

Young Adult “Listen Up” Book List



Denotes new titles recently added to the list

Adventure

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).



London, but after he is convicted of murder, Tom is eventually sent to Australia where he has a surprise reunion. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, 2006)

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).



Choldenko, Gennifer

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)



Rees, Celia

Pirates!

This riveting story set in 1722 is narrated by Nancy, daughter of a wealthy plantation owner and trader. It is not until Nancy is sent to live in one of their family estates in Jamaica that she truly sees how her family has acquired their staggering riches. Shocked and disgusted by her family, Nancy vows to make a change. After a succession of bizarre circumstances, Nancy, along with new best friend (house slave and secret half-sister) Minerva, leave the island and board a pirate ship where the pair become authentic pirates who fight for their lives.



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).



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).



Lawrence, Lain

The Convicts

His efforts to avenge his father's unjust imprisonment force fourteen-year-old Tom Tin into the streets of nineteenth-century

*Unless noted, summaries are from Mackin.com, 2006



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Fantasy



Armstrong, Kelley
Gathering

Sixteen-year-old Maya suspects there may be a link between her paw-print birthmark, her connection with wild animals, and the strange events occurring in her tiny Vancouver Island community, where a medical research facility harbors big secrets. (Summary from Follett Destiny, October 2011).



Forman, Gayle
Where She Went



Adam, now a rising rock star, and Mia, a successful cellist studying at Juilliard, are reunited in New York City and reconnect for the first time since Mia's near-fatal car accident three years earlier drove them apart. (Summary from Follett Destiny, October 2011)



Barron, T.A.
Lost Years of Merlin

A young boy who has no identity nor memory of his past, washes ashore on the coast of Wales and finds his true name after a series of fantastic adventures. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, 2006)



Barry, Dave
Peter and the Starcatchers

In this prequel to J.M. Barrie's "Peter Pan," Peter, an orphan, sets sail from England on the ship Never Land. On his trip, he befriends and assists Molly, a young Starcatcher. Molly's mission is to guard a trunk of magical stardust

from a greedy pirate and the native inhabitants of a remote island.

Beddor, Frank
The Looking Glass Wars

When she is cast out of Wonderland by her evil aunt Redd, young Alyss Heart finds herself living in Victorian Oxford as Alice Liddell and struggles to keep memories of her kingdom intact until she can return and claim her rightful throne. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, January 2008)



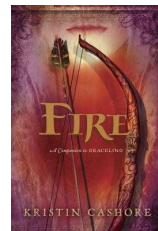
Black, Holly
White Cat

When Cassel Sharpe discovers that his older brothers have used him to carry out their criminal schemes and then stolen his memories, he figures out a way to turn their evil machinations against them. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).



Bray, Libba
Rebel Angels

Gemma and her friends from the Spence Academy return to the realms to defeat her foe, Circe, and to bind the magic that has been released.



Cashore, Kristen
Fire

In a kingdom called the Dells, Fire is the last human-shaped monster, with unimaginable beauty and the ability to control the minds of those around her, but even with these gifts she cannot escape the strife that overcomes her world. (Summary from Destiny Follett, November 2010).



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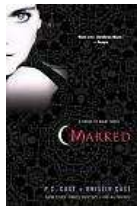
Cashore, Kristin **Graceling**

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace of killing and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king. (Summary from Destiny Follett, November 2009)

Marked

House of Night, Book 1

After being accepted as a fledgling vampire at the House of Night prep school and receiving special powers by a goddess, sixteen-year-old Zoey Montgomery discovers one of her peers is misusing her powers and must decide what the right thing to do is. (Summary from www.titlewave.com, November 2009).



Fisher, Catherine **Incarceron**

To free herself from an upcoming arranged marriage, Claudia, the daughter of the Warden of Incarceron, a futuristic prison with a mind of its own, decides to help a young prisoner escape. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).



Fitzpatrick, Becca **Crescendo**

Nora, concerned that she seems to be in danger more than the average high school student, and having decided she relies too much on her guardian angel, Patch, sets out to investigate what really happened the night her father left for Portland, Maine, and never came back. (Summary from Follett Destiny, October 2011).



Fitzpatrick, Becca **Hush, Hush**



High school sophomore Nora has always been very cautious in her relationships, but when Patch, who has a dark side she can sense, enrolls at her school, she is mysteriously and strongly drawn to him, despite warnings from her best friend, the school counselor, and her own instincts. (Summary from Follett Destiny, October 2011).



