



Young Adult Fiction: Adventure

Adam, Paul. ***Max Cassidy in: Escape from Shadow Island.*** YA ADA

British fourteen-year-old Max Cassidy calls on his skills and training as a professional escape artist when he attempts to clear his mother of murdering his father, who disappeared two years earlier in the Central American country of Santo Domingo.

Adams, Douglas. ***So Long, and Thanks For All the Fish.*** YA ADA

The fourth adventure in the bestselling "Hitchhiker's" series brings Arthur Dent back to Earth with nothing more to show for his long, strange travel than a ratty towel, a plastic shopping bag, and the belief it was all a figment of his stressed-out imagination.

Adams, Douglas. ***The Restaurant at the End of the Universe.*** YA ADA

Facing annihilation at the hands of the warlike Vogons is a curious time to have a craving for tea. It could only happen to the cosmically displaced Arthur Dent and his curious comrades in arms as they hurtle across space powered by pure improbability--and desperately in search of a place to eat. (Second book in the Hitchhiker series)

Aiken, Joan. ***The Stolen Lake.*** YA AIK

On her way to England from Nantucket aboard a British man-o'-war, Dido has many adventures when the ship is diverted to the land of New Cumbria in the southern hemisphere.

Allende, Isabel. ***Forest of the Pygmies.*** YA ALL

Eighteen-year-old Alexander Cold and his grandmother travel to Africa on an elephant-led safari, but discover a corrupt world of poaching and slavery. (Third book in a series)

Allende, Isabel. ***Kingdom of the Golden Dragon.*** YA ALL

Sixteen-year-old Alexander Cold accompanies his grandmother, a writer for a geography magazine, to the remote Forbidden Kingdom in the Himalayas to help locate a sacred statue of a golden dragon before it is stolen by a greedy outsider. (Second book in a series)

Allende, Isabel. ***City of the Beasts.*** YA ALL

When fifteen-year-old Alexander Cold accompanies his individualistic grandmother on an expedition to find a humanoid Beast in the Amazon, he experiences ancient wonders and a supernatural world as he tries to avert disaster for the Indians. (First book in a series)

Anderson, M. T. ***Jasper Dash and the Flame-Pits of Delaware.*** YA AND

Boy Technonaut, Jasper Dash, and his friends Lily Gefelty and Katie Mulligan travel into the mist-shrouded heart of the forbidden mountainous realm of Delaware to try and unravel a terrible mystery.

Barrett, Tracy. ***King of Ithaka***. YA BAR

When sixteen-year-old Telemachos and his two best friends, one a centaur, leave their life of privilege to undertake a quest to find Telemachos's father Odysseus, they learn much along the way about what it means to be a man and a king.

Bell, Hilari. ***Trickster's Girl***. YA BEL

In the year 2098, grieving her father and angry with her mother, fifteen-year-old Kelsa joins the magical Raven on an epic journey from Utah to Alaska to heal the earth by restoring the flow of magic that humans have disrupted.

Bertagna, Julie. ***Exodus***. YA BER

In the year 2100, as the island of Wing is about to be covered by water, fifteen-year-old Mara discovers the existence of New World sky cities that are safe from the storms and rising waters, and convinces her people to travel to one of these cities in order to save themselves.

Booth, Martin. ***Doctor Illuminatus***. YA BOO

Pip and her twin brother, Tim, awaken an alchemist's son from a centuries-long slumber when their family moves to an old English country estate, and he enlists them in the fight against an evil alchemist who seeks to create a homunculus.

Bradford, Chris. ***Young Samurai: The Way of the Warrior***. YA BRA

Orphaned by a ninja pirate attack off the coast of Japan in 1611, twelve-year-old English lad Jack Fletcher is determined to prove himself, despite the bullying of fellow students, when the legendary sword master who rescued him begins training him as a samurai warrior.

Briggs, Andy. ***Council of Evil***. YA BRI

Fourteen-year-old Jake Hunter goes from average bully to villain after finding a website that lets him download superpowers, but when he joins forces with the supervillain Basilisk, he may be in over his head.

Butcher, A. J. ***Spy High Mission Four: The Paranoia Plot***. YA BUT

When their new teammate, Rebecca "Bex" Dee, becomes associated with a series of unusual accidents at Spy High, the others on the Bond Team begin to wonder if she might be a double agent.

