



Ten Years of YALSA's Teens' Top Ten

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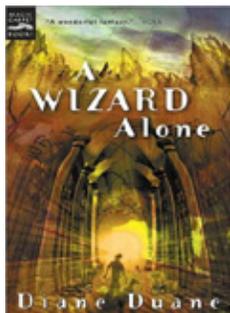
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10. *America* by E. R. Frank

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1. *A Wizard Alone: Young Wizards Book 6* by Diane Duane

While Nita is in the throes of grief over the death of her mother, Kit must face a new challenge with only his dog, Ponch, at his side. Darryl McAllister, a new wizard recruit, has been stuck in initiation for over three months. It could be because of his autism, but when Kit explores Darryl's mind, he finds the evil Lone Power attacking the newest wizard. Meanwhile, Nita is receiving messages in her dreams: A voice, asking for help. Could Darryl be trying to contact her?

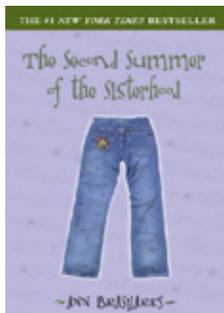
Fun Facts

- *A Wizard Alone* is the sixth book of Diane Duane's *Young Wizards* series. There are ten titles in the series.
- Diane Duane started writing the *Young Wizards* series in 1983.
- Diane Duane has lived in New York, Pennsylvania, and finally in Ireland. In addition to writing the *Young Wizards* series, Diane Duane has also written Star Trek novels, and has collaborated with adult author Tom Clancy on the *Net Force* series.



Read-A-Likes

Nation by Terry Pratchett, *Mister Monday* by Garth Nix, *The Midnighters* series by Scott Westerfeld, or *Prom Nights from Hell* by Rosemary Clement-Moore



2. *The Second Summer of the Sisterhood* by Ann Brashares

The Pants and the sisterhood are back! Bridget, Lena, Tibby and Carmen have another Summer ahead of them, filled with love, heartbreak, family and most importantly: friendship. With the Pants traveling between them, there's nothing these four friends can't face!

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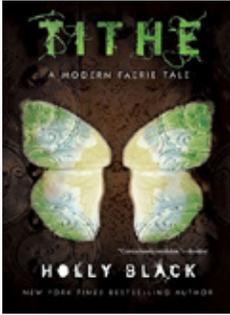
- *Second Summer of the Sisterhood* is the second in the *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* series and it was made into a film in 2005, with a sequel in 2008.
- In 2011, a group of YA authors created the "Twitterhood of the butt-lifting pajants." Different YA authors took a single pair of Pajama Jeans ("pajants") and kept them for a week, and each author added to the pajants, either writing or drawing on them.
- Ann Brashares first novel was *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*. In addition to the *Pants* series, she writes books for adults. She wrote a spin-off to *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* series in 2009, called *3 Willows: The Sisterhood Grows*.



Read-A-Likes

The Year of Secret Assignments by Jaclyn Moriarty, *Lock and Key* by Sarah Dessen, *The Princess Diaries* by Meg Cabot or *They Boyfriend List* by E. Lockhart

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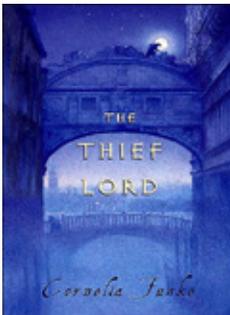


3. *Tithe: A Modern Faerie Tale* by Holly Black

Kaye, independent thanks to traveling the country with her rock musician mother, finds herself back in New Jersey, and in the middle of a war. Not a war between countries, a war between courts: Faerie courts, planning a sacrifice. Kaye's Fae friends want her to play sacrifice, promising they'll save her at the last minute. The problem is, Kaye's not sure she can believe them.

Fun Facts

- *Tithe* is set in Holly Black's modern fairy tale world, and has one sequel, *Ironside*. The other book set in this universe, *Valiant*, does not deal with the characters from *Tithe*.
- *Tithe* is one of the first books to usher in the modern fantasy movement and it set the stage for the *Wicked Lovely* series by Melissa Marr, *Hold me Closer*, *Necromancer* by Lish McBride and *The Daughter of Smoke and Bone* by Laini Taylor.
- She worked with artist Tony DiTrezzi on *The Spiderwick Chronicles*, which was turned into a film in 2008. She also writes graphic novels, and her series, *The Good Neighbors*, currently has three volumes.
- In 2010, Holly Black returned to fantasy with the *Curse Workers* series, starting with *White Cat* in 2011.



4. *The Thief Lord* by Cornelia Funke

When Prosper and Bo decide to run away from their aunt, they go to the city their late mother loved the most: Venice, Italy. There, they meet other runaways who live in an abandoned movie theater, and work with the Thief Lord. The Thief Lord steals jewels from rich Venetians, but when he's tasked with a difficult and dangerous theft, it will be up to Prosper, Bo, and the others to help the Thief Lord.

Fun Facts

- *The Thief Lord* was originally published in Germany in 2000, and translated and published in the United States in 2002.
- The *Thief Lord* was made into a movie in 2006.
- Cornelia Funke (pronounced FOON-ka), is originally from Germany, though she now lives in Beverly Hills.
- Cornelia Funke is best known for the *Inkworld* trilogy, which includes the books *Inkheart*, *Inkspell* and *Inkdeath*. *Inkheart* was made into a film in 2008.



Read-A-Likes

Heist Society by Ally Carter, *The Thief* by Megan Whalen Turner, *Thief's Covenant* by Ari Marmell, or *Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer

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5. *The True Meaning of Cleavage* by Mariah Fredericks

Sari and Jess have been BFF's since they discovered they were the only normal people at their school, Eldridge Alternative. As they begin 9th grade, Sari is in the throes of passion with David Cole, the hottest guy in school. Unfortunately, he's dating the hottest girl in school, and they're both seniors. As Sari goes to greater lengths to get David's attention, Jess is left with no friends, and no outlet, that is, until she starts hanging out with school misfit, Danny...

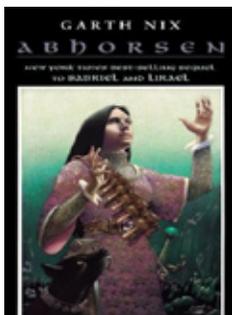
Fun Facts

- Mariah Fredericks is also known as Emmi Fredericks.
- In addition to *The True Meaning of Cleavage*, Maria Fredericks has written several novels based on Tarot cards, which she has been reading since she was a teenager.



Read-A-Likes

Angus, Thongs, and Full Frontal Snogging by Louise Rennison, *Spoiled* by Heather Cocks and Jessica Morgan, *Ditched* by Robin Mellom, *The Anti-Prom* by Abby McDonald, and *Freak Magnet* by Andrew Auseon



6. *Abhorsen* by Garth Nix

Lirael is alone – Sabriel and King Touchston are both missing. Lirael knows that now is the moment of her final confrontation with the evil Necromancer, Hedge, before he can uncover the powerful Orannis, intent on destroying all life in the kingdom.

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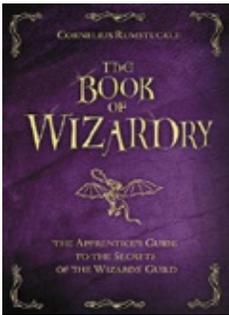
- *Abhorsen* is the final book of Garth Nix's *Abhorsen* series. The first novel, *Sabriel*, was published in 1995, and the second novel, *Lirael* was published in 2001.
- Garth Nix will be revisiting the world of *Abhorsen* in 2014 with a prequel called *Clariel: The Lost Abhorsen*.
- Garth Nix (and that is his real name) was born in 1963, in Australia, where he still lives. He is the author of two other book series for teen readers, *The Seventh Tower* and *The Keys to the Kingdom*.



Read-A-Likes

Clive Barker and the *Abarat* series, as well as the works of Tolkein and T.H. White

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7. *The Book of Wizardry: The Apprentice's Guide to the Secrets of the Wizards' Guild* by Cornelius Rumstuckle

From the practical guide to making a wand, to discovering your true witch or wizard name, *The Book of Wizardry* will help any aspiring witch or wizard!

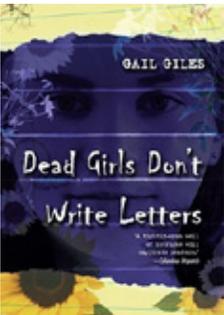
Fun Facts

- 'Cornelius Rumstuckle' is an alias for Herbie Brennan. Herbie Brennan is the author of *Faerie Wars*.
- Herbie Brennan has written over one hundred fiction and non-fiction books for adults, teens, and children.
- Herbie Brennan is Irish.



Read-A-Likes

The Dragonology Chronicles by Dugald A. Steer, and the first in the *Ologies* series, which also includes the titles *Wizardology* and *Pirateology*



8. *Dead Girls Don't Write Letters* by Gail Giles

Months after Sunny's perfect older sister, Jazz, dies in a fire in her New York apartment, Sunny gets a letter. A short time later, her dead sister shows up at her family's door. 'Jazz' knows everything she should know, but something about her convinces Sunny it's not really Jazz. The Jazz in her sister's room... is an impostor.

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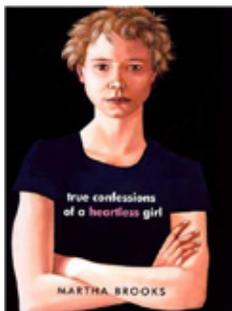
- Gail Giles was a high school teacher before becoming a full time writer.
- Gail Giles lives in Texas.
- *Dead Girls Don't Write Letters* is a stand-alone novel.
- Gail Giles has written five young adult books in total.



Read-A-Likes

How to Save a Life by Sara Zarr, *The Autobiography of My Dead Brother* by Walter Dean Myers, *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson, *Tyrell* by Coe Booth, or *I am the Messenger* by Mark Zusak

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9. *True Confessions of a Heartless Girl* by Martha Brooks

Noreen didn't have anywhere to go when she stole her latest loser boyfriend's truck and started driving. She ends up in Pembina Lake, a town as broken as Noreen. It takes one final tragedy to put Noreen on the road to hope.

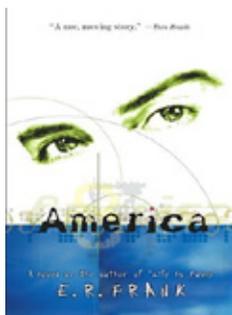
Fun Facts

- Martha Brooks has also written plays, novels, and short fiction.
- In addition to being an award-winning author, Martha Brooks is also an award winning jazz singer.
- She lives in Canada.



Read-A-Likes

Whirligig by Paul Fleischman, *It Gets Better: Coming out, Overcoming Bullying, and Creating a Life Worth Living* edited by Dan Savage, *Love is the Higher Law* by David Levithan, and *Dear Bully: Seventy Authors Tell Their Stories* edited by Megan Kelley Hall



10. *America* by E. R. Frank

America doesn't trust Dr. B. After all, he's part of the system that took him away from Mrs. Harper when he was five and gave him back to his drug-addicted mother. Eleven years later, America is in Dr. B's office, explaining why suicide was a better option than the life he was living.

Fun Facts

- *America* is a book about loss, desperation, and redemption.
- E. R. Frank has writing in her blood: Her Grandfather, Gerold Frank, was also an author.
- E.R. Frank is also a practicing social worker and psychotherapist, specializing in cases of teen trauma.
- *America* was made into a television movie in 2009 starring Rosie O'Donnell and Philip Johnson.
- Other books written by E.R. Frank are *Life is Funny*, *Friction*, and *Wrecked*.



Read-A-Likes

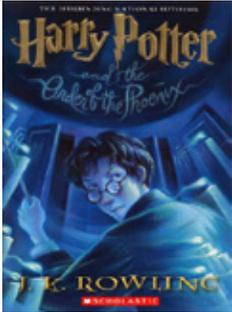
It's Kind of a Funny Story by Ned Vizzini, *Runaway* by Wendelin Van Draanen, *I'll be There* by Holly Goldberg Sloan, *Strays* by Ron Koertge, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky



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1. *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* by J. K. Rowling
2. *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini
3. *Pirates!* by Celia Rees
4. *Trickster's Choice* by Tamora Pierce
5. *Inkheart* by Cornelia Funke
6. *A Great and Terrible Beauty* by Libba Bray
7. *The Goose Girl* by Shannon Hale
8. *Princess in Pink* by Meg Cabot
9. *The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things* by Carolyn Mackler
10. *Curse of the Blue Tattoo* by L.A. Meyer

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1. *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* by J. K. Rowling

Harry is haunted by dreams that foreshadow a terrifying secret. Being a 15-year-old adolescent doesn't help matters either. In his fifth year at Hogwarts, Harry is snappier and moodier than ever. Not to mention his hormones and emotions fluctuate continuously.

Fun Facts

- *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* is the longest book - 870 pages - in the *Harry Potter* series.
- *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* broke the record set by *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* as the fastest selling book in history.
- *The Harry Potter* series is published in 67 languages.
- Universal Studios Orlando opened the Wizarding World of Harry Potter in 2010. This theme park is based on the entire series.