Gaiman, Neil **The Graveyard Book**

The orphan Bod, short for Nobody, is taken in by the inhabitants of a graveyard as a child of eighteen months and raised lovingly and carefully to the age of eighteen years by the community of ghosts and otherworldly creatures. (Follett, 2009)



Hale, Shannon **Enna Burning**

Enna hopes that her new knowledge of how to wield fire will help protect her good friend Isi--the Princess Anidori--and all of Bayern against their enemies, but the need to burn is uncontrollable and puts Enna and her loved ones in grave danger. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2009).

Hale, Shannon **Goose Girl**

On her way to marry a prince she's never met, Princess Anidori is betrayed by her guards and her lady-in-waiting and must become a goose girl to survive until she can reveal her true identity and reclaim the crown that is rightfully hers.





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Kittredge, Caitlin **The Iron Thorn**



In an alternate 1950s, mechanically gifted fifteen-year-old Aoife Grayson, whose family has a history of going mad at sixteen, must leave the totalitarian city of Lovecraft and venture into the world of magic to solve the mystery of her brother's disappearance and the mysteries surrounding her father and the Land of Thorn. (Summary from Follett Destiny, October 2011).



Klause, Annette Curtis **Freaks: Alive, On the Inside**

After leaving home in search of adventure, romance, and riches, seventeen-year-old Abel, the "normal" son of freak show entertainers, is haunted by a mysterious spirit. Summary from Hennepin County Library at hclib.org, 2007)

Landy, Derek **Skulduggery Pleasant**

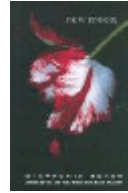
When twelve-year-old Stephanie inherits her weird uncle's estate, she must join forces with Skulduggery Pleasant, a skeleton mage, to save the world from the Faceless Ones. (Follett, 2009)



Leavitt, Martine **Keturah and Lord Death**



When Lord Death comes to claim sixteen-year-old Keturah while she is lost in the King's Forest, she charms him with her story and is granted a twenty-four hour reprieve in which to seek her one true love. (Summary from Hennepin County, Sept. 2008)



Meyer, Stephanie **New Moon**

When the Cullens, including her beloved Edward, leave Forks rather than risk revealing that they are vampires, it is almost too much for eighteen-year-old Bella to bear, but she finds solace in her friend Jacob until he is drawn into a "cult" and changes in terrible ways. (Summary from Hennepin County Library at hclib.org, 2007)



Meyer, Stephenie **Twilight**

When seventeen-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not wholly human.

Noël, Alyson **Evermore**

Since the car accident that claimed the lives of her family, sixteen-year-old Ever can see auras and hear people's thoughts, and she goes out of her way to hide from other people until she meets Damen, another psychic teenager who is hiding even more mysteries. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).



Rowling, J.K. **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows**

It all comes down to this - a final face-off between good and evil. You plan to pull out all the stops, but every time you solve one mystery, three more evolve. Do you stay the course you started, despite your lack of progress? Do you detour and follow a new lead that may not help? Do you listen to your instincts, or your friends? Lord Voldemort is preparing for



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battle and so must Harry. With Ron and Hermione at his side, he's trying to hunt down Voldemort's Horcruxes, escape danger at every turn, and find a way to defeat evil once and for all. How does it all end? (Summary from Hennepin County Library, 2008)

Rowling, J.K.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

As they travel through their sixth year at Hogwarts, Harry and his friends receive help from the mysterious Half-Blood Prince in their search for the complete story of how Tom Riddle became Lord Voldemort and find in the process what might be Voldemort's only vulnerability.



Smith, Cynthia Leitich
Tantalize

When multiple murders in Austin, Texas, threaten the grand re-opening of her family's vampire-themed restaurant, seventeen-year-old, orphaned Quincie worries that her best friend-turned-love interest, Keiren, a werewolf-in-training, may be the prime suspect. (Summary from Follett Destiny, October 2009)



Stiefvater, Maggie
Shiver

In all the years she has watched the wolves in the woods behind her house, Grace has been particularly drawn to an unusual yellow-eyed wolf who, in his turn, has been watching her with increasing intensity. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2009).



Taylor, Laini
Lips Touch: Three Times

Contains three short stores of supernatural



love, each focusing on a kiss that has consequences for the kissers' souls. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2011).

Williams, Maiya
The Golden Hour

When Rebekah's father leaves the family for another woman, Rebekeh's life is shattered, but she tries to stay strong with the help of her friends and neighbors.