Cadnum, Michael. ***Blood Gold***. YA CAD

After an arduous journey, Will Dwinelle and his friend Ben finally reach California in 1849 intending to bring home the man who betrayed the honor of a girl back home in Philadelphia, but find themselves tempted by the riches of the Gold Rush.

Carroll, Michael. ***Quantum Prophecy: The Awakening***. YA CAR

Ten years after the disappearance of superhumans--both heroes and villains--thirteen-year-olds Danny and Colin begin to develop super powers, making them the object of much unwanted attention.

Chee, Traci. ***The Reader***. YA CHE

Sefia knows what it means to survive. After her father is brutally murdered, she flees into the wilderness with her aunt Nin, who teaches her to hunt, track, and steal. But when Nin is kidnapped, leaving Sefia completely alone, none of her survival skills can help her discover where Nin's been taken, or if she's even alive. The only clue to both her aunt's disappearance and her father's murder is the odd rectangular object her father left behind, an object she comes to realize is a book--a marvelous item unheard of in her otherwise illiterate society. With the help of this book, and the aid of a mysterious stranger with dark secrets of his own, Sefia sets out to rescue her aunt and find out what really happened the day her father was killed--and punish the people responsible.

Christopher, Nicholas. ***The True Adventures of Nicolo Zen***. YA CHR

Orphan Nicolo Zen is all alone in 1700s Venice, save for his clarinet, enchanted by a mysterious magician to allow its first player to perform expertly. Soon Nicolo is a famous virtuoso, wealthy beyond his dreams, but he can't stop wondering if he earned the success -- or the girl he met in Venice is safe from the harm.

Cohen, Roger. ***Danger in the Desert***. YA B COH

In the movies, there's Indiana Jones; but in the "real" world, there was Roy Chapman Andrews. Some say this fearless, larger-than-life adventurer--who, like Indiana, had a wide-brimmed hat, leather jacket, and six-shooter--may have been the inspiration for the big-screen hero.

Colfer, Eoin. ***Artemis Fowl***. YA COL

Twelve-year-old Artemis is a millionaire, a genius-and above all, a criminal mastermind. But Artemis doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. These aren't the fairies of the bedtime stories-they're dangerous!

Colfer, Eoin. ***Airman***. YA COL

In the late nineteenth century, when Conor Broekhart discovers a conspiracy to overthrow the king, he is branded a traitor, imprisoned, and forced to mine for diamonds under brutal conditions while he plans a daring escape from Little Saltee prison by way of a flying machine that he must design, build, and, hardest of all, trust to carry him to safety.

Collison, Linda. ***Star-Crossed***. YA COL

Having been discovered as a stowaway as she tries to reach Barbados in 1760 to claim her father's estate, teenaged English orphan Patricia Kelley struggles to survive by learning to be a ship's doctor and by disguising herself as a man when necessary. Includes glossary of nautical terms.

Cornwell, Autumn. ***Carpe Diem***. YA COR

Sixteen-year-old Vassar Spore's detailed plans for the next twenty years of her life are derailed when her bohemian grandmother insists that she join her in Southeast Asia for the summer, but as she writes a novel about her experiences, Vassar discovers new possibilities.

Craft, Liz. ***Bass Ackwards and Belly Up: A Novel***. YA CRA

When one of four best friends lies and says she will pursue her dream of writing a novel rather than start college, two others join in, one by going to Los Angeles to become an actress and one by backpacking through Europe to find herself, while the fourth goes to college, joins her hero's ski team, and tries to fall in love.

Crockett, S.D. ***After the Snow***. YA FIC CRO

Fifteen-year-old Willo Blake, born after the 2059 snows that ushered in a new ice age, encounters outlaws, halfmen, and an abandoned girl as he journeys in search of his family, who mysteriously disappeared from the freezing mountain that was their home.

Cross, Gillian. ***The Black Room***. YA CRO

Tom, his friend Robert, and Robert's sister Emma attempt to rescue a strange girl Robert believes is the counterpart of Lorn, a tiny person that he met during his own ordeal as a miniature copy of himself.

Easton, Kelly. ***Aftershock***. YA EAS

In shock and unable to speak after being in a car accident in Oregon which has killed his parents, seventeen-year-old Adam journeys across the country to his home in Rhode Island.

