

Young Adult Science Fiction Book List



Denotes new titles recently added to the list



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).

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

Taken

In 2036, kidnapping rich children has become a lucrative industry. When 13-year-old Charity Meyers is taken and held for ransom, she is confident from her kidnapping training that if she just remains calm, her parents will pay the ransom in the prescribed 24 hours and she will be freed. (Summary from Mackin online, January 2008)



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).



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)



Collins, Suzanne

Catching Fire

By winning the annual Hunger Games, District 12 tributes Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark have secured a life of

safety and plenty for themselves and their families, but because they won by defying the rules, they unwittingly become the faces of an impending rebellion. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2009).



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 loc.gov, Sept. 2008)



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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).



drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States. (Summary from Hennepin County Library Jan. 2005)

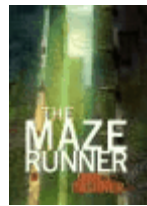
Goldman, E.M.

The Night Room

When a group of students uses an experimental computer program that simulates their tenth high school reunion, they get an unsettling look at their possible futures. (Summary



from Library of Congress, 2004)



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).

Haddix, Margaret Peterson
Among the Hidden



In a society where family size is strictly limited to two children, Luke is a third child. Living in an attic bedroom to avoid being seen by authorities, Luke peers through an outside vent and observes another “shadow child”

hiding in a nearby home. He begins a secret friendship with Jen, who plans to rebel against the government system.



DeStefano, Lauren
Wither
Chemical Garden Trilogy; Book 1

After modern science turns every human into a genetic time bomb with men dying at age twenty-five and women dying at age twenty, girls are kidnapped and married off in order to repopulate the world. (Summary from Follett Destiny, October 2011).



Haddix, Margaret Peterson
Turnabout

At the end of the 20th century, a group of nursing home residents is given an experimental injection that reverses aging. Throughout the next century, Melly and Anny Beth grow progressively younger until—as teenagers in 2085—they face the prospect of reverting to childhood, then infancy.



Farmer, Nancy

The House of Scorpion

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt



Hautman, Pete
Hole in the Sky

In a future world ravaged by a mutant virus, sixteen-year-old Ceej and three other teenagers seek to save the Grand Canyon from being flooded, while trying to avoid capture by a band of renegade





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Survivors. (Summary from Library of Congress, 2004)

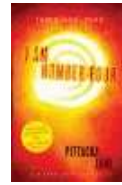
(Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2009).



Hautman, Peter

Rash

in a future society that has decided it would "rather be safe than free," sixteen-year-old Bo's anger control problems land him in a tundra jail where he survives with the help of his running skills and an artificial intelligence program named Bork. (Summary from hclib.com, 2006)



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 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).



Kittredge, Caitlin

The Iron Thorn

In an alternate 1950s, mechanically gifted fifteen-year-old Aoife Grayson, whose family has a



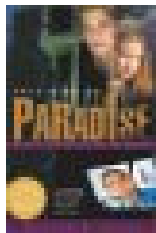
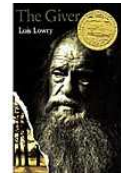
history of going mad at sixteen, must leave the totalitarian city of Lovecraft and venture into the world of magic to solve the mystery of her brother's disappearance and the mysteries surrounding her father and the Land of Thorn. (Summary from Follett Destiny, October 2011).

Lowry, Lois

The Giver

The story takes place in a nameless, utopian community, at an unidentified future time.

Although life seems perfect—there is no hunger, no disease, no pollution, no fear—the reader becomes uneasily aware all is not well. The theme of balancing the values of freedom and security is beautifully presented.



Layne, Steven

This Side of Paradise

The story is told in a wry contemporary voice by high-school junior Jack, who joins with his rebellious grandmother and resists his dad's plans to force the family

into Paradise. What must Dad do to make them fit in there? (Summary from Amazon.com, Oct. 2004)

Meyer, Stephenie

The Host

Melanie, whose mind has been almost completely taken over by an alien named Wanderer, convinces the alien to search for

her lost lover, who fled the extraterrestrial invasion, and tries to find a way in which she and Wanderer can coexist. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2009).



Logue, Mary

Dancing with an Alien

A teenage boy from outer space travels to earth on a mission to help save his planet, and ultimately he falls in love, causing his mission to fail.



Michaels, Rune

Genesis Alpha

When thirteen-year-old Josh's beloved older brother, Max, is arrested for murder, the victim's sister leads Josh to evidence of

Max's guilt--and her own--hidden in their favorite online role-playing game and Josh,



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who was conceived to save Max's life years earlier, must consider whether he shares that guilt. (Summary from Follett Destiny, October 2009)

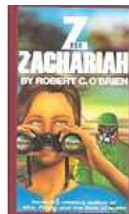


Ness, Patrick
The Knife of Never Letting Go

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).