Historical



Blundell, Judy
Strings Attached

When she drops out of school and struggles to start a career on Broadway in the fall of 1950, seventeen-year-old Kit Corrigan accepts help from an old family friend, a lawyer said to have ties with the mob, who then asks her to do some favors for him. (Summary from Follett Destiny, 2011)



Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker
Jefferson's Sons: a Founding Fathers Secret
Children

A fictionalized look at the last twenty years of Thomas Jefferson's life at Monticello through the eyes of three of his slaves, two of whom were his sons by his slave, Sally Hemings. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2011).



Choldenko, Gennifer
Al Capone Does My Shirts

In 1935, twelve-year-old Moose and his family move to Alcatraz Island, where his father has taken a job as an electrician for the prison in hopes of sending Moose's autistic sister, Natalie, to a special school in San Francisco. However, Natalie is





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denied admittance to the school, and her care consumes much of their mother's time. Since his father is always working, Moose's unhappiness and loneliness grow, until he becomes friends with the warden's captivating daughter, Piper. Piper persuades Moose to join her in a scheme to swindle their classmates: "Get your clothes laundered by Al Capone only 5 cents."

Cushman, Karen

Alchemy and Meggy Swann

Meggy Swann, a girl who walks with the aid of two sticks, arrives in Elizabethan London, along with her goose Louise, to stay with her father who really does not want her, and while he pursues his dream of transforming base metal into gold, Meggy undergoes a transformation herself. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).



Dogar, Sharon

Annexed

A fictional account of life with Anne Frank hidden in the secret annex from Peter's point-of-view, following as he becomes closer with Anne, begins to question his own religion, and is forced to suppress his own desires to join the fight. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).

Dowd, Siobhan

Bog Child

In 1981, the height of Ireland's "Troubles," eighteen-year-old Fergus is distracted from his upcoming A-level exams by his imprisoned brother's hunger strike, the stress of being a courier for Sinn Fein, and dreams of a murdered girl whose body he discovered in a bog. (Summary from Destiny Follett, November 2009).



Godbersen, Anna

Bright Young Things

In the spring of 1929, eighteen-year-old Cordelia Grey and her stage-struck friend Letty Larkspur run away from their small Ohio town to seek their fortunes in New York City and soon find themselves drawn into situations and relationships, particularly with the dazzling Astrid Donal, that change their lives forever. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).

Godbersen, Anna

Envy

Luxe Series: Book 3

At the dawn of the twentieth century, several families in New York remain stunned by the antics of mischievous socialites, including Henry, Penelope, and Lina. (Summary from Follett Destiny, Oct 2009)



Godbersen, Anna

Luxe

Luxe Series: Book 1

In 1899 Manhattan, the drowning of beautiful Elizabeth Holland, daughter of New York society's ruling family, brings to the surface the scandalous behavior of several teenagers of varying social class. (Summary from Follett Destiny, Oct 2009)

Godbersen, Anna

Rumors

Luxe Series: Book 2

After the death of Elizabeth Holland, all of New York speculates about her unfortunate demise and wonder what role her mischievous sister, Diana, and notorious cad Henry Schoonmaker played in the events leading up to her death. (Summary from Follett Destiny, Oct 2009)





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Godbersen, Anna
Splendor

Luxe: Book 4

In 1900 New York City, fashionable debutante Diana Holland and married soldier Henry Schoonmaker risk their place in society to be with one another. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2009)



Hoffman, Alice
Incantation

During the Spanish Inquisition, sixteen-year-old Estrella, brought up a Catholic, discovers her family's true Jewish identity, and when their secret is betrayed by Estrella's best friend, the consequences are tragic. (Follett, 2009)

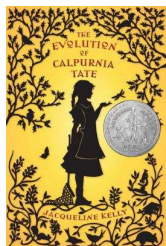
Gratz, Alan
Samurai Shortstop

While obtaining a Western education at a prestigious Japanese boarding school in 1890, sixteen-year-old Toyo also receives traditional samurai training which has profound effects on both his baseball game and his relationship with his father. (Summary from Hennepin County Library at hclib.org, 2007)



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, January 2008.)



Kelly, Jacqueline
The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate

In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather, the latter of which leads to an important discovery. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).



Morpurgo, Michael
Private Peaceful

When Thomas Peaceful's older brother is forced to join the British Army, Thomas decides to sign up as well, although he is only fourteen years old, to prove himself to his country, his family, his childhood love, Molly, and himself.

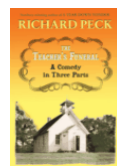
Nuzum, K.A.
The Leanin Dog

Eleven-year-old Dessa Dean, mourning the death of her mother, finds an injured dog on her porch, which allows both Dessa and the dog to heal together with a friendship that shapes both of their lives. (Summary from Follett Destiny, October 2009)



Hearn, Julie
Minister's Daughter

In 1645 in England, the daughters of the town minister successfully accuse a local healer and her granddaughter of witchcraft to conceal an out-of-wedlock pregnancy, but years later during the 1692 Salem trials their lie has unexpected repercussions.