Elliott, Patricia. ***The Pale Assassin***. YA ELL

In early 1790s' Paris, as the Revolution gains momentum, young and sheltered Eugenie de Boncoeur finds it difficult to tell friend from foe as she and the royalist brother she relies on become the focus of "le Fantome," the sinister spymaster with a long-held grudge against their family.

Fagan, Deva. ***Fortune's Folly***. YA FAG

Ever since her mother died and her father lost his shoemaking skills, Fortunata has survived by pretending to tell fortunes, but when she is tricked into telling the fortune of a prince, she is faced with the impossible task of fulfilling her wild prophecy to save her father's life.

Farmer, Nancy. ***A Girl Named Disaster***. YA FAR

While journeying to Zimbabwe, eleven-year-old Nhamo struggles to escape drowning and starvation, and in so doing, comes close to the luminous world of the African spirits.

Frazier, Angie. ***Everlasting***. YA FRA

In 1855, seventeen-year-old Camille sets out from San Francisco, California, on her last sea voyage before entering a loveless marriage, but when her father's ship is destroyed, she and a friend embark on a cross-Australian quest to find her long-lost mother who holds a map to a magical stone.

Friesner, Esther. ***Nobody's Princess***. YA FRI

Determined to fend for herself in a world where only men have real freedom, headstrong Helen, who will be called queen of Sparta and Helen of Troy one day, learns to fight, hunt, and ride horses while disguised as a boy, and goes on an adventure throughout the Mediterranean world.

Golding, Julia. ***Cat Among the Pigeons : A Cat Royal Adventure***. YA GOL

Catherine "Cat" Royal, an orphan who lives at the Drury Lane Theater in 1790s London, rallies her friends to try to save Pedro from the clutches of Mr. Hawkins, a slavemaster who considers Pedro his property. (Second book in the Cat Royal series)

Golding, Julia. ***The Diamond of Drury Lane: A Cat Royal Adventure***. YA GOL

Catherine "Cat" Royal, an orphan who lives at the Drury Lane Theater in 1790s London, tries to find the "diamond" supposedly hidden in the theater, which unmasks a treasonous political cartoonist and involves her in the street gangs of Covent Garden and the world of nobility. (First book in the Cat Royal series)

Gout, Leopoldo. ***Genius: The Game***. YA GOU

The Game: Get ready for Zero Hour as 200 geniuses from around the world go head to head in a competition hand-devised by India's youngest CEO and visionary. **The Players:**

Rex- One of the best programmers/hackers in the world, this 16-year-old Mexican-American is determined to find his missing brother. Tunde-This 14-year-old self-taught engineering genius has drawn the attention of a ruthless military warlord by single-handedly bringing electricity and internet to his small Nigerian village.

Painted Wolf-One of China's most respected activist bloggers, this mysterious 16-year-old is being pulled into

the spotlight by her father's new deal with a corrupt Chinese official. **The Stakes:** Are higher than you can imagine. Like life and death. Welcome to the revolution. And get ready to run

Grant, K.M. ***How the Hangman Lost His Heart***. YA GRA

When her Uncle Frank is executed for treason against England's King George in 1746 and his severed head is mounted on a pike for public viewing, daring Alice tries to reclaim the head for a proper burial, finding an unlikely ally in the soft-hearted executioner, while incurring the wrath of the royal guard.

Grant, Victoria. ***Pigboy***. YA GRA

Dan is not sure he'll survive the boring field trip to a remote heritage farm. How could a place with no running water, telephone or electricity be anything but dull? The farmer knows nothing about farming and is angry about having to conduct the tour. And what's with his tattoo? The teacher requests a private word with the farmer and then mysteriously disappears.

Gray, Claudia. ***A Thousand Pieces of You***. YA GRA

Marguerite Caine's physicist parents are known for their groundbreaking achievements. Their most astonishing invention, called the Firebird, allows users to jump into multiple universes—and promises to revolutionize science forever. But then Marguerite's father is murdered, and the killer—her parent's handsome, enigmatic assistant Paul— escapes into another dimension before the law can touch him. Marguerite refuses to let the man who destroyed her family go free. So she races after Paul through different universes, always leaping into another version of herself. But she also meets alternate versions of the people she knows—including Paul, whose life entangles with hers in increasingly familiar ways. Before long she begins to question Paul's guilt—as well as her own heart. And soon she discovers the truth behind her father's death is far more sinister than she expected.

