

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Scout Finch, daughter of the town lawyer, likes to spend her summers building treehouses, swimming, and catching lightning bugs with her big brother Jem. But one summer, when a black man is accused of raping a white woman, Scout's carefree days come to an end. In the county courtroom, she will join her father in a desperate battle against ignorance and prejudice.

Genre: Coming-of-age stories; Modern classics; Southern gothic fiction **Storyline:** Character-driven

Tone: Atmospheric; Moving; Thought-provoking **Fiction Lee**

The Crucible by Arthur Miller

As a wave of anti-communist investigations swept across American society during the 1950s, Miller exposed the horror of such witch-hunts by retelling the story of the infamous Salem witch trials in Massachusetts in 1692. **Genre:** Drama **Nonfiction 812 Mil**

Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn

When a woman goes missing on her fifth wedding anniversary, her diary reveals hidden turmoil in her marriage, while her husband, desperate to clear himself of suspicion, realizes that something more disturbing than murder may have occurred.

Genre: First person narratives; Multiple perspectives; Psychological suspense stories **Pace:** Fast-paced

Tone: Bleak; Disturbing; Suspenseful **Fiction Flynn**

Howl by Allen Ginsberg

Published in 1956 as the title poem of Allen Ginsberg's first collection, "Howl" is a prophetic masterpiece that overcame censorship trails to become one of the most widely read poems of the century. The annotated Howl is the poet's own re-creation of the long process of composition of a revolutionary poem that broke new ground in America poetry through its expansive poetic form, tonal range, and freshness of spirit. **Genre:** Poetry **811 Gin**

I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up in the Holocaust by Livia Bitton-Jackson

The author describes her experiences during World War II when she and her family were sent to the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz. **Genre:** biographies **Adult Nonfiction 940.5318 Jac**

What is TAB?

The mission of TAB is to promote teens' participation in the library's teen activities, as well as interest in the library in general.

To meet this goal, the Teen Advisory Board, TAB, meets once per month to plan activities, develop ideas for new teen events, and to discuss volunteer opportunities for teens in the library. It's a great way to meet people who love the library as much as you do, and have the chance to voice your opinion about the types of activities we host for teens.

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Suggested Reading for
Teens by Teens



Among the Hidden

by Margaret Peterson Haddix

A government decree allows each family only two children. For Luke, a third child, this has meant a lifetime of hiding. But could a stray glimpse of a child hiding in the house across the way lead to freedom? **Series:** Shadow Children **Genre:** Science fiction

Pace: Fast-paced **Tone:** Bleak; Scary; Suspenseful

Young Adult Fiction Haddix

Between Shades of Gray

by Ruta Sepetys

In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil. Based on the author's family, includes a historical note.

Genre: Historical fiction **Tone:** Bleak; Haunting

Young Adult Fiction Sepetys

Black Rabbit Summer

by Kevin Brooks

When two of sixteen-year-old Pete's childhood classmates disappear from a carnival the same night, he is a suspect, but his own investigation implicates other old friends he was with that evening--and a tough, knife-wielding enemy determined to keep him quiet. **Genre:** Coming-of-age stories; Mystery

stories; Realistic fiction **Pace:** Fast-paced **Tone:** Suspenseful

Young Adult Fiction Brooks

Boot Camp

by Todd Strasser

After ignoring several warnings to stop dating his teacher, Garrett is sent to Lake Harmony, a boot camp that uses unorthodox and brutal methods to train students to obey their parents. **Genre:** Realistic fiction **Pace:** Fast-paced

Tone: Disturbing; Emotionally intense

Young Adult Fiction Strasser

The Catcher in the Rye

by J.D. Salinger

After leaving prep school Holden Caulfield spends three days on his own in New York City. **Genre:** Coming-of-age stories; First person narratives; Modern classics; Psychological fiction

Tone: Darkly humorous; Moving; Reflective

Young Adult Fiction Salinger

Divergent

by Veronica Roth

In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all.

Series: Divergent Trilogy **Genre:** Dystopian fiction; First person narratives; Science fiction **Tone:** Bleak; Suspenseful

Young Adult Fiction Roth

Fake ID

by Walter Sorrells

After a lifetime of moving and assuming new identities, sixteen-year-old Chass begins to piece together the disturbing past that haunts her and her mother and which involves a mysterious tape, a deceased popular singer, and the secrets of several people in a small Alabama town. **Series:** Hunted

Genre: Suspense stories **Young Adult Fiction Sorrells**

Fever, 1793

by Laurie Halse Anderson

In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic. **Genre:** Historical fiction **Tone:** Serious; Strong sense of place **Young Adult Fiction Anderson**

If I Stay

by Gayle Forman

While in a coma following an automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, seventeen-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death. **Genre:** Realistic fiction **Tone:** Moving; Reflective

Young Adult Fiction Forman

The Lightning Thief

by Rick Riordan

After learning that the father he never knew is Poseidon, God of the Sea, Percy Jackson is transferred from boarding school to Camp Half-Blood, a summer camp for demigods, and becomes involved in a quest to prevent a war between the gods. **Series:** Percy Jackson & the Olympians **Genre:** Adventure stories **Pace:** Fast-paced **Tone:** Funny **Young Adult Fiction Riordan**

The Maze Runner

by James Dashner

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.

Series: Maze Runner Trilogy

Genre: Dystopian fiction; Science fiction **Pace:** Fast-paced **Tone:** Bleak; Suspenseful

Young Adult Fiction Dashner

Monument 14

by Emmy Laybourne

A group of kids trapped together in a chain superstore build a refuge for themselves, as a series of disasters, from a monster hailstorm to a chemical weapons spill, seems to be tearing the world apart. **Series:** Monument 14 **Genre:** Apocalyptic fiction; Science fiction **Pace:** Fast-paced **Tone:** Angst-filled; High-drama; Suspenseful **Young Adult Fiction Laybourne**

Still Star-Crossed

by Melinda Taub

After the deaths of Romeo and Juliet, mysterious figures in Verona are determined to reignite the feud between the Montagues and Capulets, so, for the sake of peace, the Prince orders Romeo's best friend Benvolio to marry Juliet's cousin Rosaline. **Genre:** Historical fiction **Tone:** Romantic; Suspenseful **Young Adult Fiction Taub**

Sweetblood

by Pete Hautman

After a lifetime of being a model student, sixteen-year-old Lucy Szabo is suddenly in trouble at school, at home, with the "proto-vampires" she has met online and in person, and most of all with her uncontrolled diabetes. **Genre:** Realistic fiction **Tone:** Angst-filled; Sarcastic **Young Adult Fiction Hautman**

Thirteen Reasons Why

by Jay Asher

When high school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, he spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death. **Genre:** First person narratives; Multiple perspectives; Realistic fiction **Tone:** Emotionally intense; Serious **Young Adult Fiction Asher**

We Were Liars

by E. Lockhart

Spending the summers on her family's private island off the coast of Massachusetts with her cousins and a special boy named Gat, teenaged Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer. **Genre:** Suspense stories **Storyline:** Nonlinear **Tone:** Atmospheric; Haunting **Young Adult Fiction Lockhart**