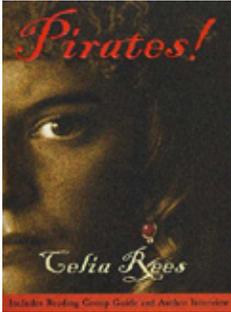
2. *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini

While Eragon is out hunting, he finds a beautiful blue stone. The stone, it turns out, is a dragon egg. Quickly, Eragon's simple life is turned upside down and he enters into a world of magic and power, and that of the legendary Dragon Riders.

Fun Facts

- *Eragon* is the first book in the *Inheritance Cycle*. Other titles include *Eldest*, *Brisinger*, and *Inheritance*.
- *Eragon* was made into a movie in 2006.
- Christopher Paolini was only 15 when he started writing *Eragon*.
- To date, there are 49 foreign-language licenses for *Eragon*.

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3. *Pirates!* by Celia Rees

In the 1720s, dire circumstances propel two girls – a wealthy merchant's daughter from England and her father's Jamaican slave – into a life of piracy.

Fun Facts

- Celia Rees came up with the idea of *Pirates!* through a series of emails with her editor.
- Celia Rees is left-handed and a Gemini.
- Celia Rees was a teacher and taught for over ten years.



Read-A-Likes

Ship On Fire by Michael Cadnum or *Stowaway* by Karen Hesse



4. *Trickster's Choice* by Tamora Pierce

When Aly decides to avoid her famous warrior mother she never dreams that she will be captured by slavers, but finds that this gives her the opportunity to prove that she has all the makings of a spy.

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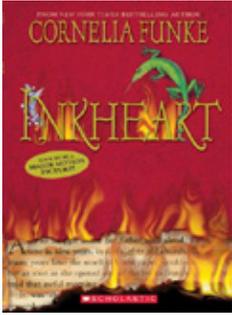
- *Trickster's Choice* is the first book in the *Tricksters* duo. The second book is *Trickster's Queen*.
- Tamora Pierce has written over 25 books for young adults!
- *Trickster's Choice* was translated into Russian, German, and Danish (where it was split into two books).
- Tamora Pierce is the recipient of the 2013 Margaret A. Edwards Award for her significant and lasting contribution to young adult literature.



Read-A-Likes

Palace of Stone by Shannon Hale, *Sabriel* by Garth Nix, and *The Oracle Betrayed* by Catherine Fisher

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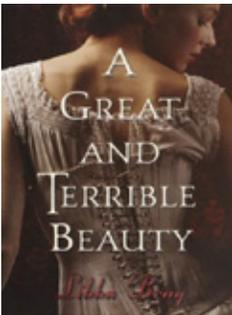


5. *Inkheart* by Cornelia Funke

When Meggie discovers that her father can bring the characters and items in books to life, her world is changed. One night, she is swept up into the story, Inkheart, and she must learn to control the magic and learn to rewrite the story that has changed her life.

Fun Facts

- *Inkheart* is the first book in *Inkworld* trilogy. Other books in the trilogy include *Inkspell* and *Inkdeath*.
- *Inkheart* was made into a movie in 2008.
- Cornelia Funke did not learn how to drive a car until she was 50 years old!
- How do you pronounce Cornelia's last name? try "FOON-ka".
- Cornelia Funke likes to listen to Classical music while she writes. Some of her favorite composers are Johann Bach and Henry Purcell.



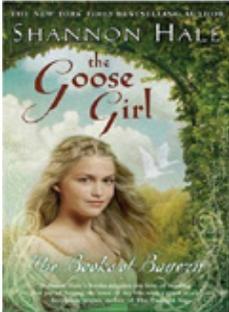
6. *A Great and Terrible Beauty* by Libba Bray

In 1895 Victorian England, rebellious sixteen-year-old Gemma Doyle finds herself embroiled in a decades-old supernatural mystery at a stuffy finishing school that she is being forced to attend after her mother's tragic death abroad.

Fun Facts

- *A Great and Terrible Beauty* is the first book in *The Gemma Doyle* trilogy. It is followed by *Rebel Angels* and *The Sweet Far Thing*.
- Libba Bray is a New York Times bestselling author of *The Gemma Doyle* trilogy.
- Libba Bray is related to Davy Crockett.
- Libba Bray's favorite word is "redemption".

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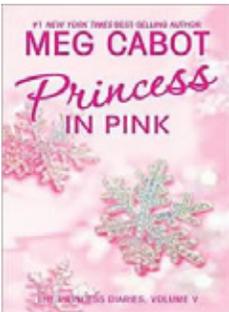


7. *The Goose Girl* by Shannon Hale

Ani, crown princess of Kildenree, can communicate with animals, much better than she can communicate with people. When a mutiny is organized against Ani on her way to be married in a foreign land, she barely escapes. Ani must use her special ability to find her way to her true destiny.

Fun Facts

- *The Goose Girl* is the first book in the *Books of Bayern* series. The other books in the series are *Enna Burning*, *River Secrets*, and *Forest Born*.
- *The Goose Girl* was rejected over a dozen times before being picked up by an agent, and then another nine before being picked for publication.
- Shannon Hale has a Master of Fine Arts from The University of Montana.
- Shannon Hale does not have a middle name.



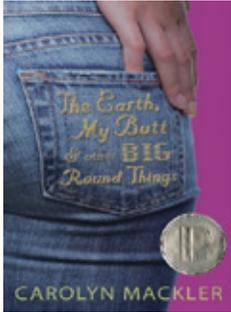
8. *Princess in Pink* by Meg Cabot

In the fifth installment of *The Princess Diaries* series, Princess Mia, Genovian princess-in-waiting, has one wish: to spend the prom with her boyfriend Michael. With an unwilling boyfriend, Grandmere's run away poodle, and a server strike at the prom site, will Mia ever make it to her prom?

Fun Facts

- Princess Mia has a blog! Check it out: <http://www.miathermopolis.com>
- *Princess in Pink* is book five in the seventeen (!) book series, *The Princess Diaries*.
- *The Princess Diaries* series is translated into 38 languages and has been published in more than 40 countries.
- Meg Cabot studied Studio Arts at the Indiana University.

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9. *The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things* by Carolyn Mackler

Fifteen-year-old Virginia Shreves has a lot on her hands. She's self-conscious about her weight, Froggy Welsh has wandering hands, her brother was accused of date rape, and to top it off, her best friend Shannon moves to Washington. For the first time in her life, she is forced to deal with her problems on her own.

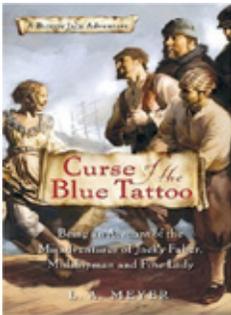
Fun Facts

- *The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things* was named a 2004 Printz Award Honor book.
- *The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things* is number 34 on the Top 100 Banned Books list (2000 - 2009).
- Carolyn Mackler grew up in New York City and also currently resides there.



Read-A-Likes

The DUFF by Kody Keplinger, *Fat Cat* by Robin Brande, and *Just Listen* by Sarah Dessen



10. *Curse of the Blue Tattoo* by L.A. Meyer

After Jacky is discovered by the Navy (as a girl!), she leaves her beloved Jaimy and starts a new life in Boston: attending The Lawson Peabody School for Fine Young Girls. Jacky finds that it's harder than she thought learning to be a young lady, and soon, she abandons school and jumps a whale ship in search of her one true love.

Fun Facts

- *Curse of the Blue Tattoo* is the second book in the *Bloody Jack* series. The first book in the series is *Bloody Jack*, and followed by *Under the Jolly Roger*, *In the Belly of the Bloodhound*, *Mississippi Jack*, *My Bonny Light Horseman*, *Rapture of the Deep*, *The Wake of the Lorelei Lee*, and *The Mark of the Golden Dragon*.
- L.A. Meyer owns and operates a small art gallery in Bar Harbor, Maine.
- *Curse of the Blue Tattoo* was named a 2009 Odyssey honor book for best audiobook.



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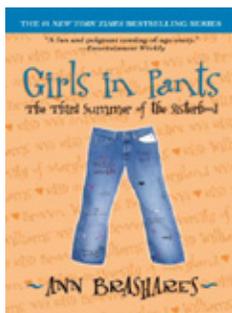
The Monstermologist by Richard Yancy, *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation* by M.T. Anderson, and *The Foreshadowing* by Marcus Sedgwick



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1. *Girls In Pants: The Third Summer of the Sisterhood* by Ann Brashares
2. *The Truth About Forever* by Sarah Dessen
3. *Looking for Alaska* by John Green
4. *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult
5. *Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick
6. *Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment* by James Patterson
7. *The Gangsta Rap* by Benjamin Zephaniah
8. *Teen Idol* by Meg Cabot
9. *The Garden* by Elsie V. Aidinoff
10. *How I Paid for College: A Novel of Sex, Theft, Friendship & Musical Theater* by Marc Acito

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1. *Girls In Pants: The Third Summer of the Sisterhood* by Ann Brashares

Third in *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* series, *Girls In Pants* finds Bridget, Carmen, Lena, and Tibby in the summer before freshman year of college. While Bridget is away at soccer camp again, the other three girls stay home for the summer. As each girl struggles with identity, family, and romance, the Pants remind them of the Sisterhood's never-ending love and support.

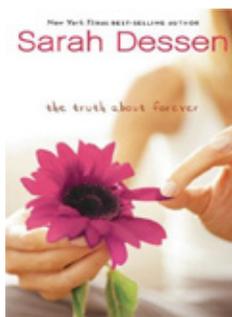
Fun Facts

- Ann Brashares also wrote a spin-off of the Sisterhood series called *3 Willows*. The book is set in the same high school the Sisterhood attended, and the main characters cross paths with various characters from the *Sisterhood* series.
- The first book was made into a movie in 2005, and a sequel was made in 2008. The sequel was loosely based on *Girls in Pants*, along with the second and fourth books in the series.



Read-A-Likes

The Summer I Turned Pretty by Jenny Han, *Peaches* by Jodi Lynn Anderson, *Thirteen Little Blue Envelopes* by Maureen Johnson, *Along For the Ride* by Sarah Dessen, *How to Ruin a Summer Vacation* by Simone Elkeles, *Gingerbread* by Rachel Cohn, *Twenty Boy Summer* by Sarah Ockler, *Honey, Baby, Sweetheart* by Deb Caletti, and *Endless Summer* by Jennifer Echols



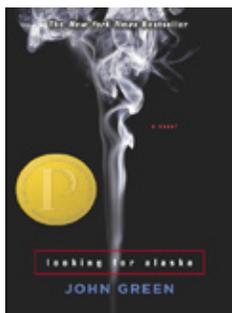
2. *The Truth About Forever* by Sarah Dessen

With her boyfriend away at Brain Camp, Macy is determined to spend her summer working toward perfection while her mom is wrapped up in building new houses. With their mutual focus on perfection, neither of them has allowed themselves to grieve for the death of Macy's dad. When her mother hires a catering company for an open house, Macy gets to know the people who run the company. They all have their own issues, but rely on each other to get through the mess that is life, which begins to open Macy up to possibilities other than perfection.

Fun Facts

- Sarah Dessen often has characters from her books make cameo appearances in other books. In *The Truth About Forever*, Lorna from *That Summer* is mentioned on the news. Macy attends the same high school as Caitlin from *Dreamland*, Ruby from *Lock and Key*, and Annabel from *Just Listen*. Macy and Wes go to the World of Waffles, which is also mentioned in *This Lullaby*. In *Along For the Ride*, Auden sees Wes and Macy there. Jason, Macy's boyfriend, also appears in *Along For the Ride* and *What Happened to Goodbye*.
- Did you know that Sarah Dessen has her own racing car team - Dessen Racing? The team races primarily in NASA SE's SpecE30 class.

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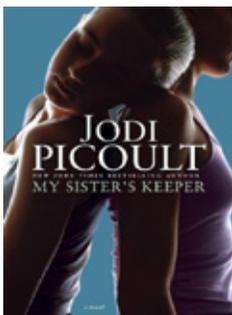


3. *Looking for Alaska* by John Green

Miles, tired of his boring existence, enrolls at the same boarding school his father attended. Once away at school, Miles quickly befriends his roommate, nicknamed The Colonel, Takumi, a rap-loving Japanese guy, and Alaska, a smart, impulsive girl. The group studies, plans pranks, blows off steam, and gets into mischief together. Eventually, something life-changing happens, and Miles and his friends are faced with many questions: could they have prevented what happened? If so, can they forgive themselves? They try to find the answers to these questions while coming to terms with their loss, grief, guilt, and the need to keep on living.

Fun Facts

- *Looking for Alaska* was awarded YALSA's Michael L. Printz Award in 2006.
- John Green and his brother Hank Green are known as the Vlogbrothers for the video blogs the two have been producing for years. They have spawned a community of "Nerdfighters."
- When *Looking for Alaska* was challenged as part of the Depew High School reading selection, John Green posted his defense of the book online at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHMPtYvZ8tM>. The school board voted to keep the book in the curriculum.



4. *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult

Thirteen-year-old Anna has grown up knowing that she was conceived in order to provide organs and other life support to help her sister, Kate, fight leukemia. After enduring multiple surgeries, Anna sues her parents for the rights to her own body. As Kate grows sicker and must be hospitalized, the trial to decide who can make decisions about Anna's body rips apart their whole family.