Hall, Maggie. ***Map of Fates***. YA HAL

That's how long it took for Avery West's ordinary life to change forever. In two weeks, she discovered she was heiress to a powerful secret society known as the Circle, learned her mother was taken hostage by the Circle's enemies, and fell for a boy she's not allowed to love, just as she found out another was her unwelcome destiny. Now Avery's on the hunt for clues that will uncover the truth about the Circle, setting her mom *and* herself free before it's too late. By her side are both the boys: Jack--steady, loyal, and determined to help her even at the expense of his own duty--and Stellan, whose connection to Avery grows stronger by the day, making her question what she believes at every turn. In the world of the Circle, is anyone what they seem?

Haven, Paul. ***The Seven Keys of Balabad***. YA HAV

Unlike his news-reporter father and art-historian mother who find living in the ancient, war-torn country of Balabad endlessly interesting, twelve-year-old Oliver, homesick for New York City, feels very much out of his element until he gets caught up in a centuries-old mystery involving stolen artifacts and buried treasure.

Heath, Jack. ***The Lab***. YA HEA

When Agent Six, a member of The Deck, a group fighting against their corrupt society, discovers that he is the product of an illegal experiment by the evil Lab, he takes dangerous steps to discover the truth about himself.

Higgins, Jack. ***Death Run***. YA HIG

A mafia banker with access to a large number of criminal accounts is willing to give evidence in exchange for help retiring from the mob, but when spy John Chase assists him, he puts his fifteen-year-old twins, Rich and Jade, in the line of fire. (Second book in a series)

Higgins, Jack, with Justin Richards. ***Sure Fire***. YA HIG

Resentful of having to go and live with their estranged father after the death of their mother, fifteen-year-old twins, Rich and Jade, soon find they have more complicated problems when their father is kidnapped and their attempts to rescue him involve them in a dangerous international plot to control the world's oil. (First book in a series)

Higson, Charlie. ***Blood Fever : A James Bond Adventure***. YA HIG

During a summer holiday in Italy, the teen-age James Bond tangles with an underground empire of criminals as he attempts the rescue of a kidnapped young girl.

Hobbs, Will. ***Jason's Gold***. YA HOB

When news of the discovery of gold in Canada's Yukon Territory in 1897 reaches fifteen-year-old Jason, he embarks on a 5,000-mile journey to strike it rich.

Horowitz, Anthony, ***Stormbreaker***. YA HOR

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6. (First book in the Alex Rider series)

Hyde, Catherine Ryan. ***Becoming Chloe***. YA HYD

A gay teenage boy and a fragile teenage girl meet while living on the streets of New York City and eventually decide to take a road trip across America to discover whether or not the world is a beautiful place.

Ibbotson, Eva. ***The Dragonfly Pool***. YA IBB

Tally, a twelve-year-old English girl, and her classmates at Delderton, a progressive boarding school, help Karil, the young prince of Bergania, escape into England after the Nazis invade Bergania and kill the king.

Kenyon, Sherrilyn. ***Inferno: Chronicles of Nick***. YA KEN

Turning sixteen is not what Nick thought it would be like. While other boys his age are worried about prom dates and applying to college, Nick is neck deep in enemies out to stop him from living another day.

Kerr, P.B. ***The Akhenaten Adventure***. YA KER

When twelve-year-old twins Philippa and John discover that they are descended from a long line of djinn, their mother sends them away to their Uncle Nimrod, who takes them to Cairo where he starts to teach them about their extraordinary powers.

Klass, David. ***Whirlwind***. YA KLA

Jack finds himself embroiled in another dangerous adventure when, after a six-month absence, he returns to the Hudson River town where he grew up to find his girlfriend PJ only to discover that she is missing and everyone believes him to be responsible for her disappearance and the death of his family.

Lake, Nick. ***Hostage Three***. YA LAK

Seventeen-year-old Amy, her father, and her stepmother becomes hostages when Somalian pirates seize their yacht, but although she builds a bond with one of her captors it becomes brutally clear that the price of life and its value are two very different things.

Lawlor, Laurie. ***Dead Reckoning: A Pirate Voyage with Captain Drake***. YA LAW

Emmet, a fifteen-year-old orphan, learns hard lessons about survival when he sails from England in 1577 as a servant aboard the Golden Hind--the ship of his cousin, the explorer and pirate Francis Drake--on its three-year circumnavigation of the world.

