

# 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.*