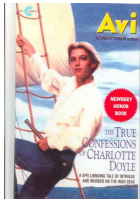


Young Adult *Adventure/Survival* Book List



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The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle

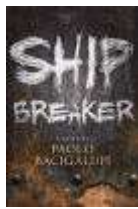
In 1832, thirteen-year-old Charlotte Doyle finds herself the only passenger and only female aboard a sailing ship bound from England to Rhode Island. Charlotte is drawn into a maelstrom of evil and danger when she joins the crew in a revolt against the captain.

Anderson, Laurie Halse
Fever 1793

Yellow fever is sweeping through Philadelphia, and for young Mattie, the epidemic begins with the sudden death of a friend.



Bacigalupi, Paolo
Ship Breaker



In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).



Bloor, Edward
Tangerine

Legally blind, Paul Fisher has lived most of his life in the shadow of his football star brother. But things change when they move to Tangerine County, where bizarre natural disasters are everyday occurrences, and Paul wins unlikely new friends on the soccer field. In a climactic ending, Paul finally confronts his parents with the truth about the brother he fears.

Bodett, Tom
Williwaw

In their father's absence, thirteen-year-old September and her younger brother Ivan disobey his orders by taking the boat out on their Alaska bay, where they are caught in a terrifying storm called a williwaw. (Summary from *NoveList.com*, March 2003)



Bouman, H.M.
The Remarkable and Very True Story of Lucy & Snowcap

In 1788, thirteen years after English convicts are shipwrecked on the magical islands of Tathenland, two twelve-year-old girls, one a native Colay, the other the child-governor of the English, set out on a journey to stop the treachery from which both peoples are suffering. (Summary from Destiny Follett, November 2009).



Buss, Fran Leeper
Journey of the Sparrows

The story of fifteen-year-old Maria Acosta, fleeing El Salvador with her sister and brother, is told in a devastating narrative.

Casanova, Mary
When Eagles Fall

Still coping with her brother's death and her parents' subsequent divorce, thirteen-year-old Alex finds herself stranded on a small, deserted island in Minnesota with an injured eaglet. (Summary from *NoveList.com*, March 2003)





Choldenko, Jennifer
No Passengers
Beyond This Point



With their house in foreclosure, sisters India and Mouse and brother Finn are sent to stay with an uncle in Colorado until their mother can join them, but when the plane lands, the children are welcomed by cheering crowds to a strange place where each of them has a perfect house and a clock that is ticking down the time. Summary from Follett Destiny, 2011)

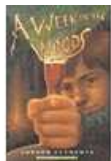
Christopher, Lucy
Stolen



Sixteen-year-old Gemma, a British city-dweller, is



abducted while on vacation with her parents and taken to the Australian outback, where she soon realizes that escape attempts are futile, and in time she learns that her captor is not as despicable as she first believed. (Summary from Follett Destiny, 2011).



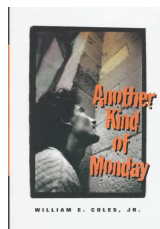
Clements, Andrew
A Week in the Woods

New student Mark Chelmsley is branded a slacker by his science teacher, Mr. Maxwell.

On the school's annual "Week in the Woods" camping trip, the two adversaries--rather predictably--become separated from the group and must spend the night alone in the woods. Though the plot and prose may be trite, Mark's transformation from "slacker" to outdoorsman is convincingly portrayed.

Coles, William E.
Another Kind of Monday

After finding a mysterious note in a library book, teenage Mark embarks on a complicated quest through Pittsburgh's historic



landmarks to find further clues.



Collins, Suzanne
The Hunger Games

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place. (Summary from Mackin.com, September 2008)

Collins, Suzanne
Mockingjay



Katniss Everdeen, having survived the Hunger Games twice, learns she and her family and friends are in danger because the Capitol holds her responsible for the unrest and races against time to protect those she cares about and the people of District 12. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).

Dashner, James
The Maze Runner

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape. (Summary from www.titlewave.com, November 2009).

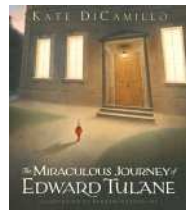


DiCamillo, Kate
The Magician's Elephant

When ten-year-old orphan Peter Augustus Duchene encounters a fortune teller in the marketplace one day who tells him that his sister, who is presumed dead, is in fact alive, he embarks on a remarkable series of adventures in an attempt to find her. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2009).