Laybourne, Emmy. **Monument 14**. YA LAY

When a group of kids trapped together in a chain superstore build a refuge for themselves inside, outside, a series of disasters from a monster hailstorm to a chemical weapons spill, seems to be tearing the world apart. (First book in the *Monument 14* series)

Laybourne, Emmy. **Monument 14: Sky on Fire**. YA LAY

After repairing a school bus, the group of survivors split in two, with one group heading to the airport in hopes of reuniting with their parents and saving their dying friend and the other trying to rebuild the community they lost. (Second book in the *Monument 14* series)

Laybourne, Emmy. **Monument 14: Savage Drift**. YA LAY

The survivors of the Monument 14 have finally made it to the safety of a Canadian refugee camp, but Josie, separated from the group and trapped in a brutal prison camp for exposed Type Os, may lose hope unless her lost love Niko and his companions Astrid, Dean and Jake can rescue her. (Third book in the *Monument 14* series)

Lee, Tanith. **Piratica: Being a Daring Tale of a Singular Girl's Adventure Upon the High Seas**. YA LEE

A bump on the head restores Art's memories of her mother and the exciting life they lead, so the sixteen-year-old leaves Angels Academy for Young Maidens, seeks out the pirates who were her family before her mother's death, and leads them back to adventure on the high seas.

L'Engle, Madeleine. **The Young Unicorns**. YA LEN

A seventeen-year-old boy, a former member of a tough New York gang, a blind and talented twelve-year-old musician, the Austin family, and Canon Tallis are among the key characters who become involved in a frightening and evil scheme relying on the ability of a refined laser to give complete power over people's mind.

Lloyd, Alison. **Year of the Tiger**. YA LLO

In ancient China, two boys forge an unlikely alliance in an effort to become expert archers and, ultimately, to save their city from invading barbarians.

MacLean, Sarah. **The Season**. YA MAC

Showing no interest in the sumptuous balls, lavish dinner parties, and country weekends enjoyed by the rest of early nineteenth-century London society, seventeen-year-old Lady Alexandra Stafford seeks adventure as she investigates the puzzling murder of the Earl of Blackmoor, father of devilishly handsome Gavin.

Maddison, Kate. **The Incredible Charlotte Sycamore**. YA MAD

Preferring adventure to an arranged marriage, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Queen Victoria's royal surgeon sneaks out to swordfight with two friends when the three are mauled by what looks like rabid dogs.

Mayo, Simon. **Itch: The Explosive Adventures of an Element Hunter**. YA MAY

When fourteen-year-old Itchingham "Itch" Lofté discovers a new radioactive element, he must use all of his wits and scientific knowledge to stop a top-secret government agency, his greedy teacher, and an evil corporation from getting hold of it.

McCaughrean, Geraldine. **The Death-Defying Pepper Roux**. YA MCC

Having been raised believing he will die before he reaches the age of fourteen, Pepper Roux runs away on his fourteenth birthday in an attempt to elude his fate, assumes another identity, and continues to try to outrun death, no matter the consequences.

McIntosh, Will. ***Burning Midnight***. YA MCI

Sully is a sphere dealer at a flea market. It doesn't pay much - Alex Holliday's stores have muscled out most of the independent sellers - but it helps him and his mum make the rent. No one knows where the brilliant-coloured spheres came from. One day they were just there, hidden all over the earth like huge gemstones. Burn a pair and they make you a little better: an inch taller, skilled at maths, better-looking. The rarer the sphere, the greater the improvement - and the more expensive the sphere. When Sully meets Hunter, a girl with a natural talent for finding spheres, the two start searching together. What they find will change more than just their lives... Because the entire world fights over spheres, but no one knows why they're here or what their powers are ...until now.

Meehl, Brian. ***Suck It Up***. YA MEE

After graduating from the International Vampire League, a scrawny, teenaged vampire named Morning is given the chance to fulfill his childhood dream of becoming a superhero when he embarks on a League mission to become the first vampire to reveal his identity to humans and to demonstrate how peacefully-evolved, blood-substitute-drinking vampires can use their powers to help humanity.

