


Hartinger, Brent. *The Last Chance Texaco*. HarperTeen, 2005. $7.99 (ISBN-10: 0060509147; ISBN-13: 978-0060509149). Fifteen-year-old Lucy Pitt is sent to Kindle Home, a sort of foster home for teenagers. Lucy’s parents died in a car accident when she was seven, and she has one more chance before she is sent to a punishment center. In the story, Lucy speaks of herself and the others she lives with, as they try to find out who is setting the neighborhood cars on fire, because whoever it is wants the home shut down.


Riordan, Rick. *The Lightning Thief*. Miramax, 2006. $7.99 (ISBN-10: 0786838655; ISBN-13: 978-0786838653) Percy Jackson is twelve, and different from everyone else. After a few strange occurrences, he learns exactly how he is different. He discovers that he is the son, if only half-blood, of an Olympian god.


Vaughan, Brian K. *Runaways*. Marvel Comics, 2006. $23.09 (ISBN-10: 0785118764; ISBN-13: 978-0785118763). A group of six friends find that their parents are all secret super-villains. The teenagers run away from home with the support of one another, and they end up involved in a very big adventure, as they try to change their evil legacy.


Westerfeld, Scott. *Midnighters #1: The Secret Hour*. Eos, 2005. $8.99 (ISBN-10: 0060519533; ISBN-13: 978-0060519537) J.J. Day moves to Bixby, Oklahoma. She wakes up to find the whole world to be frozen a few nights later. A few teens who call themselves Midnighters are the only ones besides herself that are awake. Jessica is haunted by evil, dark things with an unexplained interest in her at the hour of midnight.

Wittlinger, Ellen. *Parrotfish*. Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing, 2007. $11.55 (ISBN-10: 1416916229; ISBN-13: 978-1416916222). Angela McNair is a junior in high school, and she firmly believes that she is a boy. As a result, she changes her outside appearance and changes her name to Grady. The story tells about the reactions of those around him, how he deals with them, and about how he goes about his life as a teenage boy.