Fun Facts

- *My Sister's Keeper* was made into a movie in 2009. It starred Abigail Breslin as Anna. The ending was drastically changed and both the author and fans were unhappy with the changes.
- In 2009, *My Sister's Keeper* was the seventh most challenged book on the American Library Association's Top Ten list.



Read-A-Likes

If I Stay by Gayle Forman, *Before I Die* by Jenny Downham, *The Fault In Our Stars* by John Green, *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro, *The Sky Is Everywhere* by Jandy Nelson, *Hold Still* by Nina LaCour, and *Hate List* by Jennifer Brown

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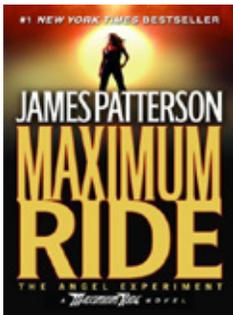


5. *Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick

Steven is a pretty typical thirteen-year-old: he is sarcastic and funny, harbors a long-term crush on a girl in school, and has an annoying little brother - Jeffrey. When Jeffrey is diagnosed with cancer, Steven's life changes. He feels ignored by his parents because they are so focused on Jeffrey's cancer, and he begins to get a lot of uncomfortable attention at school because of Jeffrey's illness. Steven has to accept that his brother is very sick and could die.

Fun Facts

- "I seriously think I could have sat in the middle of the kitchen floor rubbing two sticks together over a pile of dynamite blocks and gasoline cans, and my parents would be oblivious, as long as I was keeping myself occupied." - Jordan Sonnenblick, *Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie*.
- Did you know that when Jordan Sonnenblick took Creative Writing in high school, his teacher was Frank McCourt, author of *Angela's Ashes*?
- Jordan Sonnenblick, an English teacher, was inspired to write *Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie* when one of his students had a younger brother diagnosed with cancer.



6. *Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment* by James Patterson

Max and her friends can fly thanks to their altered DNA, which makes them 98% human and 2% bird. They grew up in a lab, have escaped, and are now trying to avoid being captured by the same scientists who created them. Now the scientists have created another type of human-hybrid; the Erasers who are part-wolf and thirsty for blood. Can Max save her band of winged mutants from the Erasers? Can she save the world?

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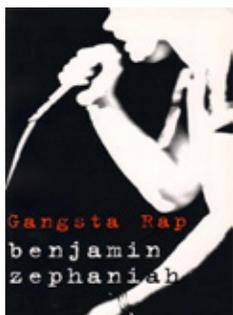
- *Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment* is the first in the *Maximum Ride* series. Other titles include: *School's Out—Forever*, *Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports*, *The Final Warning*, *MAX*, *FANG*, *ANGEL*, and *Nevermore*.
- A manga version of the *Maximum Ride* series has also been published.



Read-A-Likes

Gone series by Michael Grant, the *Alex Rider* series by Anthony Horowitz, the *Uglies* series by Scott Westerfeld, *The Maze Runner* trilogy by James Dashner, and the *Shadow Children* series by Margaret Peterson Haddix

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7. *The Gangsta Rap* by Benjamin Zephaniah

After Ray and two of his friends are suspended from school, they agree to participate in a project where they would learn about the music industry. With their mutual love of music and the industry knowledge they are gaining, the three boys decide to form a hip-hop group and, through the program, record an album. The album is a hit and the boys become famous overnight! Tension quickly escalates with a gang across town and the violence gets out of control. Ray wants to settle the score before any more lives are lost.

Fun Facts

- Benjamin Zephaniah is a rapper, poet, and author from London. You can find his songs, videos, and poetry on his website at <http://www.benjaminzephaniah.com>.
- Benjamin Zephaniah is a vegan. He has said, "I'm a vegan because I just love animals. I wouldn't sit on a chair made of leather."
- When Benjamin Zephaniah was offered the opportunity to receive an Order of the British Empire, a high honor bestowed by England's monarchy, he refused it due to the history of violence associated with the British Empire.



Read-A-Likes

Unsigned Hype by Booker T. Mattison, *Hip-Hop High School* by Alan Lawrence Sitomer, *Sister Mischief* L Goode, and *The World Is Mine* by Lyah B. LeFlore and D. L. Warfield



8. *Teen Idol* by Meg Cabot

Jenny Greenley is the author of the anonymous advice column in her school's newspaper. She is the logical choice: she is great at solving problems and keeping secrets. When hot Hollywood actor Luke Striker comes to her high school to go undercover as a regular high school student to do research for his next movie, Jenny is the only student who is told his true identity. Secrets have a way of coming out, and soon everyone knows Luke's true identity. Jenny finds herself caught up in the celebrity chaos.

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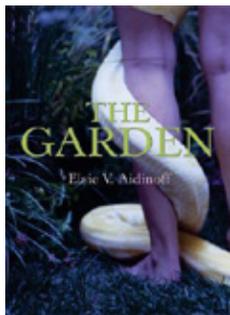
- "You know. Life's short. If you don't try new things, you'll never know what you're best at. And you can only make time for new things by quitting the things you know don't work for you." - Meg Cabot, *Teen Idol*.
- *Teen Idol* is available as an audiobook. It can be purchased from sites such as iTunes and Audible. It is read by the actress Elizabeth Moss, who is most well known for playing Peggy on the television show *Mad Men*.



Read-A-Likes

Exclusively Chloe by J. A. Yang, *The Girl Who Became a Beatle* by Greg Taylor, *Audrey, Wait!* by Robin Benway, *Secrets of My Hollywood Life* by Jen Calonita, *One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies* by Sonya Sones, and *The Daughters* by Joanna Philbin

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9. *The Garden* by Elsie V. Aidinoff

In an alternate version of Eden, God tutors Adam while Eve is left in the care of the Serpent. God is controlling, jealous, and easily angered, while the Serpent encourages Eve to have an open mind and explore her world. After an incident that leaves Eve traumatized, it is the Serpent who helps her recover. When Eve makes her decision to eat from the Tree of Knowledge, it is with the assurance that all of mankind will benefit from her decision.

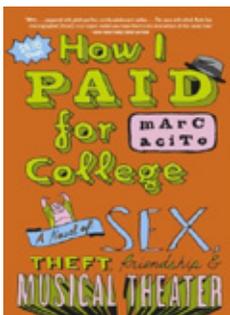
Fun Facts

- “It’s not good for you to know the difference between good and evil, because it’s not good for you to think! Not for yourselves anyway.” - God as written by Elsie V. Aidinoff, *The Garden*.
- Elsie Aidinoff based her version of God on the scientists who created the atom bomb.



Read-A-Likes

Wicked: the Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West by Gregory Maguire, *Jane* by April Lindner (*Jane Eyre*), *The Looking Glass Wars* by Frank Beddor (*Alice in Wonderland*), *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer (*based on Cinderella*), *Beastly* by Alex Flinn (*Beauty and the Beast*), *The Frog Princess* by E. D. Baker, *A Curse As Dark As Gold* by Elizabeth C. Bunce (*Rumplestiltskin*), and *Peter and the Starcatchers* by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson (*Peter Pan*)



10. *How I Paid for College: A Novel of Sex, Theft, Friendship & Musical Theater* by Marc Acito

It is 1983, and Edward, who lives in New Jersey, dreams of attending Juilliard to study acting. His newly married father refuses to pay for college unless Edward studies business, and he cannot appeal to his mom because she is off traveling on a spiritual journey. Edward refuses to give up on his dream, so he and his friends set out to find money for his Juilliard tuition. Before long, their schemes involve forgery, money laundering, priest and nun costumes, and blackmailing a senator’s son!

Fun Facts

- A sequel to *How I Paid for College* was published in 2008 and it is called *Attack of the Theater People*.
- In addition to writing *How I Paid for College* and *Attack of the Theater People*, Marc Acito also writes musicals and plays.



Read-A-Likes

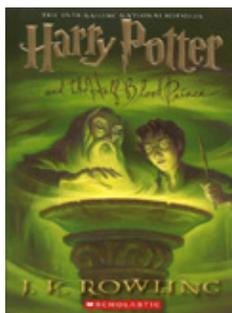
The Rules for Hearts by Sara Ryan, *Dramarama* by E. Lockhart, *Theater Geek: The Real Life Drama of a Summer At Stagedoor Manor, the Famous Performing Arts Camp* by Mickey Rapkin, *Will Grayson, Will Grayson* by John Green and David Levithan, *Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen* by Dyan Sheldon, *Suite Scarlett* by Maureen Johnson, *My Life, The Theater, and Other Tragedies* by Allen Zadoff, and *Pink* by Lili Wilkinson



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1. *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* by J.K. Rowling
2. *Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer
3. *Eldest* by Christopher Paolini
4. *Rebel Angels* by Libba Bray
5. *Peeps* by Scott Westerfeld
6. *13 Little Blue Envelopes* by Maureen Johnson
7. *Poison* by Chris Wooding
8. *Captain Hook: The Adventures of a Notorious Youth* by J.V. Hart
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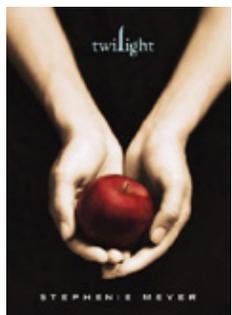


1. *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* by J.K. Rowling

In the long awaited six book of the Harry Potter series, Harry faces new obstacles and tribulations ranging from love to Potions, and ultimately, the ever present threat of Lord Voldemort. And as if things weren't hard enough, Dumbledore disappears for long periods of time with no explanation as to where he's been. When Dumbledore finally explains his absence, Harry learns some valuable information that may hold the key to defeating Lord Voldemort once and for all.

Fun Facts

- *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* had record-breaking sales within the first 24 hours after it was released. It sold nine million copies in the first 24 hours, a record which would later be eclipsed by its sequel, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*.
- Controversy surrounded the release of this book when a Canadian store accidentally sold fourteen copies prior to the official release. The fourteen purchasers were barred from reading or discussing the contents as the result of an injunction obtained by the publisher and were offered Harry Potter T-shirts and autographed copies of the book if they agreed to return their copies.
- The opening chapter of *Half-Blood Prince* was originally planned to be used in *The Sorcerer's Stone*, *The Prisoner of Azkaban* and *The Order of Phoenix*, but was scrapped in all three and used as the beginning of the sixth book.



2. *Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer

A new twist on star-crossed lovers. Bella grudgingly moves to rainy Forks, Washington, a seemingly average town, until she meets Edward, a mysterious guy who seems to hate the sight of her and holds a dark secret that may very well change her perspective on what does and doesn't exist in the world.

Fun Facts

- *Twilight* was initially turned down by fourteen agents and later went into a bidding war between eight publishing houses. It would later become the best-selling book of 2008 and the second best-selling book of 2009 (second to *New Moon*).
- The novel is based on a dream Stephenie Meyer had in 2003 about a girl meeting a vampire- three months later she finishing writing her first manuscript.
- The Twilight website contains a music playlist that inspired the book which includes songs such as "Why Does it Always Rain on Me?" by Travis and "Creep" by Radiohead.

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3. *Eldest* by Christopher Paolini

Eragon and his dragon Saphira are sent for training at an elven city, but while they are away their home comes under attack. Roran leads the people of Carvahall away but two narratives build to a battle where Eragon will learn a stunning secret about his heritage.

Fun Facts

- *Eldest* is part of a series called *The Inheritance Cycle*, beginning with *Eragon* and ending with *Brisngr* and *Inheritance*.
- A deluxe edition of *Eldest* was published on September 6, 2006, which includes an excerpt from the third book in the series, artwork created by the author and other extras.
- *Eldest* was published in 41 countries and has been translated into Spanish, Portuguese and Serbian.



Read-A-Likes

Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan, *The Amulet of Samarkand* by Jonathan Stroud, *Graceling* by Kristin Cashore or *The Dark is Rising* by Susan Cooper



4. *Rebel Angels* by Libba Bray

Gemma's act of breaking the runes has given magic to all. Does she have the strength and power to bind the magic and restore it to its rightful possessors, the Order?

Fun Facts

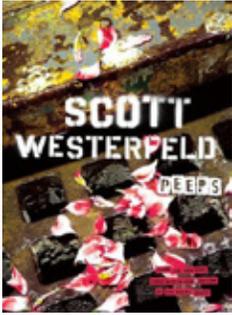
- *Rebel Angels* is the sequel to *A Great and Terrible Beauty*. A third book in the series is titled *The Sweet Far Thing*.
- Author Libba Bray loves to write and maintains a blog at libba-bray.livejournal.com. She is also on twitter and is part of a rock band, Tiger Beat, made up of other young adult authors.
- An audiobook is available from Listening Library (2005) read by Josephine Bailey.



Read-A-Likes

Cassandra Clare's *Clockwork Angel*, Kami Garcia, Margaret Stohl's *Beautiful Creatures*, and *The Luxe* by Anna Godbersson

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5. *Peeps* by Scott Westerfeld

College freshman Cal comes to NY, spends a night with a beautiful girl – and becomes a carrier. Now everyone he kisses develops a craving for meat, an aversion to sunlight, and super strength.

Fun Facts

- *Peeps* has a companion novel title *The Last Days* that follows a different set of characters during the same time period.
- The original title for *Peeps* was *Parasite Positive*.
- Author Scott Westerfeld is married to young adult author Justine Larbalestier. They split their time between New York City and Sydney, Australia.



