERAL: A COMEDY IN THREE PARTS

By Richard Peck

Call #: YF Peck

In rural Indiana in 1904, Russell's dreams of quitting school and joining a wheat threshing crew are disrupted when his sister takes over teaching at his one-room schoolhouse after mean, old Myrt Arbuckle "hauls off and dies."



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THE WEE FREE MEN

By Terry Pratchett

Call #: YF Pratchett

A young witch-to-be named Tiffany teams up with the Wee Free Men, a clan of six-inch-high blue men, to rescue her baby brother and ward off a sinister invasion from Fairyland.



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VAMPIRE HIGH

By Douglas Rees

Call #: YF Rees

When his family moves to Massachusetts and Cody enters Vlad Dracul Magnet School, many things seem strange, from the dark-haired, pale-skinned, supernaturally strong students to Charon, the wolf who guides him around campus on the first day.



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THE SWEET, TERRIBLE, GLORIOUS YEAR I TRULY, COMPLETELY LOST IT

By Lisa Shanahan

Call #: YF Shanahan

14-year-old Gemma struggles to understand her shifting emotions as her older sister plans her wedding, tries out for the school play, and she gets to know one of the most notorious boys in her class.



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THE SCHWA WAS HERE

By Neal Shusterman

Call #: YF Shusterman

A Brooklyn teen nicknamed Antsy befriends the Schwa, an "invisible-ish" boy who is tired of blending into his surroundings and going unnoticed by nearly everyone.



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HOW I SPENT MY LAST NIGHT ON EARTH

By Todd Strasser

Call #: YF Strasser

When a rumor appears on the Internet that a giant asteroid is about to destroy Earth, Legs Hanover scrambles to meet the boy of her dreams, elusive Andros Bliss.





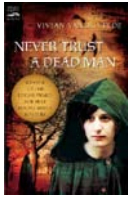
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SPUD

By John van de Ruit

Call #: YF Van de Ruit

13-year-old John "Spud" Milton keeps a diary of his first year at an elite, boys-only boarding school in South Africa, as he deals with bizarre housemates, wild crushes, embarrassingly dysfunctional parents, and more.



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NEVER TRUST A DEAD MAN

By Vivian Vande Velde

Call #: YF Vande Velde

Wrongly convicted of murder and punished by being sealed in the tomb with the dead man, 17-year-old Selwyn enlists the help of a witch and the resurrected victim to find the true killer.



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BE MORE CHILL

By Ned Vizzini

Call #: YF Vizzini

Badly in need of self-confidence and a change of image, high school nerd Jeremy Heere swallows a pill-sized super computer that is supposed to help him get whatever he wants.



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HOW NOT TO BE POPULAR

By Jennifer Ziegler

Call #: YF Ziegler

Sugar Magnolia Dempsey is tired of leaving friends behind every time her hippie parents move, but her plan to be unpopular at her new Texas school backfires when other students join her on the path to "supreme dorkdom."