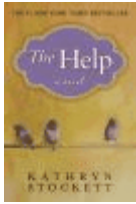
Peck, Richard
Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts

Upon learning of the death of his tyrannical teacher Miss Myrt



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Arbuckle, teen Russell Culver dreams that he will now be set free from his small confining school and town. The year is 1904, and Russell longs to leave his tiny Indiana farm town, for the Dakotahs. Unfortunately for Russell, another teacher is located and he has to stay and finish school. He is further horrified to learn that Miss Myrt's replacement is none other than his own sister, Tansy.



Stockett, Kathryn **The Help**

Skeeter returns home to Mississippi from college in 1962 and begins to write stories about the African-American women that are found working in white households, which includes Aibileen, who grieves for the loss of her son while caring for her seventeenth white child, and Minny, Aibileen's sassy friend, the hired cook for a secretive woman who is new to town. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).

Winspear, Jacqueline **Birds of a Feather**

London Private investigator Maisie Dobbs is hoping for some relaxation after a busy year, but in the early spring of 1930, Maisie is summoned to Dulwich to find a runaway heiress whose disappearance seems to be linked to the Great War. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2009).



Winspear, Jacqueline **Maisie Dobbs**

Maise Dobbs finds herself drawn back into the Great War when she begins investigating a recent crime. (Summary form Follett Destiny, November 2009)

Mystery



Brooks, Kevin **The Road of the Dead**

Two brothers, sons of an incarcerated gypsy, leave London traveling to an isolated and desolate village, in search of the brutal killer of their sister. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, 2008)

Bruchac, Joseph **Skeleton Man**

After her parents disappear and she is turned over to the care of a strange "great-uncle," Molly must rely on her dreams about an old Mohawk story for her safety and maybe even for her life.



Cabot, Meg **Reunion**

The RLS Angels are out for blood, and only Suze can stop them - since she's the only one who can see them. The four ghostly teenagers died in a terrible car accident, for which they blame Suze's classmate Michael... and they'll stop at nothing until he's joined them in the realm of the dead.



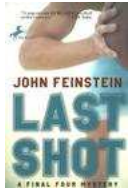
Carter, Ally **Heist Society**

Fifteen-year-old Kat schemes her way into the best boarding school, hoping to leave the thieving antics of her family behind her, but Hal, a former co-conspirator, appears on campus to tell Kat that a powerful mobster believes her father stole art from a priceless collection, and in order to save him, Kat will have to recover the paintings. (Summary from Follett Destiny, 2011)





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Feinstein, John
The Last Shot: A Final Four
Mystery

After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.

Price, Charlie
Dead Connection

A loner who communes with the dead in the town cemetery hears the voice of a murdered cheerleader and tries to convince the adults that he knows what happened to her. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).

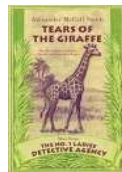


Ruiz Zafón, Carlos
The Prince of Mist

Max and Alicia Carver enlist the help of their friend Roland to explore the circumstances surrounding the mysterious haunting of a spirit named Jacob, the previous owner's son who drowned; but their search uncovers a sinister character who returns from beyond in order to collect a debt from the past. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).

Smith, Alexander McCall
Tears of the Giraffe

The owner of a detective agency in Botswana, Africa, Precious Ramotswe, accepts the marriage proposal of Mr. J.L.B. Matekoni, and later when she tries to find all of her family she discovers it has been enlarged by two.



Non-Fiction



Kamkwamba, William
The Boy Who Harnessed the
Wind

The author details how he ignored naysayers and was able to bring electricity and running water to his Malawian village when he built a makeshift windmill out of scrap metal and spare parts. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).

Mortenson, Greg
Three Cups of Tea

In 1993, Greg Mortenson tried to climb K2 in honor of his younger sister, but when another member of his group got sick, they turned around, and Greg became lost in the mountains of Pakistan. He wandered into a poor village, where the village chief and his people took him in. Moved by their kindness, he promised to return and build a school for the children. Over the next decade, he built more than sixty schools. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2009).



Runyon, Brent
The Burn Journals

Presents the true story of Brent Runyon, who at fourteen set himself on fire and sustained burns over eighty percent of his body and describes the months of physical and mental rehabilitation that followed as he attempted to pull his life together. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2011).