Meyer, L.A. ***Bloody Jack***. YA MEY

Life as a ship's boy aboard HMS "Dolphin" is a dream come true for Jacky Faber. Gone are the days of scavenging for food and fighting for survival on the streets of eighteenth-century London. Instead, Jacky is becoming a skilled and respected sailor as the crew pursues pirates on the high seas. There's only one problem: Jacky is a "girl." And she will have to use every bit of her spirit, wit, and courage to keep the crew from discovering her secret. This could be the adventure of her life--if only she doesn't get caught. . . . (First book in the Jacky Faber series)

Meyer, L.A. ***Curse of the Blue Tattoo***. YA MEY

In 1803, after being exposed as a girl and forced to leave her ship, Jacky Faber finds herself attending school in Boston, where, instead of learning to be a lady, she battles her snobbish classmates, roams the city in search of adventure, and learns to ride a horse. (Second book in the Jacky Faber series)

Meyer, L.A. ***In the Belly of the Bloodhound***. YA MEY

Jacky Faber and her classmates at the Lawson Peabody School for Young Girls in Boston are kidnapped while on a school outing and transported in the hold of a slave ship bound for the slave markets of North Africa. (Fourth book in the Jacky Faber series)

Meyer, L.A. ***Under the Jolly Roger***. YA MEY

In 1804, fifteen-year-old Jacky Faber heads back to sea where she gains control of a British warship and eventually becomes a privateer. (Third book in the Jacky Faber series)

Moore, James. ***Subject Seven***. YA MOO

Years ago, scientists began developing the ultimate military weapon: deadly sleeper assassins housed within the bodies of teenagers. Now Subject Seven, the dangerous alter-ego living inside a 16-year-old boy, has escaped the lab and is on a mission. His objective? To seek out others like him and build an army capable of destroying their creators.

Mowll, Joshua. ***Operation Red Jericho***. YA MOW

The posthumous papers of Rebecca MacKenzie document her adventures, along with her brother Doug, in 1920s China as the teenaged siblings are sent to live aboard their uncle's ship where they become involved in the dangerous activities of a mysterious secret society called the Honourable Guild of Specialists. (First book in the Guild of Specialists trilogy)

Mowll, Joshua. ***Operation Storm City***. YA MOW

Siblings Becca and Doug discover important clues to their missing parents' expedition route and the location of Ur-Can, the fabled Storm City, and they embark on a perilous journey to the Takla Makan desert, racing against their Guild enemies by steam train, riverboat, and airship across the Himalayas, trying to save not only their parents, but the entire planet. (Final book in the Guild of Specialists trilogy)

Mowll, Joshua. ***Operation Typhoon Shore***. YA MOW

In the spring of 1920, teenaged siblings Rebecca and Doug MacKenzie continue their adventures on their uncle's ship, sailing through a typhoon into the Celebes Sea in pursuit of a missing "gyrolabe" which may be connected to the disappearance of their parents. (Second book in the Guild of Specialists trilogy)

Mussi, Sarah. ***The Door of No Return***. YA MUS

Sixteen-year-old Zac never believed his grandfather's tales about their enslaved ancestors being descended from an African king, but when his grandfather is murdered and the villains come after Zac, he sets out for Ghana to find King Baktu's long-lost treasure before the murderers do.

Napoli, Donna Jo. ***Hush: An Irish Princess' Tale***. YA NAP

Fifteen-year-old Melkorka, an Irish princess, is kidnapped by Russian slave traders and not only learns how to survive but to challenge some of the brutality of her captors, who are fascinated by her apparent muteness and the possibility that she is enchanted.

Napoli, Donna Jo. ***North***. YA NAP

Tired of his mother's overprotectiveness and intrigued by the life of African American explorer Matthew Henson, twelve-year-old Alvin travels north and spends a season with a trapper near the Arctic Circle.

Nowra, Louis. ***Into that Forest***. YA NOW

Two girls survive a flood in the Tasmanian bush and are rescued by two tigers who raise them in the wild for four years, but when the girls return to civilization, both have trouble adapting to being fully human after their experience.

Oppel, Kenneth, ***Starclimber***. YA OPP

As members of the first crew of astralnavts, Matt Cruse and Kate De Vries journey into outer space on the Starclimber and face a series of catastrophes that threaten the survival of all on board.

Park, Linda Sue. ***Click***. YA CLI

Stories within a story, written as separate chapters by ten juvenile authors including Linda Sue Park, Eoin Colfer, and Tim Wynne-Jones, reveal the adventurous life and legacy of George "Gee" Keane, a photojournalist and world traveler.

