Related Reading for Participating Teens

The Great Stories Club Related Reading List was compiled by YALSA’s Outreach to Young Adults with Special Needs Committee.

Buckhanon, Kalisha. *Upstate*. St. Martin’s Pr., 2005. $11.95 (0-3123-3269-6). Natasha and Antonio, young lovers, communicate via letters for nine years during his incarceration for murdering his father.

Desetta, Al, ed. *The Heart Knows Something Different: Teenage Voices from the Foster Care System*. Persea Books, 1996. $14.95 (0-8925-5218-2). Fifty-seven teens write about their lives and the issues they faced growing up in the foster care system.


Flinn, Alex. *Breathing Underwater*. HarperTempest, 2002. $7.99 (0-0644-7257-4). After Nick’s girlfriend, Caitlin, has a restraining order issued against him, he is forced to come to grips with his anger and low self-esteem.


Myers, Walter Dean. *The Beast*. Scholastic, 2005. $7.99 (0-4390-8759-7). In this futuristic urban dystopia, an epileptic gang member, together with an old man and an orphan, travels over hostile turf to visit his sister before she dies. A chance meeting with one of the genetically improved members of the ruling class causes major changes in society.

Philbrick, Rodman. *The Last Book in the Universe*. Blue Sky Pr., an Imprint of Scholastic Inc., 2002. $5.99 (0-4390-8759-7). Seeming to have it all, at the top of his senior class, and a three-letter sports star, Paul’s intense anger at his absent father and developmentally disabled younger brother threatens to derail his future. *Cruise Control* is the companion book to Terry Trueman’s *Stuck in Neutral*.

Williams, Lori Aurelia. *When Kambia Elaine Flew in from Neptune*. Simon Pulse, 2002. $8 (0-6898-4593-6). When Shayla befriends the new girl next door who tells great stories about lizard people and memory beetles, she doesn’t realize the desperate and dangerous situation Kambia Elaine is in or how to help her.