



Young Adult Guys' Good Reads:

Page turners you'll have a hard time putting down. Fast reads and gripping adventures.

Wolf Rider – Avi – After receiving an apparent crank call from a man claiming to have committed murder, fifteen-year-old Andy finds his close relationship with his father crumbling as he struggles to make everyone believe him.

YA F Avi

Things Not Seen – Andrew Clements – When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.

YA F Clements

Artemis Fowl – Eoin Colfer – Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a most ingenious criminal mastermind, and heir to the Fowl family empire, a centuries-old clan of underworld figures and famous con artists. When Artemis kidnaps Holly Short, one of the Fairy People, to help him on his quest for gold, he takes on a Fairy world determined to rescue Holly. First in a series.

JF Colfer

Foundling – D. M. Cornish – Having grown up in a home for foundlings and possessing a girl's name, Rossamünd sets out to report to his new job as a lamplighter and has several adventures along the way as he meets people and monsters who are more complicated than he previously thought. Includes glossaries and maps.

YA F Cornish

Ruins of Gorlan – John Flanagan – When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger. First in a series.

YA F Flanagan

Bucking the Sarge – Christopher Paul Curtis – Deeply involved in his cold and manipulative mother's shady business dealings in Flint, Michigan, fourteen-year-old Luther keeps a sense of humor while running the Happy Neighbor Group Home For Men, all the while dreaming of going to college and becoming a philosopher.

YA Curtis

The Maze – Will Hobbs – Rick, a fourteen-year-old foster child, escapes from a juvenile detention facility near Las Vegas and travels to Canyonlands National Park in Utah where he meets a bird biologist working on a project to reintroduce condors to the wild.

YA F Hobbs

Stormbreaker – Anthony Horowitz – 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 in a series.

YA F Horowitz

The Wreckers – Iain Lawrence – Shipwrecked after a vicious storm, fourteen-year-old John Spencer attempts to save his father and himself while also dealing with an evil secret about the English coastal town where they are stranded.

JF Lawrence

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie – David Lubar – While navigating his first year of high school and awaiting the birth of his new baby brother, Scott loses old friends and gains some unlikely new ones as he hones his skills as a writer.

YA F Lubar

Mister Monday – Garth Nix – Arthur Penhaligon is supposed to die at a young age, but is saved by a key that is shaped like the minute hand of a clock. The key causes bizarre creatures to come from another realm, bringing with them a plague. A man named Mister Monday will stop at nothing to get the key back. Arthur goes to a mysterious house that only he can see, so that he can learn the truth about himself and the key. First in a series.

YA F Nix

Shooter – Walter Dean Meyers – Written in the form of interviews, reports, and journal entries, the story of three troubled teenagers ends in a tragic school shooting.

YA F Meyers

Airborn – Kenneth Oppel – Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.

YA F Oppel

Maximum Ride: the angel experiment – James Patterson – After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "bird kids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose. First in a series.

YA F Patterson

The Dangerous Days of Daniel X – James Patterson – The greatest superpower of all isn't to be part spider, part man, or to cast magic spells, the greatest power is the power to create. Daniel has that power. Daniel's secret abilities, like being able to manipulate objects and animals with his mind or to recreate himself in any shape he chooses, have helped him survive. But Daniel doesn't have a normal life. He is the protector of the earth, the Alien Hunter, with a mission beyond what anyone could imagine. First in a series.

YA F Patterson

The Lightning Thief – Rick Riordan – After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy Jackson is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. First in a series.

JF Riordan

The Wednesday Wars – Gary D. Schmidt – During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.

YA F Schmidt

Cirque du Freak – Darren Shan – Two boys who are best friends visit an illegal freak show, where an encounter with a vampire and a deadly spider forces them to make life-changing choices. First in a series.

YA F Shan

The Amulet of Samarkand – Jonathan Stroud – Nathaniel, a magician's apprentice, summons up the djinni Bartimaeus and instructs him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Lovelace. First in a trilogy.

JF Stroud

The Gospel According to Larry – Janet Tashjian – Seventeen-year-old Josh, a loner-philosopher who wants to make a difference in the world, tries to maintain his secret identity as the author of a web site that is receiving national attention.

YA F Tashjian

Montmorency: thief, liar, gentleman? – Eleanor Updale – In Victorian London, after his life is saved by a young physician, a thief utilizes the knowledge he gains in prison and from the scientific lectures he attends as the physician's case study exhibit to create a new, highly successful, double life for himself. First in a series.

YA F Updale

Deathwatch – Robb White – A hunting trip turns into a test for survival as Ben guides a ruthless businessman into the desert.

