

Young Adult *Mystery* Book List



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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

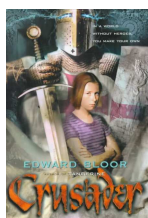
Corrigan accepts help from an old family friend, a lawyer said to have ties with the mob, who then asks her to do some favors for him. (Summary from Follett Destiny, 2011)



safety and maybe even for her life.

Cabot, Meg
Haunted

Sixteen-year-old Susannah Simon is a mediator, one who communicates with the dead, and she also happens to be in love with Jesse, a nineteenth-century ghost.



Bloor, Edward
Crusader

After a violent virtual-reality game arrives at the mall arcade where she works, fifteen-year-old Roberta finds the courage to search out the person who murdered her mother.

Brookes, Kevin

Black Rabbit Summer

When two of sixteen-year-old Pete's childhood classmates disappear from a carnival the same night, he is a suspect, but his own investigation implicates other old friends he was with that evening--and a tough, knife-wielding enemy determined to keep him quiet. (Summary from Hennepin County, Sept. 2008)



Clement-Moore, Rosemary
Prom Date From Hell



High school senior and yearbook photographer Maggie thought she would rather die than go to prom, but when a classmate summons a revenge-seeking demon, she has

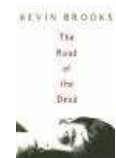
no choice but to buy herself a dress and prepare to face jocks, cheerleaders, and Evil Incarnate. (Summary from Follett Destiny, Oct 2009)

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. (Summary from Hennepin County, 2006)



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)



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



Buchac, 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



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the paintings. (Summary from Follett
Destiny, 2011)

Cooney, Caroline

The Face on the Milk Carton

A photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity.

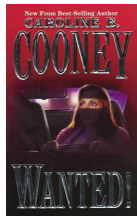


murder of a pregnant young woman--that inspired Dreiser's (*An American Tragedy*). (Summary from Horn Book Guide online, October 2003.)

Giberga, Jane Sughrue

Friends to Die For

Sixteen-year-old Cristina is forced to evaluate her sophisticated world of elegant New York apartments, private schools, and rich friends when a girl she knows is murdered after a party they both attended.



Cooney, Caroline

Wanted

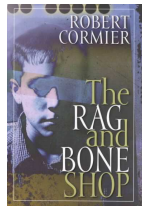
Alice Robie's father has been murdered, and the police have an e-mail message in which Alice confesses to the crime. When her own mother suspects her, Alice

has no choice but to flee in the hope of proving her innocence.

Cormier, Robert

The Rag and Bone Shop

Trent, an ace interrogator from Vermont, works to procure a confession from an introverted twelve-year-old accused of murdering his seven-year-old friend in Monument, Massachusetts.



Gilstrap, John

Nathan's Run

Twelve-year-old Nathan Bailey, an escapee from a juvenile detention center who has been accused of killing a guard, becomes the center of a national dialogue on violent youth crime, the object of a nationwide manhunt, and the target of a professional killer.



Davidson, Nicole

Crash Landing

Kelly and a group of friends head to the mountains for a ski trip, despite terrifying memories of a weekend of being stalked by a killer and the death of a close friend. Kelly's

glimpse of a familiar face strikes panic in her heart and a returned fear of a crazed killer.



Hautman, Pete and Logue, Mary

Snatched

Too curious for her own good, Roni, crime reporter for her high school newspaper, teams up with Brian, freshman science geek, to investigate the beating and kidnapping of a classmate.

Donnelly, Jennifer

A Northern Light

Should sixteen-year-old Mattie stay in her insular community and become a wife and mother, or should she strike out for the freedom and intellectual stimulation of the big city? A murder helps her make up her mind. Set in upstate New York in 1906, this ambitious historical novel incorporates the same real-life crime--the



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)



Logue, Mary

Blood Country

After the death of her husband in a hit-and-run accident, police officer Claire Watkins and her daughter



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Meg move to the small, quiet town of Fort St. Antoine, Wisconsin, but Claire's quiet life is shattered when she discovers her neighbor has been murdered.

McNish, Cliff

Breathe: A Ghost Story

When he and his mother move into an old farmhouse in the English countryside, asthmatic, twelve-year-old Jack discovers that he can communicate with the ghosts inhabiting the house and inadvertently establishes a relationship with a tormented, malevolent spirit that threatens to destroy both his mother and himself.



