

High interest books for teens. Take with you to select your book; keep track of what you read!

√Read	Title	Author	Story
	<i>The Pact</i>	The Three Doctors	A true story of three black men from "the streets" who made a pact when they were teenagers to become doctors, and did.
	<i>A Dying Ground</i>	Nichelle D. Tramble	A mystery in OAKLAND: Maceo investigates the murder of a childhood friend, and searches for Felicia, Maceo's true love, suspected of setting the murder up.
	<i>The Way I am</i>	Eminem	". . . inner struggles, trials of being famous, love for his daughter---a book that is every bit as raw and uncensored as the man himself." Amazon
	<i>Girls for Breakfast</i>	David Yoo	"Nick Park, a Korean American . . . "the only non-Anglo-Saxon in suburban Connecticut," . . . blames his Korean looks for his lack of popularity and girlfriends." LJ
	<i>Bronx Masquerade</i>	Nikki Grimes	A poetry assignment in a high-school class reveals friendships, romances, enemies, and secret talents.
	<i>Parrot in the Oven</i>	Victor Martinez	". . . Martinez employs a series of compelling, frequently troubling vignettes to illuminate a Mexican American boy's coming of age." PW
	<i>Lessons from The Blessings of a Single Father</i>	Brandon Hughes	OAKLAND native talks about having a child when he wasn't ready, challenges from the mother, and why he didn't and other men shouldn't, run away.
	<i>Tears of a Tiger</i>	Sharon Draper	A high school basketball star struggles with guilt and depression following the drunk-driving accident that killed his best friend.
	<i>Francie</i>	Karen English	Francie risks danger for the friendship of a boy who is wanted for murder in rural Alabama.
	<i>Elsewhere</i>	Gabrielle Zevin	". . . the place 15-year-old Liz ends up after she is killed in a bicycle accident . . ." B&N
	<i>Angel Experiment Book 1</i>	James Patterson	"A group of genetically enhanced kids who can fly and have other unique talents are on the run from part-human, part-wolf predators called Erasers"--SLJ
	<i>Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue</i>	Julius Lester	History comes alive as slaves, owners, auctioneers and abolitionists talk about the terrible day of the largest slave auction ever held in America.
	<i>I Heart You, You Haunt Me</i>	Lisa Schroeder	Ava thought she'd be with Jackson for the rest of her life. Jackson dies tragically. Ava's devastated. But . . . Jackson returns from the dead.
	<i>Stargirl</i>	Jerry Spinelli	"In this story the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student . . . changes high school forever."--B&N
	<i>F is for Fabuloso</i>	Marie G. Lee	Devastated when she receives an F on her math test, Jin-Ha makes matters worse by lying about it to her mother.
	<i>Freak the Mighty</i>	Rodman Philbrick	". . . learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak . . . find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team."--B&N
	<i>Heat</i>	Mike Lupica	"Michael Arroyo has a pitching arm that throws serious heat. But his firepower is nothing compared to the heat Michael faces in his day-to-day life." --B&N
	<i>Chris Gardner</i>	The Pursuit of Happyness	Chris struggled in OAKLAND and S.F. w/ his son, "among shelters, "HO-tels", soup lines, & sleeping in a public restroom," to become a multi-million dollar broker.
	<i>Alabama Moon</i>	Watt Key	"After losing his father, a boy has to find a way to survive on his own."--B&N
	<i>Twilight Saga (series)</i>	Stephanie Meyer	Vampire Romance
	<i>Whale Talk</i>	Chris Crutcher	"Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until . . ."--B&N
	<i>King Dork</i>	Frank Portman	Written by an Oakland local. Fourteen year old misfit, Tom finds his father's copy of <i>Catcher in the Rye</i> and his life is forever changed.
	<i>Life As We Knew It</i>	Susan Beth Pfeffer	". . . a frighteningly plausible account of the local effects of a near-future worldwide catastrophe . . . readers will still be left stunned and thoughtful."--SLJ
	<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i>	Sherman Alexie	Arnold is targeted by bullies until he transfers from the reservation school to the rich white school where he befriends both misfit and popular students .
	<i>It's Kind of a Funny Story</i>	Ned Vissini	Determined to succeed in life . . . the pressure becomes unbearable. The author began writing this novel at age fifteen.
	<i>Audacity of Hope/ Dreams From My Father</i>	Barack Obama	President Obama's brilliantly written autobiographies offer a new perspective
	<i>Emako Blue</i>	Brenda Wood	A high school basketball star struggles with guilt and depression following the drunk-driving accident that killed his best friend.
	<i>The Skin I'm In</i>	Sharon Flake	Dark-skinned, tall and skinny, Maleeka feels like the biggest freak in middle school until she meets her new English teacher.
	<i>Children of the River</i>	Linda Crews	Sundara flees her homeland with her aunt and uncle to settle in Oregon and finds it difficult to maintain Cambodian social customs in high school.