DiCamillo, Kate
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

Edward Tulane, is a spoiled, self-centered china rabbit who belongs to ten-year-old Abilene. One day, Abilene's grandmother tells her and Edward a strange fairy tale of a princess who does not know how to love. Days later, after falling overboard during the family's ocean vacation, Edward finds himself on a journey to discover what it means to love anything or anyone beyond himself.



the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack. (Summary from NoveList.com, March 2003)

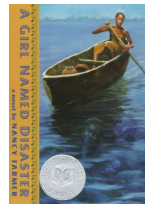
Grant, K.M
Blood Red Horse
Book 1 of the De Granville Trilogy

Special horse named Hosanna changes the lives of two English brothers and those around them as they fight with King Richard I against Saladin's armies during the Third Crusades.



Farmer, Nancy
A Girl Named Disaster

An extraordinarily rich novel set in contemporary Mozambique and Zimbabwe and featuring a most remarkable heroine. The story begins with her life in a traditional, remote village; follows her journey to escape an arranged marriage; and concludes with her experiences in "civilized" Zimbabwe.

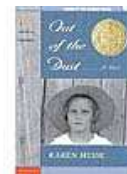


Grant, K.M.
Green Jasper
Book 2 of the De Granville Trilogy

Grant, K.M.
Blaze of Silver
Book 3 of the De Granville Trilogy

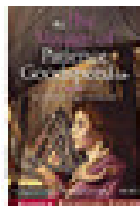
Hesse, Karen
Out of the Dust

In first-person free-verse poems, fourteen-year-old Billie Jo Kelby relates her Depression-era experiences in the Oklahoma panhandle.



Frederick, Heather Vogel
The Voyage of Patience Goodspeed

Following their mother's death in Nantucket, twelve-year-old Patience and six-year-old Tad board their father's whaling ship, where a new crew member incites a mutiny. Patience puts her mathematical ability to good use. Includes Patiences' diary entries of the voyage as well as two of Patiences' favorite recipes.

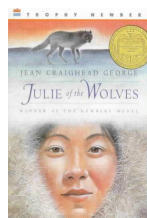


Hobbs, Will
The Big Wander

With help from a Navajo family and the staunch comradeship of a dog and burro, fifteen-year-old Clay tracks his lost uncle, ultimately locating him in jail. Clay manages to clear his uncle's name, save some wild mustangs and fight the bad guys.

George, Jean Craighead
Julie of the Wolves

While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on



Hobbs, Will
Crossing the Wire
Fifteen-year-old Victor Flores journeys north in a desperate attempt to cross the Arizona border and find work in the

United States to support his family in central Mexico.

Hobbs, Will
Downriver

Eight troubled teenagers embark on a survival camp expedition in which they ditch their adult leader and attempt to raft the white water of the Grand Canyon alone.



Hobbs, Will
Far North

Kumak and his family feel cramped in their small house. When he asks Aana Lulu for advice, she tells him to invite more and more Arctic animals to live with them. Only when he kicks out all the visitors does the house feel “just right.”

Hobbs, Will
Wild Man Island

Fourteen-year-old Andy, on a Southeast Alaska kayaking vacation, sets off to find the spot where his father had fallen to his death years earlier. A sudden gale sweeps his kayak onto the inhospitable shores of Admiralty Island. A Newfoundland dog leads him to a mysterious cave inhabited by a “wild man.”



Houston, James A.
Frozen Fire

Determined to find his father who has been lost in a storm, a young boy and his Eskimo friend brave wind storms, starvation, wild animals and wild men during their search in the Canadian Arctic. (Summary from *NoveList.com*, March 2003)



Ibbotson, Eva
Journey to the River Sea

In 1910, orphan Maia leaves her pleasant but lonely life at a London girls school to stay with recently discovered relatives in Brazil. The severe looking governess hired to accompany her turns out to have a heart of gold, but the relatives are as distasteful as they appear.

Lisle, Janet
Black Duck

Years afterwards, Ruben Hart tells the story of how, in 1929 Newport, Rhode Island, his family and his best friend's family were caught up in the violent competition among groups trying to control the local rum-smuggling trade. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, 2008).



Ives, David
Scrib

In the lawless West in 1863, 16-year-old Scrib makes his living by writing and delivering letters for "ill-letterates." Comic misspellings and wordplay abound, but Scrib takes his job seriously, saying his "perfeSSION" as a "letter writer's like a priest under the trained seals of confession." As Scrib travels by horseback, he senses that he is being followed, and his customers notify him that a stranger has been inquiring about him. Shoot-'em-up scenes follow as well as some poignant moments.



