



# Summer Reading List 2011

## Top 5



**Armstrong, Kelley**  
**The Gathering**

Sixteen-year-old Maya suspects there may be a relationship between her paw-print birthmark, her connection with wild animals,

and strange events occurring in her tiny Vancouver Island community, where a medical research facility harbors big secrets.

**Urban Fantasy/Science Fiction**

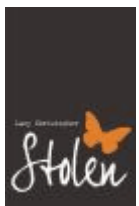


**Blundell, Judy**  
**Strings Attached**

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.

**Historical**



**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.

**Realistic**



**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.



**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.

**Realistic**



**Donnelly, Jennifer**  
**Revolution**

An angry, grieving seventeen-year-old musician facing expulsion from her prestigious Brooklyn private school travels

to Paris to complete a school assignment and uncovers a diary written during the French revolution by a young actress attempting to help a tortured, imprisoned little boy--Louis Charles, the lost king of France.

**Historical**

## Other Favorites



**Avasthi, Swati**  
**Split**

A teenaged boy thrown out of his house by his abusive father goes to live with his older brother, who ran away from home years earlier under similar circumstances.

**Realistic**



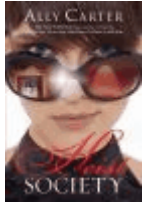
**Black, Jenna**  
**Glimmer Glass**

Dana Hathaway runs away from her alcoholic mother in order to find her father in Avalon; but the moment she steps into that world she discovers she is a Faeriewalker, someone who can travel between both worlds.

**Urban Fantasy**



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## **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.

**Mystery**



## **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.

**Science Fiction/Adventure**



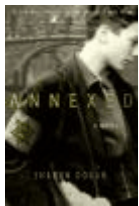
## **Chow, Cara** **Bitter Melon**

Frances, a Chinese-American student in a competitive school in San Francisco in the 1980s, begins to question her mother's

insistence that she becomes a doctor when she accidentally enrolls in a speech class and discovers a hidden talent.

**Realistic**

**Science Fiction**



## **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.

**Historical**

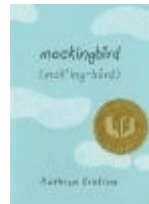


## **Eggers, Dan** **Zeitoun**

Details the experiences of Abdulrahman **Zeitoun**, a Syrian-American and New Orleans resident, and his family, in the

aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and describes how he was arrested and falsely imprisoned because of his ethnicity.

**Non-Fiction**

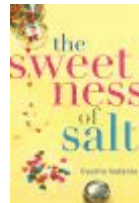


## **Erskine, Kathryn** **Mockingbird**

Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at

school, while at home she seeks closure by working on a project with her father.

**Realistic**



## **Galante, Cecilia** **The Sweetness of Salt**

After graduating from high school, class valedictorian Julia travels to Poultney, Vermont, to visit her older sister, and while

she is there she learns about long-held family secrets that have shaped her into the person she has become.

**Realistic**



## **Godbersson, 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.

**Historical**



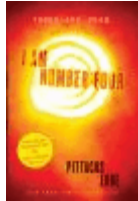
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## **Klise, James** **Love Drugged**

Fifteen-year-old Jamie is dismayed by his attraction to boys, and when a beautiful girl shows an interest in him, he is all the more intrigued by her father's work developing a drug called Rehomoline.

**Realistic**



## **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.

**Science Fiction**



## **Maizel Rebecca** **Infinite Days**

Lenah Beaudonte, a vampire whose humanity has been restored thanks to the sacrifice of her lover, Rhode, did not believe she would ever be sixteen or fall in love again, but she is having those experiences until her past comes back to haunt her.

**Urban Fantasy**



## **Mc Neal, Laura** **Dark Water**

Living in a cottage on her uncle's southern California avocado ranch since her parent's messy divorce, fifteen-year-old Pearl Dewitt meets and falls in love with an illegal migrant worker, and is trapped with him when wildfires approach his makeshift forest home.

**Realistic**



## **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.

**Adventure**



## **Park, Linda Sue** **A Long Walk to Water**

When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based on the life of Salva Dut, who, after immigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan.

**Realistic Fiction**



## **Schmidt, Gary** **Okay For Now**

Fourteen-year-old Doug Swietek faces many challenges, including an abusive father, a brother traumatized by Vietnam, suspicious teachers and police officers, and isolation, but when he meets a girl known as Lil Spicer, he develops a close relationship with her and finds a safe place at the local library.

**Realistic Fiction**



## **Standiford, Natalie** **Confessions of the Sullivan Sisters**

When the Sullivan sisters' grandmother gathers the entire family on Christmas to announce that she is removing them all from her will unless whoever it is that has offended her confesses in writing by New Year's Day, everybody begins to consider what they may have done.

**Realistic**



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**Yovanoff, Brenna**  
**The Replacement**

Sixteen-year-old Mackie Doyle, a being from another world who was swapped with a human child when he was a baby, struggles with his allergies to iron, blood, and consecrated ground and wants desperately to live like a normal teenager, and when his crush Tate's sister disappears, Mackie sets out to find her and gets a chance to find his rightful place in the world.

**Fantasy**