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Skloot Rebecca **The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks**

Examines the experiences of the children and husband of Henrietta Lacks,



who, twenty years after her death from cervical cancer in 1951, learned doctors and researchers took cells from her cervix without consent which were used to create the immortal cell line known as the HeLa cell; provides an overview of Henrietta's life; and explores issues of experimentation on African-Americans and bioethics. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2011).



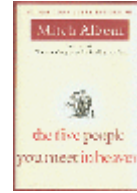
Walls, Jeanette **The Glass Castle**

Jeannette Walls tells the story about her childhood. She talks about living like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns,

camping in the mountains. Retreating to the dismal West Virginia mining town--and the family-- her father, Rex Walls, had done everything he could to escape. He drank. He stole the grocery money and disappeared for days. As the dysfunction of the family escalated, Jeannette and her brother and sisters had to fend for themselves, supporting one another as they weathered their parents' betrayals and, finally, found the resources and will to leave home. (Summary Hennepin County Library, 2006)

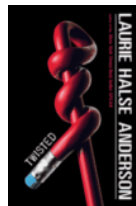
Albom, Mitch **5 People You Meet in Heaven**

Eddie is a grizzled war veteran who feels trapped in a meaningless life of fixing rides at a seaside amusement park.



As the park has changed over the years -- from the Loop-the-loop to the Pipeline plunge -- so, too, has Eddie changed, from optimistic youth to embittered old age. His days are a dull routine of work, loneliness, and regret. Then, on his 83rd birthday, Eddie dies in a tragic accident, trying to save a little girl from a falling cart. With his final breath, he feels two small hands in his -- and then nothing. He awakens in the afterlife, where he learns that heaven is not a lush Garden of Eden, but a place where your earthly life is explained to you by five people who were in it.

Anderson, Laurie Halse **Twisted**



After finally getting noticed by someone other than school bullies and his ever-angry father, seventeen-year-old Tyler enjoys his tough new reputation and the attentions of a popular girl, but when life starts to go bad again, he must choose between transforming himself or giving in to his destructive thoughts.

(Summary from Hennepin County Library, January 2008) (Mature)

Realistic



Alexie, Sherman **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-

white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, Sept. 2008)

Brashares, Ann **Girls in Pants: The Third Summer of the Sisterhood**

The third installment of the series takes place the summer after high school graduation before the friends - Tibby,



Bee, Lena, and Carmen - separate and go to college. Each girl is a thoughtful, articulate, attractive person with her own set of talents and interests. The four girls are linked by a



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lifetime of memories and a magical pair of pants that bring out the best in the girl wearing them.

Choldenko, Gennifer **If a Tree Falls at Lunch** **Period**

Kirsten and Walk, seventh-graders at an elite private school, take turns discussing issues that affect their lives such as race, wealth, weight, and bullies. Then Kirsten and Walk discover a long-kept secret about themselves that changes their lives forever.



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).



Cormier, Robert **Chocolate War**

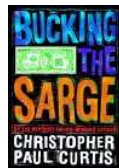


A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual fund raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies.

(Summary from Hennepin County Library, 2006)

Curtis, Christopher Paul **Bucking The Sarge**

In Curtis's latest offering set in his hometown of Flint, Michigan, fifteen-year-old Luther Farrell discusses his life in-depth. Luther's most troubled relationship is with his



mother (whom he refers to as the "Sarge"). The Sarge is well-known in the community as a slum lord, loan-shark, and overall unscrupulous business woman. Although the Sarge works hard at trying to recruit her son into the family business, Luther demonstrates great fortitude; he dreams of a better (legitimate) life for himself.



Dessen, Sarah **Along For the Ride**

Auden gets a chance to recapture the carefree teen life she missed while her parents were going through a divorce when she goes to spend the summer with her dad and his new family in a charming beach town and meets fellow insomniac Eli, an intriguing loner fighting demons of his own. (Summary from Destiny Follett, November 2009).

Downham, Jenny **Before I Die**

A terminally ill teenaged girl makes and carries out a list of things to do before she dies. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, January 2008) (Mature)



Efaw, Amy **After**

Devon Davenport is a straight-A student and prominent player on her school's soccer team, but when she is linked to an abandoned baby found in the trash she is accused of attempted murder. Mature Theme. (Summary from Destiny Follett, November 2009).



Elkeles, Sumone **Perfect Chemistry**

When wealthy, seemingly perfect Brittany and Alex Fuentes, a gang member from the other side of





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town, develop a relationship after Alex discovers that Brittany is not exactly who she seems to be, they must face the disapproval of their schoolmates--and others. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2011).

