Quick Reads

All of these young adult novels are between 100-250 pages long.

**Landscape with Invisible Hand** by M. T. Anderson | **YA AND**
When jobs typically done by humans are replaced with alien technology, Adam's parents have no money for food, clean water, or medicine, forcing Adam and his girlfriend Chloe to get creative.

**Found** by Joseph Bruchac | **YA BRU**
A teenage survival expert finds all his skills tested as he's pursued through the Canadian wilderness by men determined to silence him.

**Boy Proof** by Cecil Castellucci | **YA CAS**
Feeling alienated from everyone around her, Los Angeles high school senior and cinephile Victoria Denton hides behind the identity of a favorite movie character until an interesting new boy arrives at school and helps her realize that there is more to life than just the movies.

**The Rules Have Changed** by Lesley Choyce | **YA CHO**
After three years abroad, sixteen-year-old Blake Pendleton returns to his old high school and is shocked to find that the world he knew has turned upside down.

**Whatever Happened to Janie?** by Caroline B. Cooney | **YA COO**
The members of two families have their lives disrupted when a teenage girl who had been kidnapped twelve years earlier discovers that the people who raised her are not her biological parents.

**Find Layla** by Meg Elison | **YA ELI**
A neglected girl's chaotic coming-of-age becomes a trending new hashtag in a novel about growing up and getting away.

**Whirligig** by Paul Fleischman | **YA FLE**
After accidentally killing a girl in a car crash, Brent goes to four parts of the country to make and place whirligigs in her memory as the girl's mother requests. *(Review from Booklist Online)*

**If I Stay** by Gayle Forman | **YA FOR**
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.

**The First Part Last** by Angela Johnson | **YA JOH**
Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.

**Beast Rider** by Tony Johnston | **YA JOH**
Having faced great danger, Manuel finally succeeds in hopping a train out of Mexico but after reuniting with his brother in Los Angeles, he realizes something is not right.
The Unfortunates by Kim Liggett | YA LIG
After getting away with murder, Grant Tavish plans his own form of justice, but before he can act upon it a cave system collapse traps him and four other teenagers miles below the surface, where they soon discover that they aren't alone.

Like Spilled Water by Jennie Liu | YA LIU
Na has always been in the shadow of her younger brother, Bao-bao, her parents' cherished son. But when Bao-bao dies suddenly, Na realizes how little she knew him. And he wasn't the only one with secrets.

Mister Orange by Truus Matti | YA MAT
When Linus Muller takes over making deliveries for his family’s Manhattan grocery store in 1943, including bringing a crate of oranges every other week to an artist from Europe, the two become friends as they discuss war, the future, freedom, and imagination.

This Book Betrays My Brother by Kagiso Lesego Molope | YA MOL
What does a teenage girl do when she sees her beloved older brother commit a horrific crime? Should she report to her parents, or should she keep quiet? Should she confront him?

Darius & Twig by Walter Dean Myers | YA MYE
Two best friends, a writer and a runner, deal with bullies, family issues, social pressures, and their quest for success coming out of Harlem.

A Step From Heaven by An Na | YA NA
In brief chapters that have the intimacy of snapshots, Young Ju tells of her family's immigration from Korea to the United States and their subsequent struggles in a new country. (review by The Horn Book)

The Agony of Bun O'Keefe by Heather Smith | YA SMI
Bun and her mother rarely talk, so when Bun's mother tells Bun to leave one day, she does. Hitchhiking out of town, Bun ends up on the streets of St. John's, Newfoundland, where she meets Busker Boy, a street musician who takes her in. Together they live in a house with an eclectic cast of characters, and Bun gets to learn the world beyond the walls of her mother's house.

Dear Martin by Nic Stone | YA STO
Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seventeen-year-old college-bound Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him.

Hope is Our Only Wing by Rutendo Tavengerwei | YA TAV
After her journalist-father's mysterious death in 2008, fifteen-year-old Shamiso must leave England for boarding school in Zimbabwe, where she and Tanyaradzwa, who is fighting cancer, form an unexpected friendship.

Name Your Mountain by Tim Tingle | YA TIN
Choctaw Bobby Byington and his new Creek friend, Eddie, are torn between struggles on the court and painful episodes back home.

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