Jacques, Brian
Angel's Command

Ben, the immortal protagonist of *Castaways of the Flying Dutchman*, joins the crew of a pirate ship in a voyage marked by wild chases, dangerous attacks, and a mutinous crew. Upon arriving in France,

Ben searches for a young man kidnapped many years earlier by an evil local clan.



Lawrence, Iain
The Convicts

In Greek mythology, Lachesis was the Fate who measured the thread of a man's life. In Lawrence's story, Lachesis is an evil, ghostly prison ship. Young Tom Tin is convicted of murder and fated to prison time on the old hulk. Conditions are horrible, escape or pardon unlikely, and the best hope is to be transported, as Tom eventually is, to Van Diemen's Land. Later, when his father is sent to debtor's prison, Tom sets off to settle accounts with sinister Mr. Goodfellow.



Lawrence, Iain
The Smugglers

In eighteenth-century England, after his father buys a schooner called the Dragon, sixteen-year-old John sets out to sail it from Kent to London and becomes involved in a dangerous smuggling scheme. (Summary from *NoveList.com*, March 2003)

Lawrence, Iain
The Wreckers

In 1799 fourteen-year-old John Spencer survives a shipwreck on the coast of Cornwall. To his horror, he soon learns that the villagers are not rescuers, but pirates who lure ships ashore in order to plunder their cargoes.



Lerangis, Peter
Smiler's Bones

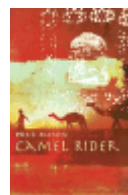
Explorer Robert Peary brings six Eskimos to a New York City museum to be a living exhibit. Qisuk, known as "Smiler," and his son Minik are part of the exhibit. Four of the Eskimos die, including Smiler, and one Eskimo returns

to Greenland. Minik spends twelve years at the museum amid lies and deception, in search of the truth and a way to survive.



Marsden, John
Tomorrow, When the War Began

Seven Australian teenagers return from a camping trip in the bush to discover that their country has been invaded and they must hide to stay alive. (Summary from Hennepin County Library @ hclib.com, 2007).

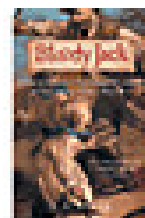


Mason, Pure
Camel Rider

Two expatriates living in a Middle Eastern country, twelve-year-old Adam from Australia and Walid from Bangladesh, must rely on one another when war breaks out and they find themselves in the desert, both trying to reach the same city with no water, little food, and no common language. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, February 2008).

Meyer, L.A.
Bloody Jack

Mary's family dies of the pestilence in the eighteenth century, forcing her to join a gang of ragamuffins living in London's underbelly. When the leader is killed, Mary dresses as a boy and gets a job in the Royal Navy, calling herself Jacky (which is changed to Bloody Jack when she kills a man).



Mikaelson, Ben
Red Midnight

Two Guatemalan siblings, twelve-year-old Santiago and four-year-old Angelina, witness the burning of their village and murder of their family during a military raid. The

children find their uncle's sailing canoe and undertake a treacherous journey to Florida.



Mikaelson, Ben
Touching Spirit Bear

After brutally beating a schoolmate, Cole Matthews is sent to live by himself on a remote Alaskan island as part of a "Circle Justice" offender program. The self-pitying teenager takes part in Native American rituals (though he's white) and aids in the recovery of the now-suicidal victim of his violence.



Ness, Patrick
The Knife of Never Letting Go

Todd, one month away from an important birthday, learns all the tough lessons of adulthood when he is forced to flee after discovering a secret near the town where he lives. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).

Paterson, Katherine
Bread and Roses, too

Jake and Rosa, two children, form an unlikely friendship as they try to survive and understand the 1912 Bread and Roses strike of mill workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, 2007).



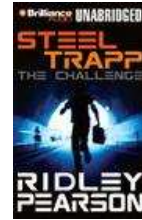
Paulsen, Gary
Soldier's Heart

The level of realism conveyed in this brief but powerful novel is rarely seen in children's books about the Civil War. The book is based on the life of Charley Goddard, a Minnesota boy who lies about his age and joins the Union army at the age of fifteen.



Pearson, Ridley
Steel Trapp: The Challenge

On a two-day train trip to enter his invention in the National Science Competition in Washington, D.C., fourteen-year-old Steven "Steel" Trapp, possessor of a remarkable photographic memory, becomes embroiled in an international plot of kidnapping and bribery that may have links to terrorists. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, September 2008).