Mature



Flake, Sharon
The Broken Bike Boy & the Queen on 33rd Street

Ten-year-old Queen, a spoiled and conceited African American girl who is disliked by most of her classmates, learns a lesson about friendship from an unlikely "knight in shining armor." (Summary from Hennepin County Library, January 2008)

Forman, Gayle

If I Stay

While in a coma following an automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, seventeen-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death. (Summary from Follett Destiny, October 2009)



Forman, Gayle

Where She Went

Adam, now a rising rock star, and Mia, a successful cellist studying at Juilliard, are reunited in New York City and reconnect for the first time since Mia's near-fatal car accident three years earlier drove them apart. (Summary from Follett Destiny, October 2011)



Friend, Natasha
Perfect

Following the death of her father, a thirteen-year-old uses

bulimia as a way to avoid her mother's and ten-year-old sister's grief, as well as her own. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, January 2008)

Gallagher, Liz
Opposite of Invisible

Artistic Seattle high school sophomore Alice decides to emerge from her cocoon and date a football player, which causes a rift between her and her best friend, a boy who wants to be more than just friends. (Summary from Hennepin County, Sept. 2008)



Going, K.L.
Saint Iggy

Iggy Corso, who lives in city public housing, is caught physically and spiritually between good and bad when he is kicked out of high school, goes searching for his missing mother, and causes his friend to get involved with the same dangerous drug dealer who deals to his parents. (Summary from Hennepin County Library at hclib.org, 2007)



Greenwald, Tommy
Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading

Middle schooler Charlie Joe is proud of his success at avoiding reading, but eventually his schemes go too far. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2011)



Haworth, Danette
Violet Raines Almost Got Struck By Lightning

In 1970's Florida, eleven-year-old Violet's world is turned upside down by the arrival of a girl from Detroit who seems bent on stealing Violet's best friends. (Summary from Destiny Follett, October 2009)



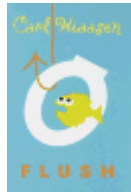
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Hiaasen, Carl **Flush**

With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.

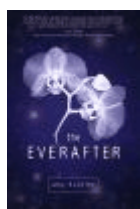


Horvath, Polly **My One Hundred Adventures**

Twelve-year-old Jane, who lives at the beach in a run-down old house with her mother, two brothers, and sister, has an eventful summer accompanying her pastor on Bible deliveries, meeting former boyfriends of her mother's, and being coerced into babysitting for a family of ill-mannered children. (Follett, 2009)

Hosseini, Khaled **A Thousand Splendid Suns**

Mariam and her mother live an isolated existence on the outskirts of a small town in Afghanistan because Mariam is the illegitimate daughter of the town's richest man. When her mother dies, fifteen-year-old Mariam is betrothed to a cobbler in the faraway city of Kabul. After several years of a childless marriage, Mariam's husband marries a second wife, a girl whose boyfriend has fled to the refugee camps in Pakistan. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, January 2008)



Huntley, Amy **Everafter**

After her death, seventeen-year-old Maddy finds a way to revisit moments in her life by using objects that she lost while she was alive, and she thereby attempts to figure out the



complicated emotions, events, and meaning of her existence. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010)

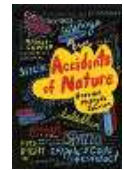
Korman, Gordon **Schooled**

Homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Capricorn (Cap) Anderson has never watched television, tasted a pizza, or even heard of a wedgie. But when his grandmother lands in the hospital, Cap is forced to move in with a guidance counselor and attend the local middle school. While Cap knows a lot about tie-dyeing and Zen Buddhism, no education could prepare him for the politics of public school. (Summary from Hennepin County, Sept. 2008)



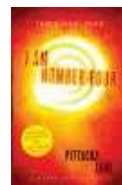
Johnson, Harriet McBryde **Accidents of Nature**

Having always prided herself on blending in with "normal" people despite her cerebral palsy, seventeen-year-old Jean begins to question her role in the world while attending a summer camp for children with disabilities. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, 2006)



Lockhart, E **The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks**

Frankie Landau-Banks attempts to take over a secret, all-male society at her exclusive prep school, and her antics with the group soon draw some unlikely attention and have unexpected consequences that could change her life forever. (Follett, 2009)



Lore, Pittacus **I am Number Four**

In rural Ohio, friendships and a beautiful girl prove distracting to a fifteen-year-old who has hidden on Earth for ten years waiting to develop the Legacies, or





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powers, he will need to rejoin the other six surviving Garde members and fight the Mogadorians who destroyed their planet, Lorien. (Summary from Follett Destiny, 2011).



