



TEEN BOOKLIST

Books You Need to Read Before High School

2014



Almond, David

Skellig

Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel. 1997

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Anderson, Laurie Halse

Chains

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War. 2008

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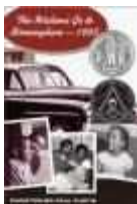


Auch, Mary Jane

Ashes of Roses

Sixteen-year-old Margaret Rose Nolan, newly arrived from Ireland, finds work at New York City's Triangle Shirtwaist Factory shortly before the 1911 fire in which 146 employees died. 2002

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Curtis, Christopher Paul

The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963. 1995

Call #: j Cur



Dowd, Siobhan

The London Eye Mystery

When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim. 2009

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D'Adamo, Francesco

Iqbal

A fictionalized account of the Pakistani child who escaped from bondage in a carpet factory and went on to help liberate other children like him before being gunned down at the age of thirteen. 2003

Call #: j D'Ad



Ellis, Deborah

The Breadwinner

Because the Taliban rulers of Kabul, Afghanistan, impose strict limitations on women's freedom and behavior, eleven-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy so that her family can survive after her father's arrest. 2001

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Enright, Elizabeth

Gone-Away Lake

Portia and her cousin Julian discover adventure in a hidden colony of forgotten summer houses on the shores of a swampy lake. 2000

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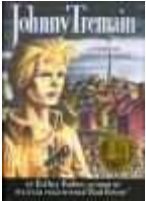


Farmer, Nancy

The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm

In 2194 in Zimbabwe, General Matsika's three children are kidnapped and put to work in a plastic mine while three mutant detectives use their special powers to search for them. 2002

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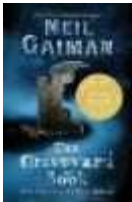


Forbes, Esther

Johnny Tremain

Fourteen-year-old Johnny Tremain finds work as a horse-boy, riding for the patriotic newspaper, The Boston Observer, and as a messenger for the Sons of Liberty. In this job he encounters John Hancock, Samuel Adams, and Dr. Joseph Warren. Soon Johnny is involved in the pivotal events shaping the American Revolution from the Boston Tea Party to the first shots fired at Lexington. 1943

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Gaiman, Neil

The Graveyard Book

Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard. 2009

Call #: Teen Gai



Gantos, Jack

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key

To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription medications wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired. 1998

Call #: j Gan



Giff, Patricia Reilly

Pictures of Hollis Woods

A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her. 2002

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Hale, Shannon

Book of A Thousand Days

Fifteen-year-old Dashti, sworn to obey her sixteen-year-old mistress, the Lady Saren, shares Saren's years of punishment locked in a tower, then brings her safely to the lands of her true love, where both must hide who they are as they work as kitchen maids. 2000

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Howe, James

The Misfits

Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names. 2001

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Kadohata, Cynthia

Kira-Kira

Chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese-American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill. 2004

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Lord, Cynthia

Rules

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with an young paraplegic. 2006

Call #: j Lor



Lowry, Lois

The Giver

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives. 1993

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Lowry, Lois

Number the Stars

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis. 1989

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McKinley, Robin

The Hero and the Crown

Aerin, with the guidance of the wizard Luthe and the help of the Blue Sword, wins the birthright due her as the daughter of the Damarian king and a witchwoman of the mysterious, demon-haunted North. 1985

Call #: Teen Mck



O'Dell, Scott

Island of the Blue Dolphins

Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends eighteen years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life. 1960

Call #: Teen O'De



Oppel, Kenneth

Half Brother

In 1973, when a renowned Canadian behavioral psychologist pursues his latest research project--an experiment to determine whether chimpanzees can acquire advanced language skills--he brings home a baby chimp named Zan and asks his thirteen-year-old son to treat Zan like a little brother. 2010

Call #: Teen Opp



Park, Linda Sue

A Single Shard

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself. 2001

Call #: j Par



Paterson, Katherine

Jacob Have I Loved

Feeling deprived all her life of schooling, friends, mother, and even her name by her twin sister, Louise finally begins to fight back. 1980

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Poe, Edgar Allan

The Raven

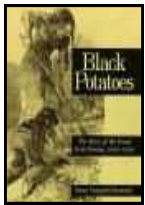
Edgar Allan Poe's classic poem is illustrated with dark etchings that perfectly complement the text. 1989

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Non Fiction

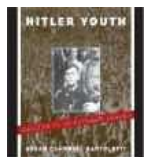


Bartoletti, Susan Campbell

Black Potatoes: the Story of the Great Irish Famine

In 1845, a mysterious blight attacked the potato crops, turning the potatoes black and destroying the only real food of nearly six million people. Over the next five years, the blight attacked again and again. These years are known today as the Great Irish Famine, a time when one million people died from starvation and disease and two million more fled their homeland. Black Potatoes is the compelling story of men, women, and children who defied landlords and searched empty fields for scraps of harvested vegetables and edible weeds to eat, who walked several miles each day to hard-labor jobs for meager wages and to reach soup kitchens, and who committed crimes just to be sent to jail, where they were assured of a meal. 2001 Call #: Teen 941.508 Bar

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell



Hitler Youth

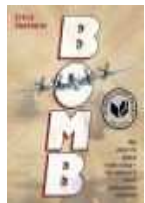
The story of a generation of German young people who devoted all their energy to the Hitler Youth and the propaganda that brought gave Hitler his power, and the youths that resisted the Nazi movement. 2004 Call #: j 943.086 Bar



Hoose, Phillip M

Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice

Based on extensive interviews with Claudette Colvin and many others, Phillip Hoose presents the first in-depth account of an important yet largely unknown civil rights figure, skillfully weaving her dramatic story into the fabric of the historic Montgomery bus boycott and court case that would change the course of American history. 2009 Call #:Teen 921 Colvin



Sheinkin, Steve

Bomb

In December of 1938, a chemist in a German laboratory made a shocking discovery: When placed next to radioactive material, a Uranium atom split in two. That simple discovery launched a scientific race that spanned 3 continents. In Great Britain and the United States, Soviet spies worked their way into the scientific community; in Norway, a commando force slipped behind enemy lines to attack German heavy-water manufacturing; and deep in the desert, a group of scientists was hidden at Los Alamos. 2012
Call #: Teen 623.4 She



Yusafzai, Malala

I Am Malala

Describes the life of the young Pakistani student who advocated for women's rights and education in the Taliban-controlled Swat Balley, survived an assassination attempt, and became the youngest nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize. 2013 Call #: 921 Yousafzai