Patterson, James. ***Maximum Ride : The Angel Experiment***. YA PAT

After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose. (First book in the Maximum Ride series)

Pearson, Ridley. ***Steel Trapp: The Challenge***. YA PEA

On a two-day train trip to enter his invention in the National Science Competition in Washington, D.C., fourteen-year-old Steven "Steel" Trapp, possessor of a remarkable photographic memory, becomes embroiled in an international plot of kidnapping and bribery that may have links to terrorists.

Perkins, Lynne Rae. ***As Easy as Falling off the Face of the Earth***. YA PER

A teenaged boy encounters one comedic calamity after another when his train strands him in the middle of nowhere, and everything comes down to luck.

Popescu, Petru. ***Footprints in Time***. YA POP

While Jack is visiting his father, a research scientist in Tanzania, their plane goes down over the savanna, killing everyone but Jack, who meets a mysterious creature who helps him survive.

Rees, Celia. ***Pirates!: The True and Remarkable Adventures of Minerva Sharpe and Nancy Kington, Female Pirates***. YA REE

In 1722, after arriving with her brother at the family's Jamaican plantation where she is to be married off, sixteen-year-old Nancy Kington escapes with her slave friend, Minerva Sharpe, and together they become pirates traveling the world in search of treasure.

Rees, Celia. ***Witch Child***. YA REE

In 1659, fourteen-year-old Mary Newbury keeps a journal of her voyage from England to the New World and her experiences living as a witch in a community of Puritans near Salem, Massachusetts.

Reeve, Philip. ***Railhead***. YA REE

The Great Network is an ancient web of routes and gates, where sentient trains can take you anywhere in the galaxy in the blink of an eye. Zen Starling is a nobody. A petty thief from the filthy streets of Thunder City who aimlessly rides the rails of the Network. So when the mysterious stranger Raven offers Zen a chance to escape the squalor of the city and live the rest of his days in luxury, Zen can't believe his luck. All he has to do is steal one small box from the Emperor's train with the help of Nova, an android girl. But the Great Network is a hazardous mess of twists and turns, and that little box just might bring everything in this galaxy to the end of the line. The highly anticipated novel from Carnegie-medal-winning author Philip Reeve, *Railhead* is a fast, immersive, and heart-pounding ride perfect for any sci-fi fan. Step aboard the universe is waiting.

Shulman, Polly. ***The Grimm Legacy***. YA SHU

New York high school student Elizabeth gets an after-school job as a page at the "New-York Circulating Material Repository," and when she gains coveted access to its Grimm Collection of magical objects, she and the other pages are drawn into a series of frightening adventures involving mythical creatures and stolen goods.

Smith, Roland. ***Jack's Run***. YA SMI

Kidnapped by drug czar Alonzo Asnar and held hostage in Argentina, Jack and his sister Joanne attempt a daring escape while their parents, aided by some old friends, set out to rescue them.

Summers, Barbara. ***Open the Unusual Door***. YA OPE

Biographies of: Derek Jeter -- Queen Latifah -- Susan Fales-Hill -- Chamique Holdsclaw -- Colin Powell -- Dexter Scott King -- Antwone Fisher -- Lynne Duke -- Whoopi Goldberg -- E. Lynn Harris -- Sister Souljah -- Michael Cottman -- Peter Westbrook -- Russell Simmons -- bell hooks -- Neil de Grasse Tyson.

Torrey, Michele. ***Voyage of Midnight***. YA TOR

In the early nineteenth century, when his sea-captain uncle invites him to assist the ship's surgeon on his next voyage, orphaned, fourteen-and-a-half-year-old Phillip, eager to be with family, accepts only to find out that his uncle is a slave trader.

Tripp, Ben. ***The Accidental Highwayman***. YA TRI

In eighteenth-century England, young Christopher "Kit" Bristol unwittingly takes on the task of his dead master, notorious highwayman Whistling Jack, who pledged a fairy he would rescue feisty Princess Morgana from an arranged marriage with King George III.

Tullson, Diane. ***Red Sea***. YA TUL

Alone on a hostile sea, far from home, Libby fights for survival.