Lupica, Mike
Travel Team

After he is cut from his travel basketball team--the very same team that his father once led to national prominence--twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, 2006)

Mackler, Carolyn
Vegan Virgin Valentine

Mara's niece, who is only one-year-younger, moves in bringing conflict between the two teenagers because of their opposite personalities.



MacLean, Jill
Present Tense of Prinnie Murphy

Prinnie, struggling to deal with her alcoholic mother, distracted father, a best friend with a new girlfriend, schoolyard bullies, and remedial reading lessons with the dour Mrs. Dooks, gets a reprieve when a substitute teacher introduces her to poetry. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).



Marchetta, Melina
The Pipers Son

After his favorite uncle's violent death, Tom Mackee watches his family implode, quits school, and turns his back on music and everyone who matters, and while he is in no shape to mend what is broken, he fears that no one

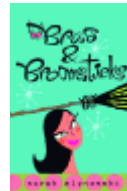


else is, either. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2011). Mature

Martin, Ann
Everything for a Dog



In parallel stories, Bone, an orphaned dog, finds and loses a series of homes, Molly, a family pet, helps Charlie through the grief and other after-effects of his brother's death, and lonely Henry pleads for a dog of his own. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2009).

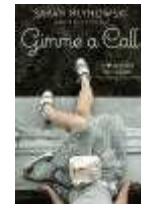


Mlynowski, Sarah
Bras and Broomsticks

Living in New York City with her mother and her younger sister, Miri, fourteen-year-old Rachel tries to persuade Miri, who has recently become a witch, to help her become popular at school and to try to stop their divorced father's wedding. What if all your wishes could come true? Blink your eyes, drink a fizzing pink potion, and poof! Life is perfect. That's Rachel's situation. Except she's not the one who suddenly has magical powers.

Mlynowski, Sarah
Gimme a Call

After accidentally dropping her cell phone into a fountain at the mall, fourteen-year-old Devi Banks starts to get phone calls--and an earful of advice on how to live her life to avoid making disastrous choices--from her seventeen-year-old self. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).



Myers, Walter Dean
The Cruisers

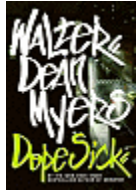


Friends Zander, Kambui, LaShonda, and Bobbi, caught in the middle of a mock Civil War at DaVinci Academy, learn the true cost of freedom of speech when they use their alternative



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newspaper, *The Cruisers*, to try to make peace. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).



Myers, Walter Dean

Dope Sick

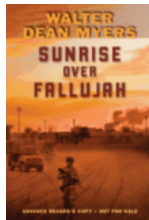
Seeing no way out of his difficult life in Harlem, seventeen-year-old Jeremy "Lil J" Dance flees into a house after a drug deal goes awry

and meets a strange man who reveals different turning points in Lil J's life when he could have made better choices. (Summary from Follett Destiny, October 2009)

Myers, Walter Dean

Sunrise Over Fallujah

Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, Sept. 2008)

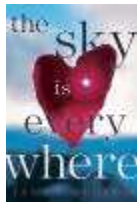


Myracle, Lauren

Twelve

Winnie relates the events of her twelfth year and the many changes in her relationships and in her attitude toward growing up.

(Follett, 2009)



Nelson, Jandy

The Sky is Everywhere

In the months after her sister dies, seventeen-year-old Lennie falls into a love triangle and discovers the strength to follow

her dream of becoming a musician. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).

Mature.

Oliver, Lauren

Before I Fall

After she dies in a car crash, teenage Samantha relives the day of her death over and over again until, on the seventh day, she finally discovers a way to save herself. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010). **Mature.**



Patron, Susan

The Higher Power of Lucky

Fearing that her legal guardian plans to abandon her to return to France, ten-year-old aspiring scientist Lucky Trimble determines to run away while also continuing to seek the Higher Power that will bring stability to her life. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, January 2008.)



Picoult, Jodi

My Sister's Keeper

Anna Fitzgerald is thirteen and is suing, along with her lawyer Campbell Alexander, her parents for the rights over her own body. Anna's sister has a rare form of leukemia, and over the years Anna has donated blood and bone marrow, but now that she needs one of Anna's kidneys, Anna decides not to give it to her.



