



## 2016 Teens' Top Ten\*

The Teens' Top Ten is a "teen choice" list where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year. Learn more at [www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten).

**1. Baker, Chandler.** *Alive*. Disney/Hyperion. 9781484706831.

Stella Cross has received a heart transplant, but it has not stopped her emotional suffering. Then a mysterious boy named Levi Zin comes into her life. Stella's pain goes away whenever she's around Levi. However, Stella finds out a terrible secret about Levi. Can it be true?

**2. Niven, Jennifer.** *All the Bright Places*. Random House/Alfred A. Knopf. 9780385755887.

Death plays a big role in the lives of high schoolers Theodore Finch and Violet Markey. He is constantly on the verge of suicide, and she is battling grief after her sister's death. The Indiana teens come together to work on a project and soon develop a bond, showing each other what it's like to live.

**3. Brockenbrough, Martha.** *The Game of Love and Death*. Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books. 9780545668347.

Set in Seattle in the 1920s, a romance develops between Flora, who is African American, and Henry, who is white. Despite some differences, the pair has much in common, including a shared love of jazz music. However, it turns out that Flora and Henry actually are pawns in a game played by two other characters – Love and Death. This book is full of intrigue and is, at times, heartbreaking, and will have the reader racing to the final pages.

**4. Bardugo, Leigh.** *Six of Crows*. Macmillan/Henry Holt & Co. 9781627792127.

Young criminal genius Kaz Brekker is offered the chance to pull off a dangerous theft that can make him rich. He recruits a gang of six dangerous misfits to help him with the heist. The book follows the crew's crazy adventure and features plot twists, betrayals, and schemes aplenty.

**5. Yoon, Nicola.** *Everything, Everything*. Random House/Delacorte Press. 9780553496642.

Maddy is a teenager with a serious autoimmune disease that prevents her from leaving the house. Yet, she seems content to stay home and read books. That is until a boy named Olly moves in next door. The two meet, and their quirky relationship is chronicled through emails, journal entries, IMs and old notes.

**6. Stone, Tamara Ireland.** *Every Last Word*. Disney/Hyperion. 9781484705278.

Samantha McAllister seems to have it all: she is beautiful, bright and part of the popular crowd in high school. But looks can be deceiving, and she is hiding the fact she has Obsessive Compulsive

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Disorder (OCD). Samantha's life changes after she visits a place at school called Poet's Corner and she begins hanging out with new friends like Caroline and AJ.

**7. Matharu, Taran.** *The Novice: Summoner: Book One.* Macmillan/Feiwel & Friends. 9781250080059.

A blacksmith's apprentice named Fletcher discovers he can summon demons from another world. He soon gets chased out of his village for a crime he did not commit, ending up at an academy for adepts, where he is trained to serve as a Battlemage in the Empire's war against the savage Orcs. Eventually, Fletcher discovers the fate of the Empire is in his hands.

**8. Kaufman Amie, and Jay Kristoff.** *Illuminae.* Random House/Alfred A. Knopf. 9780553499117. Kady and Ezra have just broken up, and then their planet is bombed by a megacorporation. The pair escapes to a government ship, but must put their differences aside in order to survive and stop a plague that has resulted from the use of a bioweapon.

**9. Laurie, Victoria.** *When.* Disney/Hyperion. 9781484700082.

High school junior Maddie Fynn has special powers that allow her to see numbers above a person's forehead, which she soon discovers are death dates. She identifies the death date of a young boy, but is unable to prevent his disappearance. Then, Maddie becomes a suspect in a homicide investigation.

**10. Weingarten, Lynn.** *Suicide Notes from Beautiful Girls.* Simon & Schuster/Simon Pulse. 9781481418584.

June and Delia were best friends who grew apart. Then, Delia commits suicide. Or, at least that's what others have been told. June believes her former best friend has been murdered, and she goes on a quest to find the truth . . . which, it turns out, is very complicated.