

## Best Books for Teens 2019

The following books from the American Library Association's Young Adult lists are all located in the Young Adult collection on the first floor, unless otherwise noted.

Albert, Melissa. [The Hazel Wood](#). (Young Adult Fiction Albert)

Seventeen-year-old Alice and her mother have spent most of Alice's life on the road, always a step ahead of the uncanny bad luck biting at their heels. But when Alice's grandmother, the reclusive author of a cult-classic book of pitch-dark fairy tales, dies alone on her estate, the Hazel Wood, Alice learns how bad her luck can get.

Barker, Michelle. [The House of One Thousand Eyes](#). (Young Adult Fiction Barker)

Life in East Germany in the early 1980's is very hard for Lena following the death of her parents and the sudden disappearance and consequent erasure of her uncle's existence by the secret service police, the Stasi. Lena is determined to unearth what happened to her beloved uncle.

Black, Holly. [The Cruel Prince](#). (Young Adult Fiction Black)

Jude was seven years old when her parents were murdered and she was stolen away to live in the treacherous High Court of Faerie. Ten years later, Jude wants to belong there, despite her mortality. But many of the Fae despise humans. Especially Prince Cardan, the youngest and wickedest son of the High King. To win a place at the Court, she must defy him--and face the consequences.

Bliss, Bryan. [We'll Fly Away](#). (Young Adult Fiction Bliss)

Toby and Luke are best friends, bound by a goal of leaving their hometown for Luke's wrestling scholarship, but a series of events during their senior year will test their resolve.

Caletti, Deb. [A Heart in a Body in the World](#). (Young Adult Fiction Caletti)

Followed by Grandpa Ed in his RV and backed by her brother and friends, Annabelle, eighteen, runs from Seattle to Washington, D.C., becoming a reluctant activist as people connect her journey to her recent trauma.

Cole, Olivia. [A Conspiracy of Stars](#). (Young Adult Fiction Cole)

Octavia is excited to study the plants and animals of Falov until she witnesses one of the planet's indigenous people being attacked and begins to question her own family history and the scientists she has always admired.

Flores-Scott, Patrick. [American Road Trip](#). (Young Adult Fiction Flores-Scott)

Brothers Teodoro and Manny Avila take a road trip to address Manny's PTSD following his tour in Iraq, and to help T. change his life and win the heart of Wendy Martinez. Includes information and resources about PTSD.

Hesse, Monica. [The War Outside](#). (Young Adult Fiction Hesse)

Teens Haruko, a Japanese American, and Margot, a German American, form a life-changing friendship as everything around them starts falling apart in a family internment camp during World War II.

Johnson, Maureen. [Truly Devious](#). (Young Adult Fiction Johnson)

When Stevie Bell, an amateur detective, begins her first year at a famous private school in Vermont, she sets a plan to solve the cold case involving the kidnapping of the founder's wife and daughter shortly after the school opened.

Kaplan, Ariel. [We Regret to Inform You](#). (Young Adult Fiction Kaplan)

When high-achiever Mischa is rejected from every college she applies to, she teams up with a group of hacker girls to find who altered her transcript and set things right.

Lucier, Makiia. [Isle of Blood and Stone](#). (Young Adult Fiction Lucier)

When two maps surface, each bearing the same hidden riddle, nineteen-year-old Elias, a royal mapmaker, sets sail with King Ulises to uncover long-held secrets behind the mysterious disappearance of the king's two young brothers eighteen years earlier.

Miller, Samuel. [\*\*A Lite Too Bright\*\*](#). (Young Adult Fiction Miller)

After losing his college scholarship, Arthur discovers a journal written by his deceased grandfather and decides to follow the train route to the destination mentioned in the last sentence of the journal.

Moore, David. [\*\*The Stars Beneath Our Feet\*\*](#). (Juvenile Fiction Moore)

Unable to celebrate the holidays in the wake of his older brother's death in a gang-related shooting, Lolly Rachpaul struggles to avoid being forced into a gang himself while constructing a fantastically creative LEGO city at the Harlem community center.

Norton, Preston. [\*\*Neanderthal Opens the Door to the Universe\*\*](#). (Juvenile Fiction Norton)

Cliff 'Neanderthal' Hubbard has nobody at school, and life in his trailer-park home has gone from bad to worse ever since his older brother's suicide. Then quarterback Aaron Zimmerman returns to school after a near-death experience with a bizarre claim: while he was unconscious he saw God, who gave him a list of things to do to make Happy Valley High suck less. And God said there's only one person who can help: Neanderthal.

Nwaubani, Adaobi. [\*\*Buried Beneath the Baobab Tree\*\*](#). (Young Adult Fiction Adaobi)

A Nigerian teen looks forward to the day when she will leave her village to pursue a university degree, but her life changes drastically when she and her schoolmates are kidnapped by Boko Haram.

Oh, Ellen. [\*\*A Thousand Beginnings and Endings\*\*](#). (Young Adult Fiction Thousand)

Fifteen authors of Asian descent reimagine the folklore and mythology of East and South Asia, in short stories ranging from fantasy to science fiction to contemporary, from romance to tales of revenge.

Oliver, Lauren. [\*\*Broken Things\*\*](#). (Young Adult Fiction Oliver)

Mia and Brynn were blamed for the ritualistic killing of their best friend. Now, new evidence has come to light that could solve the murder and finally clear their names.

Thomas, Leah. [\*\*When Light Left Us\*\*](#). (Young Adult Fiction Thomas)

Not long after Hank, Ana, and Milo Vasquez's father leaves, an alien named Luz arrives and uses them to satisfy his curiosity, then leaves them forever changed.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. [\*\*Wild Bird\*\*](#). (Young Adult Fiction Van Draanen)

When her behavior escalates out of control, fourteen-year-old Wren is taken away to a wilderness therapy camp where she is forced to develop new skills, including the courage to ask for help.

Woodson, Jacqueline. [\*\*Harbor Me\*\*](#). (Juvenile Fiction Woodson)

In this near-future mystery, Kyla Cheng, the smartest, hottest, most popular student at her Brooklyn high school, gets taken down a peg by a faked sex tape that goes viral.