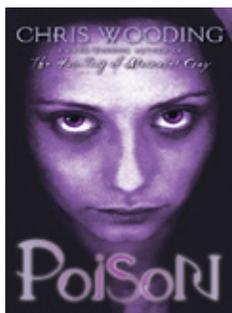
6. *13 Little Blue Envelopes* by Maureen Johnson

Ginny takes on a whirlwind tour of Europe guided by letters from a recently deceased and beloved aunt.

Fun Facts

- If you liked *13 Little Blue Envelopes*, read the sequel to this title, *The Last Little Blue Envelope* (2011).
- There is an audio book narrated by Emily Durante put out by Harper Audio (2010).
- To read author Maureen Johnson's 13 Little Travel Tips, visit her website at: <http://www.maureen-johnsonbooks.com/books/13-little-blue-envelopes/13-little-travel-tips/>
- Maureen Johnson has published ten young adult novels to date.

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7. *Poison* by Chris Wooding

When *Poison*'s sister is kidnapped by Phaeries, *Poison* is determined to get her back but she doesn't realize that she is part of a much larger, darker story.

Fun Facts

- The author, Chris Wooding, was inspired by his trip to the Far East. When he returned, he began writing *Poison* a year later.
- One teen reviewer says, "Fans of Chris Wooding's previous book won't be disappointed, as *Poison* is full of thrills and intrigue. It throws together fairytale creatures, scheming courtiers, cobwebbed castles, and one spunky human girl for one amazing read."
- An audio book of this title was released by Recorded Books in 2006, narrated by Virginia Leishman.



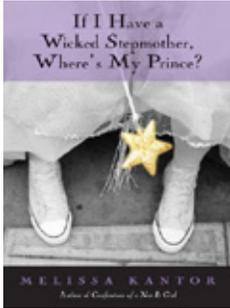
8. *Captain Hook: The Adventures of a Notorious Youth* by J.V. Hart

With his long black curls, a shadowy family tree, and an affinity for pet spiders, James Matthew bears little resemblance to his starched-collar, blue-blooded peers at Eton. For James, sword fighting, falling in love with an Ottoman Sultana, and challenging the Queen of England are all in a day's skullduggery. But when he sets sail on a ship with a mysterious mission, his dream of discovering a magical island quickly turns into an unimaginable nightmare.

Fun Facts

- The author, J.V. Hart, has written screenplays for several feature films, including Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, *Hook*, *Tuck Everlasting*, *Contact* and *Muppet Treasure Island*.
- A portion of the royalties from the sales of this book go towards the Peter Pan Children's Fund, an organization that supports children's hospitals.
- Brett Helquist, who created the illustrations in *Captain Hook*, has also drawn illustrations for Alvin Schwartz's *Scary Stories* books and Lemony Snicket's *Series of Unfortunate Events*.
- An audiobook is available for this title at audible.com and was narrated by John Keating.

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9. *If I Have a Wicked Stepmother, Where's My Prince?* by Melissa Kantor

Lucy's life is anything but a fairytale (or is it?). She has a wicked stepmother, evil step-sisters who make her life miserable. Sure, one may say her life has all the credentials of a fairytale, but there is one obvious element missing – her prince. Enter Connor Pearson, star player on the basketball team and handsome to boot. Could this finally be her calling?

Fun Facts

- Just like in the book, author Melissa Kantor had a stepmother growing up that she had a lot of problems with.
- You can read the first chapter of all of author Melissa Kantor's books at her website: melissakantor.com
- A teen reviewer writes, "It is an intensely satisfying story with a wonderful, believable cast of characters. Sitting in class I had to stifle my giggles."



Read-A-Likes

The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau Banks by E. Lockhart, *The Summer I Turned Pretty* by Jenny Han and *The Earth, My Butt and Other Big Round Things* by Carolyn Mackler



10. *Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin

What happens after you die? Here is a completely new take. Fifteen-year-old Liz Hall, the victim of a hit-and-run driver, wakes up on a ship to Elsewhere. Life on Elsewhere seems to be the opposite of life here; you age in reverse until, as a baby, you once again sail to Earth.

Fun Facts

- *Elsewhere* was translated into sixteen languages and has been published in twenty-two different countries. To see a comparison of all twenty-two countries, visit memoirsofa.com.
- An audiobook was released by Listening Library and narrated by Cassandra Morris.



Read-A-Likes

If I Stay by Gayle Forman or Alice Sebold's *The Lovely Bones*



2007 Teens' Top Ten

1. *New Moon* by Stephenie Meyer
2. *Just Listen* by Sarah Dessen
3. *How to Ruin a Summer Vacation* by Simone Elkeles
4. *Maximum Ride: School's Out – Forever* by James Patterson
5. *Firegirl* by Tony Abbott
6. *All Hallows Eve (13 stories)* by Vivian Vande Velde
7. *Life As We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer
8. *River Secrets* by Shannon Hale
9. *Bad Kitty* by Michele Jaffe
10. *The Road of the Dead* by Kevin Brooks

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1. *New Moon* by Stephenie Meyer

In the second installment of the *Twilight* Saga, Edward leaves Forks to keep Bella safe, sending her into a deep depression that lasts until she befriends Jacob, a sophomore with a penchant for motorcycles. Their fun, wild adventures turn dangerous, especially after she finds out Jacob's real identity.

Fun Facts

- *New Moon* is the second book in the *Twilight* Saga. *Twilight* is the first, the third installment is *Eclipse*, and the saga concludes with *Breaking Dawn*.
- All four titles of the *Twilight* Saga have appeared on Teens' Top Ten Lists. *Twilight* – 2006, *Eclipse* – 2008, *Breaking Dawn* – 2009.
- All four titles have been made into movies starring Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, and Taylor Lautner. Can you spot Stephenie Meyer in all four movies?
- Stephenie Meyer created playlists for all four of the books. These can be found at <http://www.stepheniemeyer.com>



2. *Just Listen* by Sarah Dessen

Annabel is nice. Too nice to say why she is unhappy with her life and what happened the night her life changed. That doesn't work in the world of her only friend, anger-management alum and alternative music nut, Owen. Can she learn to speak, argue, and finally to say the truth?

Fun Facts

- Sarah Dessen created a playlist for *Just Listen*. Check it out at <http://writergrl.livejournal.com/300906.html#cutid1>.
- *How to Deal*, a movie based on Sarah Dessen's first two books, *That Summer* and *Someone Like You*, was released in 2003.
- One of Sarah Dessen's other novel, *The Truth About Forever* has also appeared on the Teens' Top Ten in 2005.



Read-A-Likes

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson, *Wonder When You'll Miss Me* by Amanda Davis, and *The Mockingbirds* by Daisy Whitney.

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SIMONE ELKELES



How to Ruin a Summer Vacation

3. *How to Ruin a Summer Vacation* by Simone Elkeles

The last thing 16-year-old Amy wants to do for the summer is to go to Israel with her estranged Israeli father, who's dragging her to meet a family she's never known. What could be worse than a summer in a place without friends, shopping, or a cell phone?

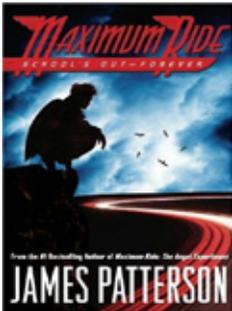
Fun Facts

- *How to Ruin a Summer Vacation* is the first book in the *How to Ruin* series – *How to Ruin My Teenage Life* (book 2) and *How to Ruin Your Boyfriend's Reputation* (book 3).
- Other books by Simone Elkeles that have appeared on YALSA's Selected Reading Lists: *Chain Reaction* (2012 Top Ten Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers), *Rules of Attraction* and *Return to Paradise* (2011 Top Ten Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers), and *Perfect Chemistry* (2010 Top Ten Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers).
- Check out the book trailer for *How to Ruin a Summer Vacation*: <http://www.simoneelkeles.com/media/SummerVacationTrailer.mp4>.



Read-A-Likes

Along for the Ride by Sarah Dessen, *Accidental Love* by Gary Soto, and *13 Little Blue Envelopes* by Maureen Johnson



4. *Maximum Ride: School's Out - Forever* by James Patterson

Max and her flock are discovered by an FBI agent and forced to go to "school." There is no such thing as an ordinary day there, and Max faces her greatest enemy.

Fun Facts

- *School's Out - Forever* is the second book on the *Maximum Ride* series. The series includes *Angel Experiment*, *Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports*, *The Final Warning*, *Max*, *Fang*, *Angel*, and *Nevermore*.
- Other James Patterson series for Young Adults include *Daniel X*, *Witch & Wizard*, and *Middle School*.
- James Patterson has written over fifty books – for both adults and young adults.

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5. *Firegirl* by Tony Abbott

Tom's life is changed when Jessica, a girl disfigured by burns, starts attending his Catholic school. Tom has to choose between befriending Jessica and his best friend Jeff. He soon begins to see who Jessica, Jeff, and himself truly are.

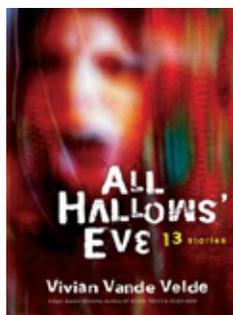
Fun Facts

- *Firegirl* is published not only in English, but also Japanese, Korean, and French.
- Tony Abbott is a huge fan of movies by Preston Sturges and the Marx Brothers.



Read-A-Likes

Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt, *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli, and *Each Little Bird That Sings* by Deborah Wiles



6. *All Hallows' Eve (13 stories)* by Vivian Vande Velde

A spine-tingling collection of scary stories. Take Halloween night and add a possessed car, a crypt a psychic...and ten more!

Fun Facts

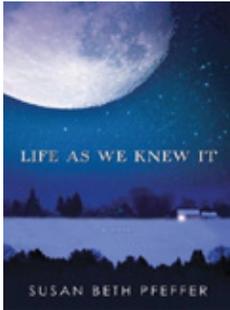
- Other titles by Vivian Vande Velde have appeared on YALSA's Best Books for Young Adults (*Being Dead*, *Companions of the Night*, *Heir Apparent*, *Never Trust a Dead Man*, *Tales from the Brothers Grimm and the Sisters Weird*), YALSA's Popular Paperbacks for Young Adult (*Companions of the Night*, *Now You See It...*, *The Rumpelstiltskin Problem*), YALSA's Quick Picks for Young Adults (*Curses, Inc. and Other Stories*, *Dragon's Bait*, *Ghost of a Hanged Man*, *Never Trust a Dead Man*, *Remembering Raquel*, *Tales from the Brothers Grimm and the Sisters Weird*).
- Vivian Vande Velde was a secretary before she decided to become a writer.



Read-A-Likes

The Monstrumologist by Rick Yancy, *Cirque du Freak* series by Darren Shan, and *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman

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7. *Life As We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer

When a meteor knocks the moon closer to Earth, Miranda and her family need to prepare for tsunamis, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, extreme weather, food shortages, and disease.

Fun Facts

- *Life As We Knew It* is the first book in the *Last Survivors* series. Other books in the series are *The Dead and the Gone* (Book 2) and *This World We Live In* (Book 3).
- Check out the book trailer for *Life As We Knew It*: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4s2xiTiusaQ>



Read-A-Likes

The Hunger Games trilogy by Suzanna Collins, *Gone* series by Michael Grant, and *Maze Runner* trilogy by James Dashner



8. *River Secrets* by Shannon Hale

When fifteen-year-old Cassie Streng discovers that her psychiatrist stepfather is giving a dangerous experimental drug to his teenaged patients, she is determined to expose him. Instead, he sends her to a boot camp for troubled teens in order to keep her quiet. Cassie is in danger at this “school.” Can she escape, expose her stepfather, and stop the school?

Fun Facts

- Before writing a book, Shannon Hale does her research (just like any author should). For *River Secrets* she had to research Mediterranean plants and seasons, and Ancient Roman dishes, among many other subjects.
- The original title for *River Secrets* was *City of Rivers*. Other titles that were suggested before coming up with the final title include *Spy in the City*, *Spying for Fire*, *Spy Havoc!*, and *Let Slip the Squirrels of War*.
- *River Secrets* is the third book in the *Books of Bayern* series. Other books in the series include *Goose Girl* (book 1), *Enna Burning* (book 2), and *Forest Born* (book 4).
- Other Shannon Hale books have appeared on Teens' Top Ten – *Goose Girl* (2004).

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9. *Bad Kitty* by Michele Jaffe

Jasmine had to give up her police internship to go on her family vacation. But it doesn't take long before Jasmine stumbles upon a murder mystery while vacationing in Las Vegas.

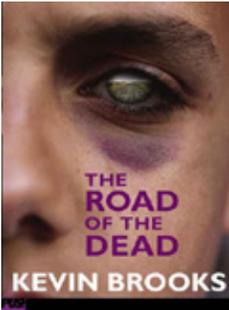
Fun Facts

- *Bad Kitty* is the first book in the *Bad Kitty* Series. Other books include *Kitty, Kitty, Catnipped* (a graphic novel), and *Catnapped* (graphic novel).
- Michele Jaffe's favorite movie is *Clueless*.