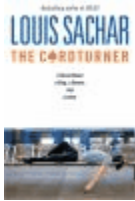
Reinhardt, Dana

A Brief Chapter in my Impossible Life

Sixteen-year-old atheist Simone Turner-Bloom's life changes in unexpected ways when her parents convince her to make contact with her biological mother, an agnostic from a Jewish family who is losing her battle with cancer. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, January 2008)



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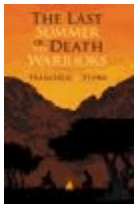


Sachar, Louis
The Cardturner: a novel about a king, a queen, and a joker

When his wealthy uncle, a champion bridge player who has lost his vision, asks seventeen-year-old Alton to be a cardturner for him, Alton has no idea how much he will ultimately learn from his eccentric relative. Includes appendix by Syd Fox with information about bridge. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).

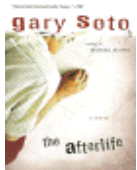
Scott, Elizabeth
Love You Hate You Miss you

After coming out of alcohol rehabilitation, sixteen-year-old Amy sorts out conflicting emotions about her best friend Julia's death in a car accident for which she feels responsible. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).



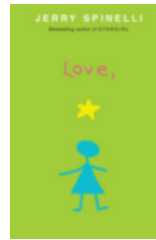
Stork, Francisco
The Last Summer of the Death Warriors

Seventeen-year-old Pancho is bent on avenging the senseless death of his sister, but after he meets D.Q, who is dying of cancer, and Marisol, one of D.Q.'s caregivers, both boys find their lives changed by their interactions. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).



Soto, Gary
Afterlife

A senior at East Fresno High School, Chuy, lives on as a ghost after his brutal murder in the restroom of a dance club. Chuy watches as his family and friends cope with his untimely and unprovoked death. Especially shocking to Chuy, is his mother's reaction; she asks Chuy's cousin to kill her son's assailant.



Spinelli, Jerry
Love, Stargirl

Still moping months after being dumped by her Arizona boyfriend Leo, fifteen-year-old Stargirl, a home-schooled free spirit, writes "the world's longest letter" to Leo, describing her new life in Pennsylvania. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, January 2008).

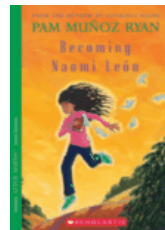
Ritter, John
The Boy Who Saved Baseball

The fate of a small California town rests on the outcome of one baseball game, and Tom Gallagher hopes to lead his team to victory with the secrets of the now disgraced player, Dante Del Gato.



Ryan, Pam Munoz
Becoming Naomi Leon

When Naomi's unstable mother Skyla resurfaces after a long absence, the fifth-grader along with her younger brother, Owen, and caregiver, (and great-grandmother) Gram are suspicious of Skyla's intentions. Their fears are confirmed when Skyla and her new boyfriend, Clive, attempt to take Naomi with them so they can collect more welfare money and make her baby-sit Clive's baby.



Walls, Jeannette
Half Broke Horses: a true-life novel

Lily Casey Smith grows up breaking horses with her father and leaves home at fifteen to ride five hundred miles in order to teach in a frontier town before encountering various difficulties, marrying a rancher, and speaking out against prejudice in various parts of the



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U.S. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).

Ward, Rachel **Numbers**



Fifteen-year-old Jem knows when she looks at someone the exact date they will die, so she avoids relationships and tries to keep out of the way, but when she meets a boy named Spider and they plan a day out together, they become more involved than either of them had planned. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).

Weeks, Sarah **Jumping the Scratch**



After moving with his mother to a trailer park to care for an injured aunt, eleven-year-old Jamie Reardon struggles to cope with a deeply buried secret.



Westerfield, Scott **So Yesterday**

Hunter Braque, a New York City teenager who is paid by corporations to spot what is "cool," combines his analytical skills with girlfriend Jen's creative talents to find a missing person and thwart a conspiracy directed at the heart of consumer culture. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, 2006)



Zevin, Gabrielle **Elsewhere**

After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to "live." (Summary Hennepin County Library, 2006)

Science Fiction



Bachorz, Pam **Drought**



Ruby Prosser longs for escape from the Congregation and the early-nineteenth-century lifestyle the community practices, even though she knows the Congregants need her blood to survive, but when she meets Ford, the new Overseer, who holds the promise to access to the modern world, her will to stay weakens. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2011).



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).

Significant Challenges

Haddon, Mark **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time**



Narrated by a 15-year-old autistic savant obsessed with Sherlock Holmes, this dazzling novel weaves together an old-fashioned mystery, a contemporary coming-of-age story, and a fascinating excursion into a mind incapable of processing emotions. (Summary from Hennepin County Library at hclib.org, 2007)



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Stork, Francisco

Marcelo in the Real World

Marcelo Sandoval, a seventeen-year-old boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum, faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father in the mailroom of a corporate law firm. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2009).