

good reads for younger teens

Bingham, Kelly

Shark Girl

Teen Center Fic

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.

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 Fic

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.

Harper, Suzanne

Secret Life of Sparrow Delaney

Teen Center Fic

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.

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 Fic

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 Fic

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

Teen Center Fic

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.

Meacham, Margaret

A Fairy's Guide to Understanding Humans

Teen Center Fic

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.