Read-A-Likes

Heist Society (*Heist Society* series) by Ally Carter, *I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have To Kill You* (*Gallagher Girls* series) by Ally Carter, and *The Reformed Vampire Support Group* by Catherine Jinks



10. *The Road of the Dead* by Kevin Brooks

Fourteen-year-old British half-gypsy Ruben is frightened when he finds himself witnessing the vicious attack and murder of his sister. When the official investigation stalls, Ruben and his brother attempt to put together the pieces of the crime themselves.

Fun Facts

- In a 2008 interview with the Chicago Public Library, Kevin Brooks said that his favorite movies are *Hombre*, *The Outlaw Josey Wales*, and *Starman*.
- In a 2004 interview with Barnes and Noble's Meet the Writers, Kevin Brooks stated that he "dislikes: worms, mustard, and anything that hurts".



Read-A-Likes

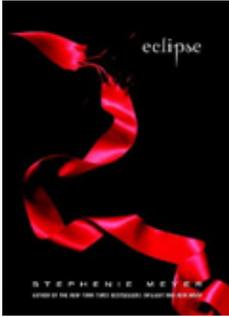
Shelter by Harlan Coben, *Raven's Gate* by Anthony Horowitz, and *The Enemy* by Charles Higson



2008 Teens' Top Ten

1. *Eclipse* by Stephenie Meyer
2. *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* by J.K. Rowling
3. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney
4. *Vampire Academy* by Richelle Mead
5. *Maximum Ride: Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports* by James Patterson
6. *City of Bones* by Cassandra Clare
7. *The Sweet Far Thing* by Libba Bray
8. *Extras* by Scott Westerfeld
9. *Before I Die* by Jenny Downham
10. *Twisted* by Laurie Halse Anderson

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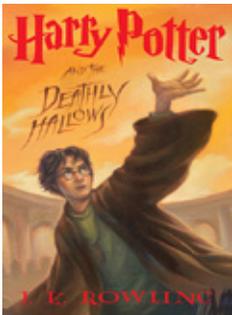


1. *Eclipse* by Stephenie Meyer

In the third installment of the *Twilight* Saga, Bella continues her struggle in determining what life direction to take and with whom. She is pulled romantically in one direction by vampire Edward and in the other direction toward her long time friend Jake who is a werewolf. Decisions must be made as Bella prepares to graduate from high school and move forward in her life as an immortal. Tension is high and charged with emotions as Bella grapples with choices that will result in decisions that will affect her into eternity.

Fun Facts

- This is the third book in the *Twilight* Saga. The first two books are *Twilight* and *New Moon*. The last book is *Breaking Dawn*.
- There is also a companion novella called *The Short Second Life of Bree Tanner: An Eclipse Novella*.
- The *Twilight* series has made the Top Ten Challenge Books in 2009 and 2010.
- All of the *Twilight* books have been turned into movies.



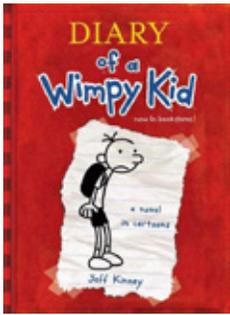
2. *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* by J.K. Rowling

In the last installment of the *Harry Potter* series, the final battle is upon trio. Voldemort is ruthless in his pursuit of the trio, but Harry, Ron and Herimone have honed their magical skills in the past six years and are ready for battle. Well plotted, the magical, mental, and physical challenges will bring readers to a climax never imagined.

Fun Facts

- This is the final book in the *Harry Potter* series. There are seven in total.
- *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* was also on YALSA Best Books for Young Adults in 2008.
- All the *Harry Potter* books have been made into movies.
- This book was the fast selling book in history, selling 11 million books in the first day!

2008 Teens' Top Ten

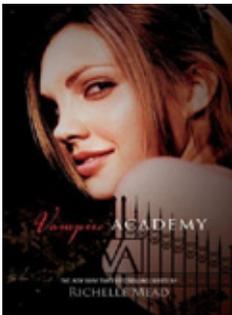


3. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney

Greg Heffley knows he's not popular, but he tries hard to fit in. He records his observations about life in his journal (NOT a diary, he says) along with frequent drawings. Realistic and laugh out loud funny!

Fun Facts

- This is the first book in the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series. There are seven books as of 2013 with an eighth book expected to be published in November of 2013.
- Jeff Kinney was named one of the 20 Artists & Entertainers in the TIME 100, the magazine's list of The World's Most Influential people in 2009. This was due to the smash hit of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.
- *Diary of Wimpy Kid* has been turned into a movie and has also sparked two sequels.
- Kids can wimp themselves at the website www.wimpyourself.com.



4. *Vampire Academy* by Richelle Mead

Two best friends, one a pure vampire and one a half-blood vampire, are captured and returned to the private school they escaped from two years ago. But things have changed since they left and there is now danger to add to the drama that resides in the halls of St. Vladimir's Academy.

Fun Facts

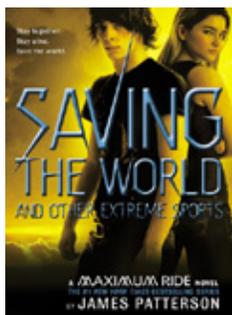
- *Vampire Academy* is the first of 6 books in the series also named *Vampire Academy*.
- *Vampire Academy* has been optioned to be made into a movie by Preger Entertainment and Angry Films and filming has been set to start Summer 2013.
- This book was also made into a graphic novel.



Read-A-Likes

Evernight by Claudia Gray or *Jessica's Guide to Dating on the Dark Side* by Beth Fantaskey

2008 Teens' Top Ten

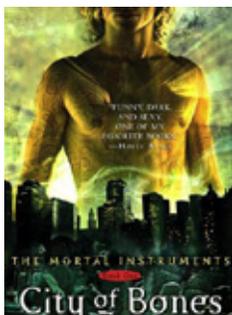


5. *Maximum Ride: Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports* by James Patterson

Max and her flock of winged, genetically engineered teens have been literally stamped with an expiration date. Additionally, they are split apart and spread around the world, hiding or captive to their worst enemies. The whitecoats (scientists) are at it again, tinkering with the usual way of things. How will the flock manage to defeat a “re-evolution” plan to engineer a superior human race and save the world?

Fun Facts

- *Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports* is the third book out of seven in the *Maximum Ride* series.
- This book is available in audiobook produced by Recorded Books.
- Did you know that the *Maximum Ride* kids and idea came from an adult book that James Patterson wrote in 1998? It is called *When the Wind Blows*.
- This series also comes in a graphic novel format.



6. *City of Bones* by Cassandra Clare

New York teenager Clary witnesses a murder she cannot prove; the victim disappears before her eyes and no one else can see the killers. She discovers she can see supernatural beings that no one else can, and is drawn into the world of the Shadowhunters (teens who kill demons and monsters.) She soon learns that her mother, Jocelyn, is the only person who knows the whereabouts of The Moral Cup, a dangerous magical item that turns humans into Shadowhunters. Clary must find the cup and keep it from a renegade sector of Shadowhunters bent on eliminating all nonhumans.

Fun Facts

- This is the first book in the *Mortal Instrument* series. There will be six books total.
- The sixth and final book of the series is scheduled to be released in March 2014.
- There is also a companion series called *Infernal Devices*.
- This book has also been turned into a graphic novel.
- This book is available as an audiobook done by Recorded Books.

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7. *The Sweet Far Thing* by Libba Bray

The third book and final book in the Gemma Doyle trilogy wraps up all the loose ends. Gemma is continuing to both grow in power and come under attack in “the Realms” the magical world she and her friends visit \. While the lat 100’s finishing school she attends with her friends is attempting to shape them into proper ladies, forces far more strong are shaping Gemma in the Realms. Gemma also continues her relationship with Kartik, a magician from the Realms. Some characters will die, while others will change their destiny.

Fun Facts

- This is the third book in the *Gemma Doyle* series. The first two are *A Great and Terrible Beauty* and *Rebel Angels*.
- All three books of the series have appeared on the Teens’ Top Ten.



Read-A-Likes

Poison Diaries trilogy by Maryrose Wood or *The Dark Mirror* novels by Mary Jo Putney.



8. *Extras* by Scott Westerfeld

A few years after Tally Youngblood brought down her highly ordered society of Uglies, Pretties, and Specials, popularity reigns supreme. Everyone is doing all they can to get the most buzz. In the midst of the chaos, Aya Fuse is okay with being unknown. But then she meets a secretive clique, and she wants to show the world how cool they are, but doing so would put her in the spotlight- a dangerous place she might not be ready for.

Fun Facts

- This is a companion novel to the *Uglies* series.
- Scott Westerfeld has written many other Fantasy series including the *Leviathan* series (*Leviathan*, *Behemoth*, and *Goliath*) and the *Midnighters* series (*The Secret Hour*, *Touching Darkness* and *Blue Noon*).
- The *Uglies* series has been adapted into a graphic novel form with the events being told through Shay’s point of view.



Read-A-Likes

The Hunger Games trilogy (*The Hunger Games*, *Catching Fire*, and *Mockingjay*) by Suzanne Collins and *Incarceron* and *Sapphique* by Catherine Fisher

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9. *Before I Die* by Jenny Downham

Tessa, who has terminal cancer, creates a list of ten things she wants to do in the months she has left to live. This fierce and devastating novel explores end-of-life realities with honesty and grace.

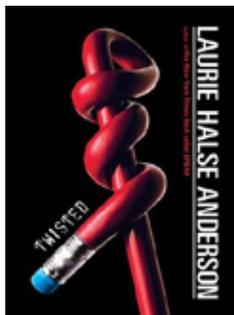
Fun Facts

- The movie *Now is Good* (released in 2012) is based on *Before I Die*.
- Jenny Downham is an ex-actress.
- A film based on *Before I Die* was made in 2012 stars Dakota Fanning and Jeremy Irvine.



Read-A-Likes

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green and *Deadline* by Chris Crutcher



10. *Twisted* by Laurie Halse Anderson

Tyler Miller is invisible in his high school career until a rebellious graffiti prank lands him in a summer of hard labor. Now he has muscles, and he's looking good to the ladies, including Bethany Mibury, sister of his main tormentor and daughter of his father's boss. Life seems to be taking a nice turn for Tyler until he is charged for a crime he didn't commit. The Reader follows Tyler as he tries to turn his twisted life into one of which he can be proud.

Fun Facts

- This book is also available as an audiobook produced by Listening Library.
- Laurie Halse Anderson was the recipient of the 2009 Margaret A. Edwards Award for significant and lasting contribution to young adult literature.
- Laurie Halse Anderson has also written other young adult books such as *Speak* and *Wintergirls*.



Read-A-Likes

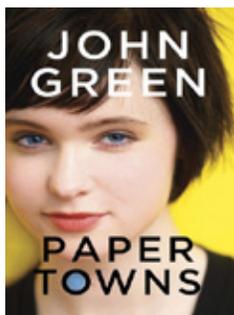
Claws by Will Weaver or *Notes from a Midnight Driver* by Jordan Sonnenblick



2009 Teens' Top Ten

1. *Paper Towns* by John Green
2. *Breaking Dawn* by Stephenie Meyer
3. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
4. *City of Ashes* by Cassandra Clare
5. *Identical* by Ellen Hopkins
6. *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman
7. *Wake* by Lisa McMann
8. *Untamed* by P.C. and Kristin Cast
9. *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks* by E. Lockhart
10. *Graceling* by Kristin Cashore

2009 Teens' Top Ten



1. *Paper Towns* by John Green

When they were little, Margo Roth Spiegelman was Q's best friend. Now, a month before high school graduation, she disappears after taking Q on a night of pranks involving dead fish and a depilatory, sending him on a quest to find her.

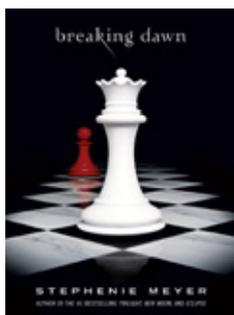
Fun Facts

- “Omnictionary,” a fictional Wikipedia-like website that appears regularly in the book, is now a real site.
- *Paper Towns* frequently references the book *Leaves of Grass* by Walt Whitman.
- Quote from the book: “What a treacherous thing it is to believe that a person is more than a person.”



Read-A-Likes

Going Bovine by Libba Bray, *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher, *Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist* by Rachel Cohn, and *Where Things Come Back* by John Corey Whaley



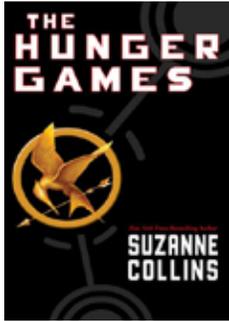
2. *Breaking Dawn* by Stephenie Meyer

In this fourth and final installment of the *Twilight* Saga, Bella's new life as the wife of vampire Edward Cullen is wrought with unexpected obstacles, difficult decisions, and potentially disastrous outcomes.

Fun Facts

- *Breaking Dawn* is the fourth (and final) book in the *Twilight* Saga, following *Twilight*, *New Moon*, and *Eclipse*.
- Following the movie adaptations of the three previous books in the series, *Breaking Dawn* was made into two movies, which premiered in November 2011 and November 2012.
- Stephenie Meyer was inspired by William Shakespeare's plays *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Merchant of Venice* when writing *Breaking Dawn*.
- Godiva Chocolatier released a “Twilight Chocolate” in conjunction with the release of *Breaking Dawn*.