Michaels, Rune

Genesis Alpha: A Thriller

Max and Josh are extremely close brothers despite a several-year age difference. When Max was a young child, he was diagnosed with cancer, and Josh was conceived in order to give Max his life-saving stem cells. Thirteen years later, the two brothers stay in touch while Max is at college by playing Genesis Alpha online late at night. Their lives change forever when Max is accused of murdering a girl and goes to jail. Josh is heartbroken knowing his idol is locked up and begins to wonder whether or not all of this is somehow his fault. (Summary from mackin.com, January 2008)



Mulligan, Andy

Trash

A group of fourteen-year-old boys, who make a living picking garbage from the outskirts of a large city, finds something special and mysterious that brings terrifying consequences. (Summary from Follett Destiny, September 2011).



Patrick, Cat

Forgotten



Sixteen-year-old London Lane forgets everything each night and must use notes to struggle through the day, even to recall her wonderful boyfriend, but she "remembers" future events and as her "flashforwards" become more disturbing she realizes she must learn more about the past lest it destroy her future. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2011).

Peet, Mal

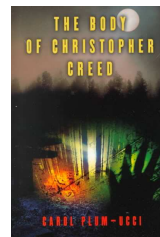
Penalty

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. (Mature)



Plum-Ucci, Carol

The Body of Christopher Creed

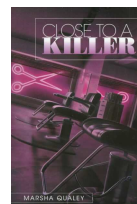


Torey Adams, a high school junior with a seemingly perfect life, struggles with doubts and questions surrounding the mysterious disappearance of the class outcast.

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).



Qualey, Marsha

Close to a Killer

Seventeen-year-old Barrie finds herself involved in a string of



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murders that are somehow connected to her mother's hair salon.

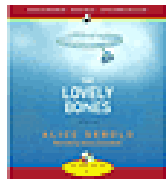


Ruiz Zafón, Carlos
The Prince of Mist

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).

Sebold, Alice
The Lovely Bones

Looking down from heaven, 14-year-old Susie Salmon recounts her rape and murder and watches her family as they cope with their grief and "the lovely bones" growing around her absence.

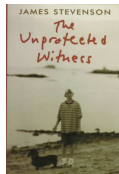


Stead, Rebecca
When You Reach Me

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2009).

Stevenson, James
The Unprotected Witness

After the murder of his father, who has been hiding under the Witness Protection Program, Pete finds himself the target of sinister men who seem to think he knows where a large sum of money is hidden.

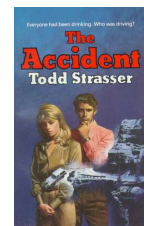


Stewart, Trenton Lee
The Mysterious Benedict Society

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. (Summary from Hennepin County, Sept. 2008)

Strasser, Todd
The Accident

After four of his friends leave a beer party and suffer a fatal accident, eighteen-year-old Matt senses something peculiar about the police investigation and suspects a cover-up to hide the identity of who was really responsible.

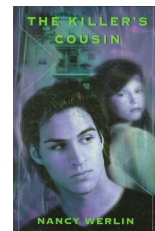


Roberts, Willo Davis
Nightmare

When a falling body strikes Nick's car as he drives under an overpass, the police call the man's death a suicide, but Nick suspects murder and finds his life in danger when he tries to investigate.

Werlin, Nancy
The Killer's Cousin

After being acquitted of murder, seventeen-year-old David goes to stay with relatives in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he finds himself forced to face his past as he learns more about his strange young cousin Lily.



Whitley, David
Midnight Charter

In the city of Agora, where everything can be bought and sold, two children stumble upon the mysterious and dangerous Midnight Charter and play their unique part in their society's future as they learn who they can



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trust. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).

Winspear, Jacqueline

Birds of a Feather

It is now the early Spring of 1930. [Detective Inspector] Stratton [of Scotland Yard] is investigating a murder case in Coulsdon, while Maisie [Dobbs] has been summoned to Dulwich to find a runaway heiress. The woman is the daughter of Joseph Waite, a wealthy self-made man who has lavished her with privilege but kept her in a gilded cage. His domineering ways have driven her off before, and now she's bolted again. Waite's instructions are to find his daughter and bring her home. When Maisie looks into the disappearance she's finds a chilling link to Stratton's murder case, and to the terrible legacy of The Great War.

