

Imagine Your Story

Suggested Books and Authors for High School

FANTASY

TEEN Ahmed, Samira
Internment

Layla leads a fight for freedom when she is sent to an internment camp.

TEEN Albert, Melissa
The Hazel Wood

Alice ventures into the dark world of her grandmother's stories.

TEEN Berry, Julie
Lovely War

Aphrodite tells of four lovers brought together by WWI.

TEEN Daud, Somaiya
Mirage

18-year-old Amani dreams of life beyond the brutal Vathek empire.

TEEN Donnelly, Jennifer
Stepsister

Cinderella's "ugly" stepsister discovers her true worth.

TEEN Duncan, Emily A.
Wicked Saints

A romance unfolds amidst a centuries-long war in a dark and magical land.

TEEN Hand, Cynthia
My Plain Jane

Jane refuses a job to relocate wayward spirits to work for Mr. Rochester instead.

TEEN He, Joan
Descendant of the Crane

A reluctant young queen uses forbidden magic to find her father's killer.

TEEN Hutchinson, Shaun David
The Apocalypse of Elena Mendoza

Elena's ability to perform miracles might be causing the apocalypse.

TEEN McLemore, Anna-Marie
Blanca & Roja

Sister-rivals must face complex truths to survive the magic of the woods.

TEEN Reynolds, Justin A.
Opposite of Always

Jack travels in time and learns his actions have consequences for those he loves.

TEEN Rowell, Rainbow
Find Your Way Home (Runaways, vol. 1)
The Runaways reunite as they try to discover their parents' past.
(Graphic Novel)

TEEN Scholte, Astrid
Four Dead Queens
Keralie and Varin discover a conspiracy that leaves the four queens of Quadara dead.

ADULT Sloan, Robin
Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore
Clay Jannon takes a job at a bookstore that is a façade for a strange secret.

TEEN Steele, Hamish
The Watcher's Test (DeadEndia, vol. 1)
Barney lives and works at Dead End, which is also a portal to hell.
(Graphic Novel)

REALISTIC FICTION

ADULT Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi
Americanah
A young Nigerian woman leaves home and starts a new life in America.

TEEN Kaplan, Ariel E.
We Regret to Inform You
After a pile of college rejection letters, Mischa thinks her transcript was hacked.

TEEN Kuhn, Sarah
I Love You So Mochi
Artistic and fashion-loving Kimi finds love and self-discovery in Tokyo.

TEEN Lee, Stacey
The Downstairs Girl
In 1890 Atlanta, Jo Kuan is a lady's maid by day and an author by night.

ADULT Ng, Celeste
Little Fires Everywhere
A story about conflict in an Ohio town over arson, adoption, and social class.

TEEN Nwaubani, Adaobi Tricia
Buried Beneath the Baobab Tree
A Nigerian girl is kidnapped by Boko Haram and must fight to survive.

TEEN Poston, Ashley
The Princess and the Fangirl: A Geekerella Fairy Tale (Once Upon A Con, book 2)
An actress and a fangirl trade places to solve the mystery of a leaked script.

TEEN Ribay, Randy
Patron Saints of Nothing
17-year-old Jay travels to the Philippines to find the truth of his cousin's murder.

TEEN Zoboi, Ibi
Pride
Pride and Prejudice reimaged as by an Afro-Latinx girl in Brooklyn.

NON FICTION

TEEN 005.1 Gonzales and Houser
Girl Code: Gaming, Going Viral, and Getting it Done

TEEN 305.896 Hartfield
A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919

TEEN 363.25 Heos
Blood, Bullets, and Bones: The Story of Forensic Science from Sherlock Holmes to DNA

TEEN 759.9492 Heiligman
Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers

ADULT 796.52 Krakauer
Into Thin Air: a Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster

TEEN 951.9305 Lee
Every Falling Star: The True Story of How I Survived and Escaped North Korea

TEEN B Burcaw
Laughing at My Nightmare

TEEN B Engle
Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir

ADULT B Jahren
Lab Girl

TEEN B Samuelsson
Make It Messy: My Perfectly Imperfect Life



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