

About the Lists

With the exception of Outstanding Books for the College Bound, each of these lists gets updated annually & is announced at the American Library Association's Midwinter Meeting in January. The Teens' Top Ten list is announced after Teen Read Week.

Each of the lists is chosen by a committee of YALSA members. Committee members may read more than 300 books in order to determine which deserve inclusion on a particular list.

These lists are meant to be a guide for librarians & educators to help them choose quality materials for inclusion in their library & classroom collections.

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Best Fiction for Young Adults

This is a compilation of the current year's works of young adult fiction (excluding graphic novels) with proven or potential appeal to teens.

Great Graphic Novels for Teens

This annual list recommends graphic novels—both fiction and nonfiction

Outstanding Books for the College Bound

Updated every five years, this comprehensive list provides reading recommendations to students who plan to continue their education beyond high school. Organized by subject area, this list contains both works of fiction and nonfiction. A compilation of this list is available as a book by the same name.

Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

The purpose of this annual group of lists is to encourage young adults to read for pleasure by presenting them with popular or topical books with teen appeal. Organized by genre, there can be up to five different lists of recommended books each year.

Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers

The purpose of this annual list is to identify works of fiction and nonfiction for recreational reading that have wide appeal to teens who, for whatever reason, do not like to read.

Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults

This annual list presents audiobooks, both fiction and nonfiction, released within the past two years that appeal to teens.

Teens' Top Ten

This annual list is a teen choice award given to selected current publications that are of special interest to teens. It is a project of YALSA's YA Galley Committee. Teens vote for their choices starting August 15th-Teen Read Week. The votes are tallied and the top ten is announced after Teen Read Week.

Nominate a Title!

YALSA accepts field nominations for all of its selected lists except Teens' Top Ten; if you want to nominate something for BFYA, GGNT, OBCB, PPYA, Quick Picks, or AAYA, visit www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists for access to the nomination form.