O'Brien, Robert
Z for Zachariah

Seemingly the only person left alive after a nuclear war, a sixteen-year-old girl is relieved to see a man arrive into her valley until she realizes he is a tyrant, and she must somehow escape.



Oliver, Lauren
Delirium

Lena looks forward to receiving the government-mandated cure that prevents the delirium of love and leads to a safe, predictable, and happy life, until ninety-five days before her eighteenth birthday and her treatment, when she falls in love. (Summary from Follett Destiny, 2011).



Pearson, Mary
The Adoration of Jenna Fox

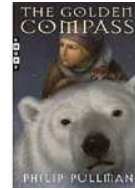
In the not-too-distant future, when biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, a seventeen-year-old girl, recovering from a serious accident and suffering from memory lapses, learns a



startling secret about her existence. (Summary from Hennepin County, Sept. 2008)

Pullman, Philip
The Golden Compass

In Lyra's world, similar to our own but with some important differences, each human has a *daemon*—an animal familiar with whom one's life and destiny are entwined. Lyra and her daemon, Pantalaimon, have a great destiny in this sweeping, suspenseful fantasy novel, the first in a trilogy.



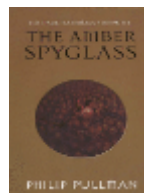
Pullman, Philip
The Subtle Knife

As the boundaries between worlds begin to dissolve, Lyra and her daemon help Will Parry in his search for his father and for a powerful, magical knife. Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2009.



Pullman, Philip
The Amber Spyglass

The conclusion to Pullman's trilogy delivers much of what was promised in the preceding cliffhangers. Most of the characters—beloved, bedeviled or both—return to continue their fateful roles.



Roth, Veronica
Divergent

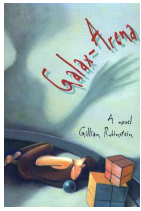
In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2011).





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Rubinstein, Gillian **Galax-Arena**



Kidnapped from an Australian train station, Joella, Peter and Liane are taken on a rocket to the Galax-Arena, where children stolen from Earth perform death-defying stunts for the amusement of the planet

Vexak's inhabitants. (Summary from *NovelList online fiction guide*, March 2003.)

Ryan, Carrie, **The Forest of Hands and Teeth**

Through twists and turns of fate, orphaned Mary seeks knowledge of life, love, and especially what lies beyond her walled village and the surrounding forest, where dwell the Unconsecrated, aggressive flesh-eating people who were once dead. (Summary from Follett Destiny, October 2009)



Shusterman, Neal **The Dark Side of Nowhere**

Clued in by the mysterious death of a classmate, Jason begins to suspect all is not what it seems in his boring small-town existence and ever-pleasant family life. It turns out his family and many of the other folks in town are aliens, the advance guard of a conquering race.



Stahler Jr., David **Truesight**

In his debut novel, Stahler vividly imagines a future where genetic engineering has taken a startling turn. In a utopian community of the blind, one remarkable young man will discover just how much there is to see--if only he is willing to look.

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)

Vande Velde, Vivian **Heir Apparent**

While playing a total immersion virtual reality game of kings and intrigue, fourteen-year-old Giannine learns that demonstrators have damaged the equipment to which she is connected, and she must win the game quickly or be damaged herself.



Waugh, Sylvia **Space Race**

Despite the title, the story of the lunar landing is not the sole focus of this overbroad survey. The book also touches briefly and rather superficially on topics such as extraterrestrial visitors, the space shuttle *Challenger* disaster and interplanetary exploration. A time line is included.



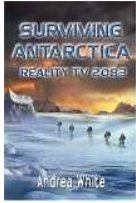
Werlin, Nancy **Double Helix**

Eighteen-year-old Eli discovers a shocking secret about his life and his family while working for a Nobel Prize-winning scientist whose specialty is genetic engineering. (Summary from Library of Congress)





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White, Andrea
Surviving Antarctica: Reality TV 2083

In the year 2083, five fourteen-year-olds who were deprived by chance of the opportunity to continue their educations reenact Scott's 1910-1913 expedition to the South Pole as contestants on a reality television show, secretly aided by a Department of Entertainment employee. (Summary from Mackin.com, 2006)



Young, Moira
Blood Red Road
Dustlands; Book 1



In a distant future, eighteen-year-old Lugh is kidnapped, and while his twin sister Saba and nine-year-old Emmi are trailing him across bleak Sandsea they are captured, too, and taken to brutal Hopetown, where Saba is forced to be a cage fighter until new friends help plan an escape. (Summary from Follett Destiny, October 2011).

Zevin, Gabrielle
All These Things I've Done

Anya Balanchine, daughter of New York City's most notorious crime boss in 2083, tries to keep a



low profile, but she cannot avoid the spotlight when her loser ex-boyfriend is accidentally poisoned by illegal chocolate manufactured by her family. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2011).