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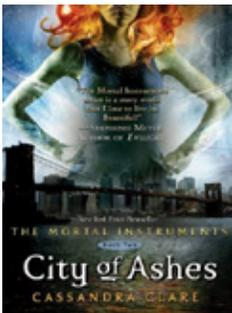


3. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

To save her younger sister from competing, Katniss Everdeen takes her place in the annual Hunger Games, a televised competition in which only one person comes out alive. This book is a dystopian adventure with a love story and a futuristic thriller.

Fun Facts

- *The Hunger Games* is the first in a trilogy, followed by *Catching Fire* and *Mockingjay*.
- *The Hunger Games* was adapted into a movie that premiered in March 2012. Its opening weekend, the film broke records by grossing \$155 million (USD) in North America.
- Popularity breeds satire. The following parodies have been made of *The Hunger Games*: *The Hunger Pains* by Harvard Lampoon, *The Younger Games* by S.D. King, and *The Hunger But Mainly Death Games* by Bratniss Everclean.
- The American Library Association reported that *The Hunger Games* was the fifth most challenged book in 2010, and the third most challenged book in 2011.



4. *City of Ashes* by Cassandra Clare

The second in the *Mortal Instruments* series, this volume continues the saga of Clary and her best friend Simon as they struggle to find their place in a magical world parallel to their NYC home. Demon-fighting shadowhunters, vampires, warlocks, werewolves, faeries, and a master villain named Valentine provide a heart-pounding backdrop as Clary uncovers secrets about her past.

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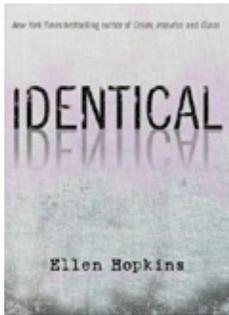
- *City of Ashes* is the second in the *Mortal Instruments* series, following *City of Bones* and preceding *City of Glass*, *City of Fallen Angels*, *City of Lost Souls*, and *City of Heavenly Fire*.
- Author Cassandra Clare has a tumblr: <http://cassandraclare.tumblr.com/> that features, amongst other things, amazing fan art.
- Quote: "I don't want to be a man," said Jace. "I want to be an angst-ridden teenager who can't confront his own inner demons and takes it out verbally on other people instead."
"Well," said Luke, "you're doing a fantastic job."



Read-A-Likes

Hush, Hush by Becca Fitzpatrick, *Wicked Lovely* by Melissa Marr, *House of Night* by P.C. Cast, and *The Immortals* by Allison Noel

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5. *Identical* by Ellen Hopkins

Identical teenage twins, Raeanne and Kaeleigh, respond in totally opposite ways to the abuse and abandonment from their parents. One twin finds bulimia and cutting eases the pain and helps her to maintain her passivity, while the other, more rebellious twin sinks into the world of drugs and sex.

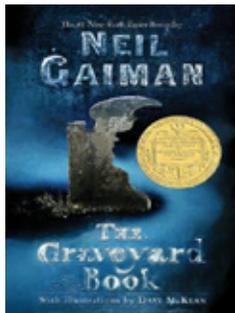
Fun Facts

- Quote from author Ellen Hopkins: “I chose this subject matter because the issue touched the lives of three of my friends. Today, they are successful, beautiful women who you would never believe this might have happened to. I want readers to know it is possible to find a way beyond this terrible place, into a brighter future.”
- Like most of Hopkins’ books, *Identical* is written in verse.



Read-A-Likes

Wintergirls by Laurie Halse Anderson, *Living Dead Girl* by Elizabeth Scott, and *Cut* by Patricia McCormick.



6. *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman

When a toddler wanders away from his home just before assassins slay his family, he ends up alive, but in a graveyard. Named Nobody Owens, the ghosts and other denizens of the cemetery adopt him and teach him important skills he will need to survive.

Fun Facts

- *The Graveyard Book* was the first novel to win both the Carnegie Medal in Literature and Newbery Medal.
- *The Graveyard Book* is available as an audiobook, with author Neil Gaiman as the narrator (Harper-Festival, 2008). Gaiman is also featured on his website for young readers, reading the entire book at <http://www.mousecircus.com/videotour.aspx>.
- Gaiman has hinted of a sequel to *The Graveyard Book*, although as of this publication, none has been written.

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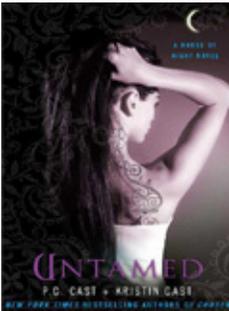


7. *Wake* by Lisa McMann

Going to sleep isn't a big deal for most of us, but for Janie, falling asleep means getting sucked into other people's dreams. The supernatural ability she has always considered a nuisance quickly becomes a nightmare when she blunders into a dream and witnesses a murder.

Fun Facts

- *Wake* is the first in a trilogy: followed by *Fade* and *Gone*.
- *Wake* is available in English, Portuguese, Chinese, Hungarian, Italian, Spanish, Turkish, Greek, Indonesian, Thai, German, and Polish.
- Author Lisa McMann describes herself (in 8 words) as “Another dorky, Pajama-wearing writer, Spilling angst around.”
- Lisa McMann has also written two stand alone YA novels named *Cryer's Cross* and *Dead to You*.
- She has also written a dystopian fantasy series called *The Unwanted*.



8. *Untamed* by P.C. and Kristin Cast

While finishing school for young vampyres, Zoey makes a shocking discovery about the school's leader, but no one will listen to her as her undead friends and 3 boyfriends turn against her. Loyalties are strained, truths are revealed, and an ancient evil is awakened.

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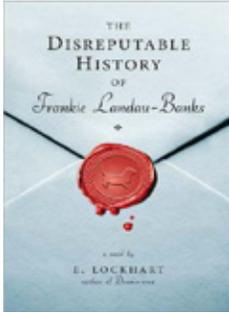
- *Untamed* is the fourth book in Casts' *House of Nights* series, following *Marked*, *Betrayed*, and *Chosen*, and preceding *Hunted*, *Tempted*, *Burned*, *Awakened*, *Destined*, and *Hidden*.
- Authors P.C. and Kristen Cast are mother and daughter.
- Quote from the book: “Because you are the superhero fledgling. I'm just your more attractive sidekick. Oh, and the herd of nerds are your dorky minions.”



Read-A-Likes

Blue Bloods by Melissa de la Cruz, *Tantalize* by Cynthia Leitich Smith, *Vampire Kisses* by Ellen Schreiber, and *Evernight* by Claudia Gray

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9. *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks* by E. Lockhart

When Frankie's boyfriend joins a secret society that she isn't supposed to know anything about, she surprises everyone—including herself—by trying to beat them and become the biggest prankster of them all.

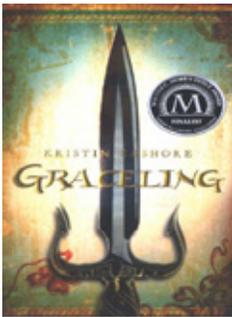
Fun Facts

- In addition to the Teens' Top Ten, this book was a finalist for the 2009 Printz Award.
- E. Lockhart has a page on Zazzle.com (<http://www.zazzle.com/theboyfriendlist>) where she sells merchandise related to *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks*, featuring Frankie's "Neglected Positives" such as "ept," "gruntled," and "petuous."
- Quote from the book: "Secrets are more powerful when people know you've got them."



Read-A-Likes

Looking for Alaska by John Green, *Prep* by Curtis Sittenfeld, *The Mockingbirds* by Daisy Whitney, and *The Secret Rites of Social Butterflies* by Lizabeth Zindel



10. *Graceling* by Kristin Cashore

Lady Katsa is born with a Grace (super talent) of killing, and her uncle, the king, makes her his brute squad. When she meets Po, a rival kingdom's Graceling, she becomes more powerful as a woman of justice, self-knowledge, and romance.

Fun Facts

- *Graceling* is followed by a sequel, *Bitterblue*, as well as a companion book, *Fire*.
- *Graceling* was a finalist for the 2009 William C. Morris YA Debut Award for first time YA authors.
- *Graceling* is Kristin Cashore's first novel.
- Kristin Cashore has written three YA books.



2010 Teens' Top Ten

1. *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins
2. *City of Glass* by Cassandra Clare
3. *Heist Society* by Ally Carter
4. *Shiver* by Maggie Stiefvater
5. *hush, hush* by Becca Fitzpatrick
6. *Beautiful Creatures* by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl
7. *Along for the Ride* by Sarah Dessen
8. *If I Stay* by Gayle Forman
9. *Fire* by Kristin Cashore
10. *Wintergirls* by Laurie Halse Anderson

2010 Teens' Top Ten



1. *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins

In the sequel to *The Hunger Games*, Katniss is faced with the challenges of being a victor of the Games, of maintaining the image of a romantic relationship with Peeta, and trying to prevent any rioting in the other districts. But when the Capitol announces a twist that will affect Katniss forever, will she be able to survive re-entering the world of the Games?

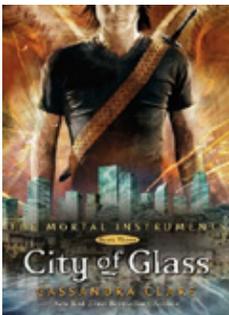
Fun Facts

- *Catching Fire* is the second book in the *Hunger Games* trilogy, which begins with *The Hunger Games* and concludes with *Mockingjay*.
- Fans saddened by the end of the trilogy can drown their sorrows in *The Hunger Games* movie! The first movie was released in March 2012, with more to follow. For video clips, news, and other information, go to: <http://www.thehungergamesmovie.com>.



Read-A-Likes

The Maze Runner trilogy by James Dashner, the *Divergent* trilogy by Veronica Roth, and the *Matched* trilogy by Allie Condie



2. *City of Glass* by Cassandra Clare

In the third book of the *Mortal Instruments* series, Clary must dig deep within herself to complete the journey into the unfamiliar in the name of family and love. Clary goes to the City of Glass to try to save her mother. She also finds herself embroiled in an epic battle, as Shadowhunters and Downworlders join forces to try to defeat Valentine.

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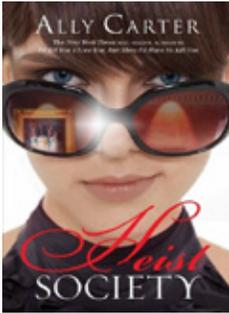
- *The Mortal Instruments* is a six-book series. Titles in the series, in order: *City of Bones*, *City of Ashes*, *City of Glass*, *City of Fallen Angels*, *City of Lost Souls*, and *City of Heavenly Fire*, which will be released in March, 2014.
- A prequel series, *The Infernal Devices*, is set in Victorian London and sets the stage for *The Mortal Instruments* series. A third series, *The Dark Artifices*, is in the works and will be set in contemporary Los Angeles.
- The movie rights to *The Mortal Instruments* were optioned and a film is in development. Fans can read more about the movie's progress at <http://www.cassandraclare.com>.



Read-A-Likes

Tithe, *Valiant*, and *Ironside* by Holly Black; *Daughter of Smoke and Bone* by Laini Taylor, and the *Beautiful Creatures* series by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl

2010 Teens' Top Ten

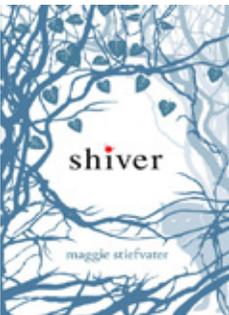


3. *Heist Society* by Ally Carter

Katarina is trying to get out of the family thievery business. She cons her way into a fancy boarding school in order to leave that life behind. However, when her father is suspected of stealing a priceless art collection from an Italian mobster, she has to steal it back to save his life. But she has no idea where it is.

Fun Facts

- The second book in the *Heist Society* series is *Uncommon Criminals*, in which Kat is asked to steal the Cleopatra Emerald. *Perfect Scoundrels*, the third book in the series, is set to release February 2013.
- On what inspired her to write *Heist Society*: “Another huge influence was the fact that I’ve always LOVED con movies—going back to my dad making me watch *The Sting* when I was a kid all the way up through newer movies like the remakes of *Ocean’s 11*, *The Italian Job*, and *The Thomas Crowne Affair*.”
- Warner Brothers has optioned *Heist Society* as a movie. Production and release date to be determined. The film is rumored to be produced and directed by Drew Barrymore.



4. *Shiver* by Maggie Stiefvater

Ever since being saved by a wolf as a child, Grace has been fascinated with the wolves around her Minnesota home. But the wolves are becoming restless and need Grace’s help to save them. One of the wolves takes human form and falls in love with Grace — but as the weather grows colder, he’ll turn back into a wolf, likely forever. Soon, he must make a life or death decision to stay with the one he loves.

Fun Facts

- *Shiver* is the first book in the *Shiver* Trilogy, which also includes *Linger* and *Forever*.
- Among many awards and honors, *Shiver* was included in ALA lists: Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers, ALA Best Books for Young Adults, 2011 ALA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults.
- *Shiver* has been translated into 32 languages.
- For the latest information on all Maggie Stiefvater’s books, as well as videos, downloads, music playlists, etc. www.maggiestiefvater.com is the place to go.