Turner, Megan Whalen. ***A Conspiracy of Kings***. YA TUR

Kidnapped and sold into slavery, Sophos, an unwilling prince, tries to save his country from being destroyed by rebellion and exploited by the conniving Mede empire. (Fourth book in a series)

Turner, Megan Whalen. ***The King of Attolia***. YA TUR

Eugenides, still known as a Thief of Eddis, faces palace intrigue and assassins as he strives to prove himself both to the people of Attolia and to his new bride, their queen. (Third book in a series)

Turner, Megan Whalen. ***The Thief***. J TUR

Gen flaunts his ingenuity as a thief and relishes the adventure which takes him to a remote temple of the gods where he will attempt to steal a precious stone. (First book in a series)

Turner, Megan Whalen. ***The Queen of Attolia***. YA TUR

Forsaken by the gods and left to his own devices, Eugenides, Royal Thief of Eddis, summons all his wit and wiles in an attempt to conquer the rival Queen of Attolia. (Second book in a series)

Ursu, Anne. ***The Immortal Fire***. YA URS

As Philonecron plots to destroy the gods, transform the Underworld, destroy humanity, and remodel Olympus, Mr. Metos takes thirteen-year-old cousins Charlotte and Zee to join the Prometheans, who have an age-old weapon that may help protect them. (Third book in the Cronus Chronicles series)

Ursu, Anne. ***The Shadow Thieves***. YA URS

After her cousin Zee arrives from England, thirteen-year-old Charlotte and he must set out to save humankind from denizens of the underworld, Nightmares, Death, Pain, and a really nasty guy named Phil. (First book in the Cronus Chronicles series)

Ursu, Anne. ***The Siren Song***. YA URS

Thirteen-year-old Charlotte must rescue humankind again when the evil Philonecron captures her cousin Zee, and Poseidon himself sends a sea monster to eat the cruise ship on which Charlotte's parents are trapped. (Second book in the Cronus Chronicles series)

Walters, Eric. ***The Rule of Three***. YA WAL

A teen's suburban neighborhood bands together for its own survival in a world stricken by a catastrophic blackout.

Wells, Rosemary. ***On the Blue Comet***. YA WEL

When the Depression hits in Cairo, Illinois, and Oscar Ogilvie's father must sell their home and vast model train set-up to look for work in California, eleven-year-old Oscar is left with his dour aunt, where he befriends a mysterious drifter, witnesses a stunning bank robbery, and is suddenly catapulted onto a train that takes him to a different time and place.

Westerfeld, Scott. ***So Yesterday***. YA WES

Hunter Braque, a New York City teenager who is paid by corporations to spot what is "cool," combines his analytical skills with girlfriend Jen's creative talents to find a missing person and thwart a conspiracy directed at the heart of consumer culture.

White, Jen. ***Survival Strategies for the Almost Brave***. YA WHI

Soon after their mother's sudden death in San Diego, Liberty, twelve, and Billie, eight, are abandoned at an Arizona gas station by the father they barely know and Liberty must find a way to keep them together and safe until either Dad returns or they can contact Julie, their mother's best friend.

Withers, Pam. ***Peak Survival***. YA WIT

Jake, Peter, Moses and Fiona find themselves stranded on a mountain. Faced with everything from finding shelter and surviving the cold, the group must use their skills to help each other survive. Do they have what it takes to make it out alive? (Second book in the Take it to the Extreme series)

Withers, Pam. ***Surf Zone***. YA WIT

As a deadly storm approaches, Jake and Peter and a companion must rely on their surf boards to escape from an island where they have been stranded. (Fifth book in the Take it to the Extreme series)

Yancey, Rick. ***Alfred Kropp : The Seal of Solomon***. YA YAN

The last descendant of Sir Lancelot, teenage misfit Alfred Kropp is drawn back into the OIPEP to battle a group of demons bent on freeing themselves from the confines of an ancient relic. (Second book in the Alfred Kropp series)

Yancey, Rick. ***Alfred Kropp: The Thirteenth Skull***. YA YAN

Teen misfit Alfred Kropp, the last descendant of Sir Lancelot, is once again in danger as he tries to uncover who is behind a top secret project called SOFIA, while eluding a new enemy who seems determined to kill him. (Third book in the Alfred Kropp series)

Yancey, Rick. ***The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp***. YA YAN

Through a series of dangerous and violent misadventures, teenage loser Alfred Kropp rescues King Arthur's legendary sword Excalibur from the forces of evil. (First book in the Alfred Kropp series)

Zusak, Markus. ***I Am the Messenger***. YA ZUS

After capturing a bank robber, nineteen-year-old cab driver Ed Kennedy begins receiving mysterious messages that direct him to addresses where people need help, and he begins getting over his lifelong feeling of worthlessness.

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