

Good Reads for Younger Teens

Anderson, Laurie Halse **Forge** **Teen Center Fiction**

Separated from his friend Isabel after their daring escape from slavery, fifteen-year-old Curzon serves as a free man in the Continental Army at Valley Forge until he and Isabel are thrown together again, as slaves once more.

Bingham, Kelly **Shark Girl** **Teen Center Fiction**

After a shark attack causes the amputation of her right arm, fifteen-year-old Jane, an aspiring artist, struggles to come to terms with her loss and the changes it imposes on her day-to-day life and her plans for the future.

Carey, Janet **Stealing Death** **Teen Center Fiction**

After losing his family, except for his younger sister Jilly, and their home in a tragic fire, seventeen-year-old Kipp Corwin, a poor farmer, must wrestle with death itself in order to save Jilly and the woman he loves.

Carter, Ally **I'd Tell You I Love You, but then
I'd Have to Kill You (Gallagher Girls, bk 1)** **Teen Center Fic/Pbk**

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

Carter, Ally **Heist Society** **Teen Center Fiction**

A group of teenagers uses their combined talents to re-steal several priceless paintings and save fifteen-year-old Kat Bishop's father, himself an international art thief, from a vengeful collector.

De La Cruz, Melissa **The Ashleys** **Teen Center Pbk**

Newly wealthy Lauren Page decides to infiltrate and destroy the Ashleys, the group of girls who rule the seventh grade of their fancy Pacific Heights preparatory school, in revenge for their former treatment of her.

Galante, Cecilia **The Patron Saint of Butterflies** **Teen Center Fiction**

When her grandmother takes fourteen-year-old Agnes, her younger brother, and best friend Honey and escapes Mount Blessing, a Connecticut religious commune, Agnes clings to the faith she loves while Honey looks toward a future free of control, cruelty, and preferential treatment.

Gopnik, Adam **The King in the Window** **Teen Center Fiction**

Eleven-year-old Oliver, an American boy residing in Paris, discovers, much to his astonishment, that phantoms live within the windowpanes and have selected Oliver to lead a war against the "soul-stealers" that inhabit mirrors.

Harper, Suzanne **Secret Life of Sparrow Delaney** **Teen Center Fiction**

In Lily Dale, New York, a community dedicated to the religion of Spiritualism, tenth-grader Sparrow Delaney, the youngest daughter in an eccentric family of psychics, agonizes over whether or not to reveal her special abilities in order to help a friend.

Harrington, Jane **Four Things My geeky-jock-of-a-best-friend
must do in Europe** **Teen Center Fiction**

Darby, traveling in Europe with her mother on a Mediterranean cruise, has numerous adventures--some more embarrassing than others--and writes her best friend from home about them.

Harrison, Lisi **The Clique (bk 1 of 'Clique' series)** **Teen Center Pbk**
Wealthy Massie is determined to exclude middle class Claire, the daughter of her father's old friend, from her seventh-grade clique at a very exclusive private school in Westchester, New York, but after Massie steals her only friend, Claire strikes back.

Ives, David **Scrib** **Teen Center Fiction**
In 1863, a sixteen-year-old boy nicknamed Scrib travels around the West making his living writing and delivering letters, an occupation that leads to him nearly getting killed, being jailed as a criminal, joining up with the notorious Crazy James Kincaid, and delivering a letter from President Abraham Lincoln to a Paiute Indian.

Jinks, Katherine **Evil Genius** **Teen Center Fiction**
Child prodigy Cadel Piggot, an antisocial computer hacker, discovers his true identity when he enrolls as a first-year student at an advanced crime academy. **Sequel: Genius Squad, Genius Wars.**

Kinney, Jeff **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** **Children's Fiction**
Greg records his sixth-grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.

Kogler, Jennifer Anne **The Otherworldlies** **Teen Center Fiction**
Eccentric and unusual looking, twelve year-old Fern, secure in her family's love and acceptance, has always been able to cope with the taunts and social ostracism of her schoolmates until a series of unnerving events reveal that she possesses supernatural powers that she barely understands and must learn to control if she is to escape being the pawn of two ancient enemies.

Korman, Gordon **Schooled** **Teen Center Fiction**
After his hippie grandmother ends up in the hospital, Cap Anderson is forced to leave the commune where he is homeschooled and attend Claverage Middle School, where his odd looks and behavior make him the target of bullies.

Landy, Derek **Skulduggery Pleasant** **Children's Fiction**
When twelve-year-old Stephanie inherits her weird uncle's estate, she must join forces with Skulduggery Pleasant, a skeleton mage, to save the world from the Faceless Ones.

Lieb, Josh **I Am a Genius of Unspeakable Evil
And I Want to be Your Class President** **Teen Center Fiction**
Omaha, Nebraska, twelve-year-old Oliver Watson has everyone convinced that he is extremely stupid and lazy, but he is actually a very wealthy, evil genius, and when he decides to run for seventh-grade class president, nothing will stand in his way.

Marsh, Katherine **Night Tourist** **Teen Center Fiction**
After fourteen-year-old classics prodigy Jack Perdu has a near-fatal accident he meets Euri, a young ghost who introduces him to New York's Underworld, where those who died in New York reside until they are ready to move on, and Jack vows to find his dead mother there. **Sequel: Twilight Prisoner**

Meacham, Margaret **A Fairy's Guide to
Understanding Humans** **Teen Center Fiction**
Gretta, who is making strides in her fairy godmother training, tries to help Morgan fit in at her new school as research for a book about her interactions with humans, but her own boyfriend problems get in the way.

Sutherland, Tui **So This is how it Ends (Avatars, bk 1)** **Teen Center Fiction**
During an earthquake in the year 2012 five teens are transported seventy-five years into the future, where the end of the world is imminent, and are drawn together by a mysterious force.

Urdale, Eleanor. **Montmorency, Thief, Liar, Gentleman?** **Teen Center Fiction**
In Victorian London, after his life is saved by a young physician, a thief utilizes the knowledge he gains in prison and from the scientific lectures he attends as the physician's case study exhibit to create a new, highly successful, double life for himself. **Montmorency series.**

Whelan, Gloria **Homeless Bird** **Children's Fiction**
When thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it.

White, T.H. **The Sword in the Stone** **Teen Center Fiction**
Chronicles the adventures of a young boy, called 'Wart', and his tutor, the wizard Merlyn. Wart learns about the world through the eyes of different creatures as Merlyn, with the use of magic but also of wisdom, leads him on adventures that are humorous and educational.

Wilson, N.D. **100 Cupboards** **Children's Fiction**
After his parents are kidnapped, 12 year-old Henry York leaves his sheltered Boston life and moves to small-town Kansas, where he and his cousin Henrietta discover hidden doors in his attic room that seem to open onto other worlds. **Sequels: Dandelion Fire, Chestnut King.**

Wrede/Steevermer **Sorcery and Cecilia** **Teen Center Fiction**
In 1817 in England, two young cousins, Cecilia living in the country and Kate in London, write letters to keep each other informed of their exploits, which take a sinister turn when they find themselves confronted by evil wizards. **Sequels: Grand Tour, Mislaid Magician.**

Yancey, Richard **The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp** **Teen Center Fiction**
Through a series of dangerous and violent misadventures, teenage loser Alfred Kropp rescues King Arthur's legendary sword Excalibur from the forces of evil. **Sequel: The Seal of Solomon.**

Yee, Lisa **Millicent Min, Girl Genius** **Teen Center Fiction**
In a series of journal entries, eleven-year-old child prodigy Millicent Min records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother's departure, and make friends over the course of a tumultuous summer.

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