JF White

Jimi & Me – Jaime Adoff – After his father's tragic death, twelve-year-old Keith James moves from Brooklyn to a small midwestern town where his mixed race heritage is not accepted, but he finds comfort in the music of Jimi Hendrix and the friendship of a white classmate.

YA F Adoff

The Never Came Home – Lois Duncan – When two teenage boys vanish on a camping trip, a stranger claims that one owes him two thousand dollars. The boy's sister volunteers to repay the money while continually looking for clues that he is alive.

YA F Duncan

Found – Margaret Peterson Haddix – When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time. First in a series.

YA F Haddix

Woodsong – Gary Paulsen – For a rugged outdoor man and his family, life in northern Minnesota is a wild experience involving wolves, deer, and the sled dogs that make their way of life possible. Includes an account of the author's first Iditarod, a dogsled race across Alaska.

YA F Paulsen

Dead Connection – Charlie Price – A loner who communes with the dead in the town cemetery hears the voice of a murdered cheerleader and tries to convince the adults that he knows what happened to her.

YA F Price

The El Dorado Adventure – Lloyd Alexander – Traveling to Central America to inspect her real estate holdings, seventeen-year-old Vesper tries to stop a villain from building a canal which would destroy an Indian tribe's homeland.

YA F Alexander

The Book of Three – Lloyd Alexander – Taran, Assistant Pig-Keeper to a famous oracular sow, sets out on a hazardous mission to save Prydain from the forces of evil. First in a series.

YA F Alexander

Yellow Flag – Robert Lipsyte – When seventeen-year-old Kyle reluctantly succumbs to family pressure and replaces his injured brother in the family racecar, he struggles to keep up with his trumpet playing while deciding how--or if--he can continue making music with a brass quintet and headlines as a NASCAR racer.

YA F Lipsyte

The Fetch – Chris Humphreys – After he and his cousin Kristin discover a sea chest full of runes and a journal belonging to their deceased Norwegian grandfather, fifteen-year-old Sky summons the old man's ghost, who teaches him how to use the power of

the runestones to travel through time and space.

YA F Humphreys

Wolf Brother – Michelle Paver – 6,000 years in the past, twelve-year-old Torak and his guide, a wolf cub, set out on a dangerous journey to fulfill an oath the boy made to his dying father--to travel to the Mountain of the World Spirit seeking a way to destroy a demon-possessed bear that threatens all the clans. First in a series.

YA F Paver

NERDS: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society – Michael Buckley – While running a spy network from their elementary school, five unpopular misfits combine their talents and use cutting-edge gadgetry to fight evil around the world. First in a series.

JF Buckley

H.I.V.E.: Higher Institute of Villainous Education – Mark Walden – Swept away to a hidden academy for training budding evil geniuses, Otto, a brilliant orphan, Wing, a sensitive warrior, Laura, a shy computer specialist, and Shelby, an infamous jewel thief, plot to beat the odds and escape the prison known as H.I.V.E.. First in a series.

YA F Walden

Brian's Return – Gary Paulsen – After having survived alone in the wilderness, Brian finds that he can no longer live in the city but must return to the place where he really belongs.

YA F Paulsen

The Merchant of Death – D.J. MacHale – Bobby Pendragon is a seemingly normal fourteen-year-old boy. But there is something very special about Bobby. He is going to save the world. And not just Earth as we know it. Bobby must fight for the future of Halla -- every time and place that has ever existed. First in a series.

YA F MacHale

The Revenge of the Witch – Joseph Delaney – Young Tom, the seventh son of a seventh son, starts work as an apprentice for the village spook, whose job is to protect ordinary folk from "ghouls, boggarts, and all manner of wicked beasties." First in a series.

YA F Delaney

The Last Knight – Hilari Bell – In alternate chapters, eighteen-year-old Sir Michael Severson, an anachronistic knight errant, and seventeen-year-old Fisk, his street-wise squire, tell of their noble quest to bring Lady Ceciel to justice while trying to solve her husband's murder. First in a series.
YA F Bell

Shield of Stars – Hilari Bell – When the Justice he works for is condemned for treason, fourteen-year-old and semi-reformed pickpocket Weasel sets out to find a notorious bandit who may be able to help save his master's life. First in a series.
YA F Bell

The Maze Runner – 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.
YA F Dashner

The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp –Richard Yancey – 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 in a series.
YA F Yancey

Dragonflight – Anne McCaffrey – A planet protected from deadly spores by fire-breathing dragons and their human partners, Pern is a former colony of Earth which has lost much of its knowledge of science and history. First in a series.
F MacCaffrey

Merlin's Dragon – T.A. Barron – Basil, a small, flying lizard who is searching for others like himself, discovers that there is more to him than he knows, as he becomes engaged in Avalon's great war between the evil Rhita Gawr and the forces of good. First in a trilogy.
YA F Barron