2010 Teens' Top Ten



5. *hush, hush* by Becca Fitzpatrick

Nora ends up sitting next to Patch in biology. Patch is a scary guy, a fallen angel, and he is shrouded in mystery. But he has a knack for getting under Nora's skin. Many people seem to be out to get her and she is slowly starting to realize she is falling for Patch, even if he is trying to kill her.

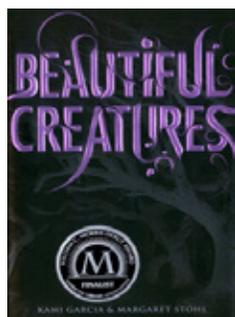
Fun Facts

- *Hush, hush* is the first book in a series that includes *Crescendo*, *Silence*, and *Finale*.
- *Hush, hush* debuted as a New York Times Bestseller in 2009.
- Film rights to the book have been bought by LD Entertainment.
- This book has been published as a graphic novel.



Read-A-Likes

The *Fallen* series by Lauren Kate, the *Soul Seekers* series by Alyson Noel, the *Halo* series by Alexandra Adornetto and *Daughter of Smoke and Bone* by Laini Taylor



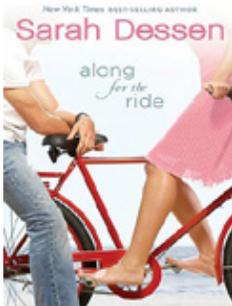
6. *Beautiful Creatures* by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl

Lena isn't like the other girls in Gatlin, South Carolina. She's as different from them as a person can get; she is a Caster. Ethan hates life in Gatlin and wants to be different. When he runs into Lena, almost literally, something just clicks. Can an ancient curse, a shut-in uncle, and certain doom keep them apart?

Fun Facts

- *Beautiful Creatures* is part of a series that includes *Beautiful Darkness*; *Beautiful Chaos*; *Beautiful Redemption*; and companion story, *Dream Dark*.
- When authors Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl decided to write a supernatural novel for teens, the teenagers in their own lives dared them to write it.
- *Beautiful Creatures* was turned into a film that was released on February 14, 2013.
- *Beautiful Creatures* was a finalist for YALSA's William C. Morris Award for first time YA authors.

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7. *Along for the Ride* by Sarah Dessen

College-bound Auden lets academics drive her entire life until she moves to a beach town for the summer to live with her father, stepmother, and newborn half-sister. Slowly she learns to break out of her shell as she makes friends with the locals, deals with the fallout of her parents' divorce, and falls for a trick bike rider.

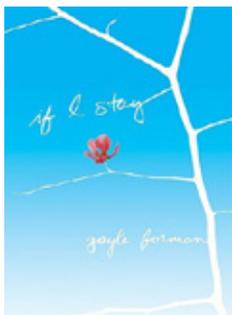
Fun Facts

- Sarah Dessen is the author of ten novels, including *That Summer*, *The Truth About Forever*, *Just Listen*, and *What Happened to Goodbye*.
- *Along for the Ride* was a #1 New York Times Bestseller.
- Aspiring writers, take heart! After Sarah Dessen graduated from college she worked at a restaurant called the Flying Burrito. "I spent a few years living in a ramshackle little house where I wrote during the day and did the restaurant thing at night." She sold her first book three years after graduation.



Read-A-Likes

Waiting for You by Susane Colasanti, *Sweethearts* by Sarah Zarr, *Shrimp* by Rachel Cohn, and *The Summer I Turned Pretty* by Jenny Han



8. *If I Stay* by Gayle Forman

After a drive with her family, Mia wakes up to find the car in pieces and the bodies of her family by the side of the road. She is in a coma but she can see everything happening around her, almost as if she were a ghost. With her family gone, Mia has to decide if she should stay among the living or if she should pass on.

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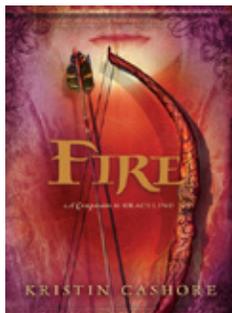
- Gayle Forman has written two other teen books: *Sisters in Sanity* and *Where She Went*, a sequel to *If I Stay* that takes place three years later.
- Before she wrote novels, Gayle Forman's first writing job was for *Seventeen Magazine*.
- She also worked as a freelance journalist for magazines such as *Elle Magazine*, *Glamour Magazine*, and *Details Magazine*.
- Gayle Forman lives in Brooklyn, New York.



Read-A-Likes

Before I Fall by Lauren Oliver, *The Everafter* by Amy Huntley, and *Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin

2010 Teens' Top Ten



9. *Fire* by Kristin Cashore

Fire is a monster, quite literally. She is extraordinarily beautiful and can control the minds of humans. The king calls upon her power to help save the kingdom and she is sucked into a storm of political turmoil, conspiracy, and romantic desire.

Fun Facts

- This book is a companion to *Graceling* and takes place in an earlier time and neighboring locale. It also shares a crossover character. A third book, *Bitterblue*, takes place eight years after *Graceling* and was published in May 2012.
- Both *Graceling* and *Fire* were New York Times Bestsellers.
- Both *Graceling* and *Fire* have been translated into thirty languages.
- Readers can learn more about *Fire*, *Graceling*, *Bitterblue*, and Kristen Cashore at <http://kristincashore.blogspot.com>.



10. *Wintergirls* by Laurie Halse Anderson

Lia sees her eating disorder as a way to avoid so much: her stepmother's pressure to be a role model for her new stepsister, her parents' divorce, her mother's constant hounding about her eating habits. But most importantly, she sees it as a means to escape the death of her best friend, the one she ignored the day she died from the same disease Lia is fighting herself.

Fun Facts

- Other teen books by Laurie Halse Anderson are: *Speak*, *Catalyt*, *Prom*, and *Twisted*. She has also written three historical fiction books for teens: *Fever 1793*, *Chains*, and *Forge*.
- Halse's other book *Twisted* has also been featured on the Teens' Top Ten list in 2008.
- Laurie Halse Anderson, whose books are often challenged, on why dark, edgy teen literature is important: "Books don't turn kids into murderers, or rapists, or alcoholics. (Not even the Bible, which features all of these acts.) Books open hearts and minds, and help teenagers make sense of a dark and confusing world. YA literature saves lives. Every. Single. Day."



Read-A-Likes

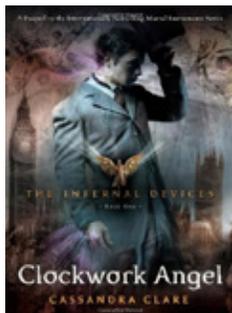
Cut by Patricia McCormick, *Skin* by Adrienne Maria Vrettos, *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher, and *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green



2011 Teens' Top Ten

1. *The Clockwork Angel* by Cassandra Clare
2. *Mockingjay* by Suzanne Collins
3. *Crescendo* by Becca Fitzpatrick
4. *I Am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore
5. *The Iron King* by Julie Kagawa
6. *Matched* by Ally Condie
7. *Angel: A Maximum Ride Novel* by James Patterson
8. *Paranormalcy* by Kiersten White
9. *Before I Fall* by Lauren Oliver
10. *Nightshade* by Andrea Cremer

2011 Teens' Top Ten



1. *The Clockwork Angel* by Cassandra Clare

In this prequel to the *Mortal Instruments* series, Tessa Gray travels to England to search for her brother, her only remaining relative. She is captured by the mysterious Dark Sisters and discovers that there is a fantastical world thriving alongside her own. She finds that she must ally with the unknown Shadowhunters to save her brother.

Fun Facts

- Check out the book trailer for *Clockwork Angel*: www.youtube.com/watch?v=6SOxzLY2OpA
- *Clockwork Angel* is the first book in the *Infernal Devices* series. The second book is *Clockwork Prince*, with the third book, *Clockwork Princess* being released 2013.
- Cassandra Clare was born to American parents in Iran.
- *Clockwork Angel* has been published in the United Kingdom/Ireland, Australia, and Germany.



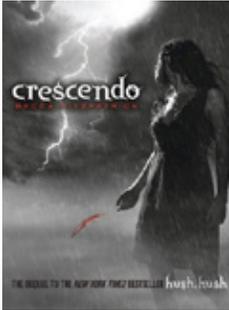
2. *Mockingjay* by Suzanne Collins

The final book in the *Hunger Games* series finds Katniss Everdeen rescued from the horrific 75th Hunger Games—but not her fellow tribute, Peeta Mellark. Now she must lead a rebellion against the evil capital with the help of District 13, which is not destroyed, but has been quietly sowing the seeds of war for years. As Katniss becomes more entangled in war and revolution, the question of who she can trust becomes even harder, and she must fight for her life once again.

Fun Facts

- *Mockingjay* is the third and final book in the *Hunger Games* trilogy. *The Hunger Games* and *Catching Fire* have also appeared on the YALSA Teens' Top Ten Lists (2009 and 2010).
- *Mockingjay* is going to be split into two movies- one will be released in November 2014 and the second and last installment in November 2015.
- Suzanne Collins was named one of Time Magazine's Top 100 World's Most Influential People in 2010.
- *Mockingjay* debuted at #1 on all national bestselling book lists.

2011 Teens' Top Ten



3. *Crescendo* by Becca Fitzpatrick

In this sequel to *hush, hush*, a few months have passed since Nora's lab partner Patch, actually a fallen angel, saved her from his murderous vassal Nephil and became her guardian angel. She and Patch are now dating, but she is starting to doubt his love for her. Is he keeping something from her? And is she really safe now?

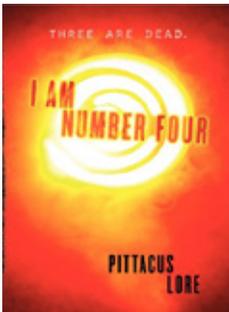
Fun Facts

- *Crescendo* is the second book in the *hush, hush* series. The first book is *Hush, Hush*, and then followed by book three, *Silence*, and concludes with *Finale*.
- *Crescendo* was on the New York Times Best Sellers list for 10 weeks!
- Becca Fitzpatrick has a degree in Community Health from Brigham Young University.



Read-A-Likes

Fallen by Lauren Kate, *Blue Bloods* by Melissa de la Cruz, and *Once Dead, Twice Shy* by Kim Harrison



4. *I Am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore

Number Four is one of nine aliens that escaped from the planet Lorien just ahead of the evil Mogadorians, a rival alien race bent on their destruction. He's settling into another new town on Earth, trying to get a handle on his developing powers, when he gets the news: Number Three is dead. If Number Three is dead, that means Number Four is next.

Fun Facts

- *I Am Number Four* is the first book of a series called *Lorien Legacies*. It is followed by *The Power of Six*, *The Rise of Nine*, and *The Fall of Five* (to be released in August 2013).
- There are six books proposed for the *Lorien Legacies* series.
- The film rights for *I Am Number Four* were purchased before the book was even published!
- Pittacus Lore is the main character of the book, an alien, and also the author.
- Pittacus Lore is a pseudonym for James Frey and Jobie Hughes.
- *I Am Number Four* was made into a movie in 2011 starring Alex Pettyfer as the main character.

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5. *The Iron King* by Julie Kagawa

On the eve of her 16th birthday, Meghan starts seeing dark creatures in the most unusual places and senses that everything is about to change. But she could never have imagined the truth—that she is a princess, the daughter of a mythical faery king. When she finds out her little brother has been kidnapped and replaced by a changeling, Meghan ventures into the fey world to rescue him.

Fun Facts

- Check out the *The Iron King* playlist: <http://www.theironfey.com/Exclusives.html>
- *The Iron King* is the first book in the *Iron Fey* series. It is followed by *Winter's Passage* (book 1.5), *The Iron Daughter*, *The Iron Queen*, *Summer Crossing* (book 3.5), *The Iron Knight*, *Irons Prophecy* (book 4.5), and *The Lost Prince*.
- Julie Kagawa is a video game enthusiast. She plays the Wii, Xbox 360, and PS3.



Read-A-Likes

Wicked Lovely by Melssa Marr, *The Seven Kingdoms* trilogy by Kristin Cashore, and *The Abhorsen* series by Garth Nix



6. *Matched* by Ally Condie

In Cassia's society, most of her choices are made for her, including the person with whom she will spend the rest of her life: her Match. At age 17, Cassia is happily surprised when her Match turns out to be her best friend Xander, but when a glitch occurs and another boy's face appears on her screen, Cassia can't help but wonder what would happen if she were able to choose her own Match. Now she must decide between conforming to society and pursuing a life where she can make her own choices.

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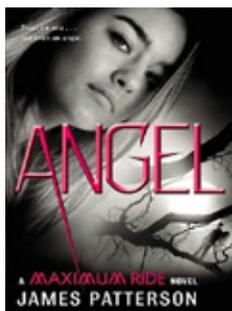
- If you like *Matched*, be sure to check out *Crossed*, the next book in the trilogy and *Reached* the final book.
- Did you know that the author has put together a playlist to go along with the book? You can find the songs on her website, www.allysoncondie.com.
- Disney bought the film rights to *Matched* in 2010. Production for the movie has already begun.