	<i>La Linea</i>	Ann Jaramillo	"Miguel, 15, leaves Mexico to join his parents in California. His sister, Elena, 13, secretly follows him. They barely survive a harrowing journey . . ." Booklist
	<i>Life Sucks (graphic novel)</i>	Jessica Abel	"The girl he's in love w/ doesn't know he exists, he hates his job, and ever since his boss turned him into a vampire, he can't go out in daylight . . ." Amazon
	<i>Uncool: A Girl's Guide to Misfitting in</i>	Erin Conley	"This insightful assortment of stories and quotes from real teens is a must-have for getting through the horrors of clone-happy high school."--B&N
	<i>Falling Hard: 100 Love Poems by Teenagers</i>	Betsy Franco, ed.	"Eloquent and evocative, this anthology deserves a place on every high school and public library shelf."--VOYA
	<i>20th Century Boys (Manga)</i>	Naoki Urasawa	"Failed rock musician Kenji's memories of his past come rushing back when one of his childhood friends mysteriously commits suicide."--B&N
	<i>Jerk, California</i>	Jonathan Friesan	"Twitch, Jerk, Freak-Sam Carrier has been called them all. Because of his Tourette's syndroME . . ."--B&N
	<i>Homeboyz</i>	Alan Lawrence Sitomer	". . . teens who enjoy urban drama will be captivated by the steady flow of action."--VOYA
	<i>First Part Last</i>	Angela Johnson	"A 16-year-old tells the story of how he became a single dad."--PW
	<i>House of the Scorpion</i>	Nancy Farmer	"In this eerily realistic depiction of society 100 years hence, the wealthy class harvests the organs of clones to prolong their lives . . ."--PW
	<i>Touching Spirit Bear</i>	Ben Mikaelson	A gripping and gritty novel of Native American Circle Justice and survival on an Alaskan island.
	<i>The Wednesday Wars</i>	Gary D. Schmidt	"Johnstone's first-person narration perfectly captures Holling's progression from an angst-filled yet innocent boy, to a wiser, self-aware young man."--PW
	<i>The Adoration of Jenna Fox</i>	Mary E. Pearson	"Sometime in the near future, Jenna Fox, 17, awakens from an 18-month-long coma following a devastating accident . . ."
	<i>Money Hungry</i>	Sharon G. Flake	"Memories of being homeless, sleeping in the streets, and eating handouts keep Raspberry's eye on the only prize that matters to her . . ."--B&N
	<i>Slam!</i>	Walter Dean Myers	"Basketball is my thing. I can hoop. Case closed." Greg Harris tells of the year he transfers to a new school and must learn to fit in and be a team player.
	<i>Romiette and Julio</i>	Sharon Draper	Julio meets Romiette in an Internet chat room when his family moves to Cincinnati to escape from the gangs in his high school.
	<i>Warriors Don't Cry</i>	Melba Petitto Beals	"In 1957, Melba Pattillo turned sixteen. That was also the year she became a warrior on the front lines of a civil rights firestorm."--B&N
	<i>Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now</i>	Maya Angelou	Morality, manners, friendships, and love are a sampling of the subjects covered by renowned playwright and poet.
	<i>The Lovely Bones</i>	Alice Sebold	"In the sweet, untroubled voice of a precocious teenage girl, Susie relates the awful events of her death . . ."--B&N
	<i>The Autobiography of Malcolm X</i>	Malcolm X	". . . a classic American tale of one of the most misunderstood figures in American history."--B&N
	<i>And Still We Rise</i>	Miles Corwin	"Overcrowded, underfunded Crenshaw High School has a dropout rate of almost 50% . . . the setting for the movie <i>Boyz 'n the Hood</i> . . ."--B&N
	<i>Life of Pi</i>	Yann Martel	Accompanying his family to move their zoo animals from India to Canada, Pi finds himself in a lifeboat with a hyena and orangutan as companions.
	<i>Shattering Glass</i>	Gail Giles	When Rob, the charismatic leader of the senior class, turns the school nerd into Prince Charming, his actions lead to unexpected violence.
	<i>Search for Intelligent Signs of Life in the Universe</i>	Jane Wagner	"A crazy bag lady, has taken upon herself the task of showing visiting extraterrestrials the variety of life on earth." Written as a play. --Amazon
	<i>Ender's Game Series</i>	Orson Scott Card	The future of the human race lies in the ability of the highly evolved, genius youth to save planet Earth.
	<i>Black Boy</i>	Richard Wright	Autobiography of one of America's premier novelists, covers the span of Wright's childhood in the South and his move to escape to a better life.
	<i>Kindred</i>	Octavia Butler	"A woman from the twentieth century is repeatedly brought back in time by her slave-owning ancestor when his life is endangered." D. N. White