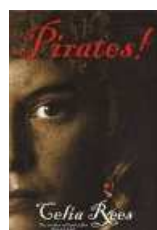
Peet, Mal
Penalty

As the city of San Juan pulses to summer's sluggish beat, its teenage soccer prodigy, El Brujito, the Little Magician, vanishes without a trace -- right after he misses a penalty kick and loses a big game for his team. Paul Faustino, South America's top sports reporter, is reluctantly drawn into the mystery of the athlete's disappearance. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, 2008) (Mature themes)



Pierce, Tamora
Cold Fire

Daja, the magical young metalsmith, faces down an arsonist in this addition to the series. The main tension is in the relationship that forms between the young mage and an older firefighter whose passion for training and leading fire brigades borders on obsession.



Rees, Celia
Pirates

In 1722, after arriving with her brother at the family's Jamaican plantation where she is to be married off, sixteen-year-old Nancy Kington escapes with her slave friend, Minerva Sharpe, and together

they become pirates traveling the world in search of treasure.



Rosoff, Meg
Brides Farewell

A young woman in 1850s rural England runs away from home on horseback the day she's to marry her childhood sweetheart.

Pell is from a poor preacher's family and she's watched her mother suffer for years under the burden of caring for an ever-increasing number of children. Pell yearns to escape the inevitable repetition of such a life. She understands horses better than people and sets off for Salisbury Fair. (Summary from Hennepin County, November 2009).



Ryan, Carrie
Dead Tossed Waves

Gabry lives a quiet life in a town trapped between a forest and the ocean, hemmed in by the dead who hunger for the living, but

her mother Mary's secrets, a cult of religious zealots who worship the dead, and a stranger from the forest who seems to know Gabry threaten to destroy her world. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).

Shahan, Sherry
Frozen Stiff

Cody and her cousin Derek take a covert kayaking trip in the Alaskan wilderness.

When an advancing glacier dams a fjord, the two kayakers are trapped. They fight hunger and snow blindness before receiving help from a mysterious couple who live in the remote woods.



Smith, Roland
Elephant Run

Nick endures servitude, beatings, and more after his British father's plantation in Burma is invaded by the Japanese in 1941, and when his father and others are taken prisoner and Nick is stranded with his friend Mya, they plan a daring escape on elephants, risking their lives to save Nick's father and Mya's brother from a Japanese prisoner of war camp. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, 2007)



Stead, Rebecca
First Light

When twelve-year-old Peter and his family arrive in Greenland for his father's research, he stumbles upon a secret his mother has been hiding from him all his life, and begins an adventure he never imagines possible. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, 2008)



Stephens, John
The Emerald Atlas

Kate, Michael, and Emma have passed from one orphanage to another in the ten years since their parents disappeared to protect them, but now they learn that they have special powers--and a fearsome enemy--and embark on a prophesied quest to find a magical book. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2011)



Taylor, Theodore
The Weirdo

Set in North Carolina's Great Dismal Swamp, this absorbing suspense story involves two



unusual teenagers who in trying to protect the swamp's bears, experience the hostility of local hunters and poachers.



Thesman, Jean
When the Road Ends

Employing some of the elements of a survival story, Thesman details the struggle of three vulnerable, castaway foster children to fend for themselves under the fretful charge of twelve-year-old Mary Jack, a constant worrywart.

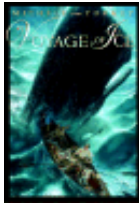
Thomas, Jane Rush
Blind Mountain

Unsure of himself and annoyed at having to spend a day climbing a Montana mountain with his bossy father, twelve-year-old Sam must become the guide on their perilous journey down when his carelessness temporarily blinds his father. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, 2008)



Torrey, Michele
Voyage of Ice

1849, fifteen-year-old Nick and his older brother, longing to be whalers, sign on as hands on the whaling ship Sea Hawk, and find that the journey is full of hardship and unexpected dangers. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, Oct. 2004)



Ward, David
Archipelago

Twelve-year-old Jonah and his mother are exploring the natural beauty of the Queen Charlotte Islands. One day, a mysterious girl appears wading in the waters near their float house, and an even more mysterious mist saves Jonah from his own plunge off a cliff top, Jonah is plunged into a time travel adventure that takes him back 14,000 years.

(Summary from *david.ward.ca/news.htm*. Oct 2009)

Weaver, Will
Memory Boy

In 2008, after a volcanic eruption plunges the country into ecological and social chaos, fifteen-year-old Miles and his family leave their home, traveling in an exotic vehicle that Miles invented. Their planned destination—the family cabin—has been taken over by squatters, so they must travel further north into rural Minnesota.