Read-A-Likes

The Hunger Games trilogy by Suzanne Collins (*The Hunger Games*, *Catching Fire*, *Mockingjay*), *The Maze Runner* trilogy by James Dashner (*The Maze Runner*, *The Scorch Trial*, and *The Death Cure*), and *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

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7. *Angel: A Maximum Ride Novel* by James Patterson

In book seven of the Maximum Ride series, Max is devastated after a fellow “bird kid” leaves to start his own flock of mutant heroes. Scientists tell her that another “bird kid”, Dylan, is her perfect mate, and that she’s been created to save the world. When the Domsday Group starts hypnotizing children, Max heads to Paris with her flock to investigate. Unfortunately, Fang and his new flock are investigating as well.

Fun Facts

- There are a total of eight books in the *Maximum Ride* series. The final book in the series is called *Nevermore: The Final Maximum Ride Adventure*.
- A *Maximum Ride* film is scheduled for release in January of 2014.
- In the ten years that the Teens' Top Ten has been around, the books from the *Maximum Ride* series have appeared on the Teens' Top Ten a total of four times (including this year).
- The other books from the series that have appeared on the Teens' Top Ten are: *Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment* (2005), *Maximum Ride: School's Out* (2007), and *Maximum Ride: Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports* (2008).



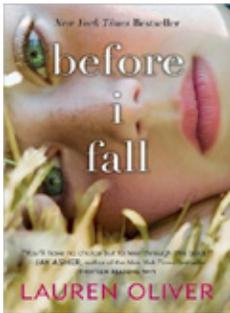
8. *Paranormalcy* by Kiersten White

Normal? Yeah, right! Evie’s biggest dream ever was to be normal, but with a faerie ex-boyfriend and a mermaid for a best friend, she might as well just throw the word “normal” right in the trash can. Evie has the unique ability to see through paranormals’ glammers, which has made her a valued asset of the International Paranormal Containment Agency (IPCA). When someone breaks into the Agency headquarters, Evie meets an unusual Paranormal: a boy who can shape-shift into any human. Can Evie save the lives of unarmed Paranormals from something that is after her too?

Fun Facts

- *Paranormalcy* is the first book in the *Paranomacy* trilogy. Books two and three are *Supernaturally* and *Endlessly*.
- The film option rights to *Paranormalcy* were obtained in 2010.
- *Paranormalcy* debuted at #7 on the New York Times Children’s Chapter Books list.
- Check out the book trailer for the book: <http://www.paranormalcy.net/p/paranormalcy.html>

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9. *Before I Fall* by Lauren Oliver

Popular, rich, and attractive Sam Kingston never worried about how her behavior affected other people. After dying in a car crash, Sam is forced to relive the last day of her life for seven days. She progressively becomes a better person as she realizes the ripple effect of her actions and uses the second chance to fix her most dire mistakes.

Fun Facts

- Author Lauren Oliver launched two galleys of *Before I Fall* on an odyssey of their own, sending one copy to fans in the US and one copy to England and Spain.
- The book has been optioned for a movie and there's lots of buzz about who should play Sam (she's mean and awful but changes dramatically through the novel). There is no word yet on a release date.
- Lauren Oliver has also written a dystopian trilogy with the first title called *Delirium*.
- Lauren Oliver hates practical shoes, liars, and bananas.



10. *Nightshade* by Andrea Cremer

When Calla, who is a Guardian, saves a boy on her mountain from a bear attack, the consequences are farther reaching than could be imagined, especially when that boy shows up at her school and appears to be a favored companion of her masters, the Keepers.

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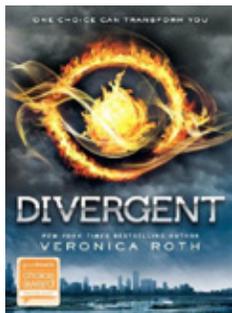
- You can read the first seven chapters of *Nightshade* by visiting the author's website here: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/57221059/Nightshade-Excerpt>
- Author Andrea Cremer will be debuting a steampunk series in the Fall of 2013 called *The Inventor's Secret*.
- Read an interview with the author here <http://books.usatoday.com/happyeverafter/post/2012-08-07/andrea-cremer-interview-rift/819964/1>



2012 Teens' Top Ten

1. *Divergent* by Veronica Roth
2. *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green
3. *Legend* by Marie Lu
4. *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs
5. *What Happened to Goodbye* by Sarah Dessen
6. *Across the Universe* by Beth Revis
7. *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer
8. *The Scorpio Races* by Maggie Stiefvater
9. *Where She Went* by Gayle Forman
10. *Abandon* by Meg Cabot

2012 Teens' Top Ten



1. *Divergent* by Veronica Roth

Abnegation (selfless), Erudite (intelligence), Candor (honesty), Amity (peace), or Dauntless (brave): where would you fit? Beatrice lives in a society where she must choose either to remain with her family's faction or set off toward independence and her beliefs. And what happens when the unity between these factions begins to fall apart?

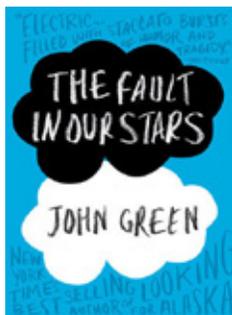
Fun Facts

- If you like *Divergent* be sure to check out *Insurgent*, the second book of the series and the final book in the series, *Allegiant*.
- *Divergent* also was voted as a one of the Top 100 YA novels of all time from NPR.
- *Divergent* was published when author Roth was just 22 years old.



Read-A-Likes

The Hunger Games trilogy by Suzanne Collins (*The Hunger Games*, *Catching Fire*, and *Mockingjay*), *Legend* by Miranda Lu and *The Chaos Walking* trilogy by Patrick Ness (*The Knife of Never Letting Go*, *The Ask and the Answer*, and *Monster of Men*)



2. *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green

Hazel and Augustus meet and forge a relationship at a support group for kids battling cancer. As Hazel and Augustus struggle with the “side-effects of dying,” they come to learn the strength of wishes, the complexities of long human lives, and the wondrous ways of the universe.

Fun Facts

- If you like *The Fault in Our Stars*, be sure to read John Green's other books: *Looking for Alaska*, *An Abundance of Katherines*, *Paper Towns*, *Will Grayson*, *Will Grayson* and his short stories in *Let it Snow* and *Geektastic*.
- John Green, along with his brother Hank, host a weekly vlog on YouTube. Their community calls themselves Nerdfighters and they fight to decrease world suck and try to remember to be awesome. D.F.T.B.A.
- <http://johngreenbookcovers.tumblr.com/> is a Tumblr account to view and share book covers of *The Fault in Our Stars* created by fans.



Read-A-Likes

Devine Intervention by Martha Brockenbrough, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky and *It's Kind of a Funny Story* by Ned Vizzini

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3. *Legend* by Marie Lu

June, a fifteen-year-old military prodigy, is hunting Day, the outlaw she believes is responsible for her brother's death. What will happen when the two meet and discover the government is corrupt?

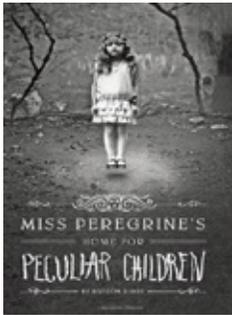
Fun Facts

- *Legend* is part of a trilogy followed by the second book, *Prodigy*, and the final book *Champion*, which is set for release in 2014.
- Marie Lu was inspired by Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* when writing *Legend*.
- CBS has bought film rights to *Legend*.



Read-A-Likes

Article 5 by Kristen Simmons, *Divergent* series by Veronica Roth, and *Enclave* by Ann Aguirre



4. *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs

When Jacob was little, his grandfather would tell him stories of the fantastical children's home where he grew up and the seemingly magical kids who lived there with him. When his grandfather is killed, Jacob sets out to find the home where these children lived, unearthing a magical secret and uncovering his true heritage.

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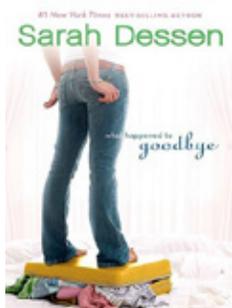
- If you stacked up all the copies *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* has sold to-date, they would be taller than Mount Everest.
- Riggs and fellow Teen's Top Ten author, John Green have been friends since college.
- Learn more about Riggs' hobby of collecting photos <http://youtu.be/M49Dw7dXx7U>.



Read-A-Likes

The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern and *Every You, Every Me* by David Levithan

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5. *What Happened to Goodbye* by Sarah Dessen

Ever since Mclean's parents divorced, she has lived in four towns in two years – each time taking on a new persona. Mclean expects to leave Lakeview in six months, but soon finds that she doesn't want to – she just wants to be herself.

Fun Facts

- Sarah's latest book *The Moon and More* was released on June 4, 2013.
- Characters from her other books have made cameo appearances in *What Happened to Goodbye*. Annabel and Owen (*Just Listen*), Jason (*The Truth About Forever*), Heidi (*Along for the Ride*), Gervais Miller (*Lock and Key*).



Read-A-Likes

Lock and Key by Sarah Dessen or *This Lullaby* by Sarah Dessen



6. *Across the Universe* by Beth Revis

Cryogenically frozen centuries ago, Amy and her parents are on their way to a new planet aboard the spaceship, Godspeed. Unplugged from her cryo chamber, Amy discovers she has been awoken 50 years early, in a failed murder attempt. With Elder, the future leader of the ship, by her side they are on an adventure filled with murder, lies, dreams, and stars.

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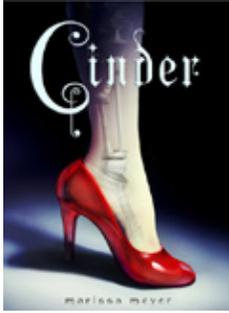
- *Across the Universe* is the first book in a trilogy. It is followed by its sequel *A Million Suns* and the last book in the trilogy *Shades of Earth*.
- Beth Revis is a former teacher and her favorite city is London.
- Revis has been quoted in interviews saying that “*Across the Universe*” is her favorite Beatle's song and feels like her book echoes the lyrics.



Read-A-Likes

A Million Suns, second in the series by Beth Revis, *Under the Never Sky* by Veronica Rossi

2012 Teens' Top Ten



7. *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer

A futuristic retelling of the classic Cinderella, Cinder, a cyborg and talented mechanic, lives with her cruel stepmother and two stepsisters in the plague-ridden New Beijing. Soon after meeting Prince Kai, Cinder must find the truths of her past, which may help to save the future.

Fun Facts

- The idea for *Cinder* came after Meyer entered an essay contest where one of the prompts was to write a sci-fi fairy tale.
- *Cinder* and the other two books in the *Lunar Chronicles* (*Scarlet*, 2013 and *Cress*, 2014) were all written during National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) where participants are supposed to write 50,000-word (approximately 175-page) novel by 11:59:59 PM on November 30.



Read-A-Likes

Sister Red by Jackson Pearce, *Scarlet* by A.C. Gaughen, and *This Dark Endeavor* by Kenneth Oppel.



8. *The Scorpio Races* by Maggie Stiefvater

Every November, the beaches of Thisby come alive with the Scorpio Races. The water horses are vicious, the terrain is treacherous, and death is likely, but the reward can be beyond anything you could imagine. Puck Connolly is racing for her family, Sean Kendrick for his passion—but only one can win The Scorpio Races.

Fun Facts

- On Maggie's website she has a page for extra features including chapters read by the author, icons, and original music inspired by *The Scorpio Races*.
- *The Scorpio Races* was also a recipient of a 2012 Michael L. Printz honor award for excellence in young adult literature.
- Maggie's other book, *Shiver*, was on the 2010 Teens' Top Ten list.



Read-A-Likes

The Wolves of Mercy Falls trilogy by Maggie Stiefvater and *The Raven Boys* by Maggie Stiefvater

2012 Teens' Top Ten



9. *Where She Went* by Gayle Forman

This sequel to Gayle Forman's *If I Stay* is narrated by Adam, Mia's ex-boyfriend. Shortly after the devastating accident that killed Mia's family, the talented cellist moves to New York, where an accidental meeting brings them back together.

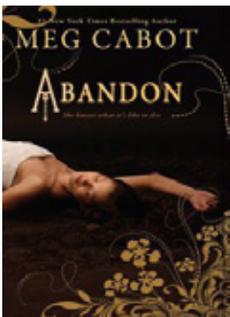
Fun Facts

- Six out of ten books that made the Teens' Top Ten list for 2012 were the first books in a series; *Where She Went* is the only sequel to make the list for this year.
- Gayle Forman started out her career as a writer for Seventeen magazine.
- *If I Stay*, the prequel to *Where She Went* was featured on the 2010 Teens' Top Ten list.



Read-A-Likes

If I Stay by Gayle Forman (prequel), *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher, *Before I Fall* by Lauren Oliver



10. *Abandon* by Meg Cabot.

Pierce has experienced death before and barely escaped. When she moves from her old town to a town called Isla Huesos - Island of Bones - for a new start, she realizes that death wants her back. Can she escape death once again?

Fun Facts

- Meg Cabot has written and published over 50 books including the *Princess Diaries* series.
- The inspiration for *Abandon* comes from the Greek myth of *Hades and Persephone*.
- Meg has a list of songs that inspired her during the writing of *Abandon* on her website. <http://www.megcabot.com/abandon/playlist.php>.



Read-A-Likes

Goddess Interrupted by Aimee Carter, *Underworld* (the sequel to *Abandon*) by Meg Cabot, and *The Vampire Academy* series by Richelle Mead