

The Ultimate Teen Bookshelf

Must-have materials
chosen by

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Books

Acceleration by **Graham McNamee**
Alanna: The First Adventure by **Tamora Pierce**
All Things Bright and Beautiful by **James Herriot**
American Born Chinese by **Gene Luen Yang**
Among the Hidden by **Margaret Peterson Haddix**
Beauty by **Robin McKinley**
Black and White by **Paul Volponi**
Blizzard! The Storm that Changed America
by **Jim Murphy**
Bone series by **Jeff Smith**
The Book Thief by **Mark Zusak**
Chocolate War by **Robert Cormier**
The Chosen by **Chaim Potok**
The Diary of a Young Girl: The Definitive Edition
by **Anne Frank**
Ender's Game by **Orson Scott Card**
Fallen Angels by **Walter Dean Myers**
Fat Kid Rules the World by **K.L. Going**
Feed by **M.T. Anderson**
Fruits Basket series by **Natsuki Takaya**
The First Part Last by **Angela Johnson**
The Golden Compass by **Philip Pullman**
The Graveyard Book by **Neil Gaiman**
The Guinness Book of World Records
Harry Potter series by **J.K. Rowling**
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by **Douglas Adams**
The House of the Scorpion by **Nancy Farmer**
The Hunger Games by **Suzanne Collins**
I Know What You Did Last Summer by **Lois Duncan**
I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings by **Maya Angelou**
If You Come Softly by **Jacqueline Woodson**
The Killer's Cousin by **Nancy Werlin**
Lock and Key by **Sarah Dessen**
Looking for Alaska by **John Green**
Make Lemonade by **Virginia Euwer Wolff**
My Heartbeat by **Garret Freymann-Weyr**
A Northern Light by **Jennifer Donnelly**

The Outsiders by **S.E. Hinton**
Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood by **Marjane Satrapi**
The Pigman by **Paul Zindel**
The Princess Diaries by **Meg Cabot**
Rules of the Road by **Joan Bauer**
Saving Francesca by **Melina Marchetta**
Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie by **David Lubar**
Son of the Mob by **Gordon Korman**
Speak by **Laurie Halse Anderson**
Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes by **Chris Crutcher**
Stuck in Neutral by **Terry Trueman**
Twilight by **Stephenie Meyer**
Uglies by **Scott Westerfeld**
The Wee Free Men by **Terry Pratchett**
Weetzie Bat by **Francesca Lia Block**

Magazines

Game Pro
Seventeen
Rolling Stone
Shonen Jump
Mad

Audiobooks

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by
Sherman Alexie (Recorded Books)
Bloody Jack by **L.A. Meyer** (Listen and Live)
The Killer's Cousin by **Nancy Werlin** (Brilliance)
To Kill a Mockingbird by **Harper Lee** (Caedmon)
Wintersmith by **Terry Pratchett** (HarperAudio)

While these materials have been selected for ages 12-18, the titles on this list span a broad range of reading and maturity levels. We encourage adults to take an active role in helping individual teens choose those books that are the best fit for them and their families.