

Ninth Ward

In New Orleans' Ninth Ward, twelve-year-old Lanesha, who can see spirits, and her adopted grandmother have no choice but to stay and weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina bears down upon them.

Trouble

Fourteen-year-old Henry, wishing to honor his brother Franklin's dying wish, sets out to hike Maine's Mount Katahdin with his best friend and dog. But fate adds another companion—the Cambodian refugee accused of fatally injuring Franklin—and reveals troubles that predate the accident.

Peak

A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.

Flygirl

During World War II, a light-skinned African American girl "passes" for white in order to join the Women Airforce Service Pilots.

After Ever After

Jeffrey is a pediatric cancer survivor in eighth grade, and this year he is busy getting his first girlfriend, dealing with his friend and fellow cancer survivor who is suddenly acting really weird, and trying to cope with some post-cancer disabilities. At the same time his older brother Steven, who has always been his rock, has dropped out of his life! In a year of emotional highs and lows, heartache, humor, and love, Jeffrey learns to depend on himself and live life to the fullest.

Leviathan

In an alternate 1914 Europe, 15-year-old Austrian Prince Alek, on the run from the Clanker Powers who are attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery, forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy, is learning to fly genetically-engineered beasts.

The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp

Through a series of dangerous and violent misadventures, teenage loser Alfred Kropp rescues King Arthur's legendary sword Excalibur from the forces of evil.

The Eternal Smile

Presents three short stories in graphic novel format involving the blurred line between fantasy and reality, including an office assistant who falls for an e-mail scam, and a young knight whose life is not what it seems.

YA Rhodes**YA Schmidt****YA Smith****YA Smith****YA Sonnenblick****YA Westerfield****YA Yancy****YA Yang**

EIGHTH AND NINTH GRADE BOOKLIST

The Young Adult Collection is made up of books for a wide age range (12-18) and includes a variety of different topics and interests. Not all titles will be appropriate for all readers.

Clay

The developing relationship between teenager Davie and a mysterious new boy in town morphs into something darker and more sinister when Davie learns firsthand of the boy's supernatural powers.

The Dark Days of Hamburger Halpin

Being a hefty, deaf newcomer almost makes Will Halpin the least popular guy at Coaler High. But when he befriends the only guy less popular than he is, the dork-namic duo has the smarts and guts to figure out who knocked off the star quarterback. Will can't hear what's going on, but he's a great observer. So, who did it?

All the Broken Pieces

Two years after being airlifted out of Vietnam in 1975, Matt Pin is haunted by the terrible secret he left behind and, now, in a loving adoptive home in the United States, a series of profound events forces him to confront his past.

Heist Society

A group of teenagers uses their combined talents to re-steal several priceless paintings and save fifteen-year-old Kat Bishop's father, himself an international art thief, from a vengeful collector.

The City of Bones

Suddenly able to see demons and the Darkhunters who are dedicated to returning them to their own dimension, fifteen-year-old Clary Fray is drawn into this bizarre world when her mother disappears and Clary herself is almost killed by a monster.

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.

YA Almond**YA Berk****YA Burg****YA Carter****YA Clare****YA Dashner**

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Happyface

After going through traumatic times, a troubled, socially awkward teenager moves to a new school where he tries to reinvent himself.

YA Emond**The Lonely Hearts Club**

After an awful high school break up with her one true love, Penny Lane decides to swear off boys and quietly starts the Lonely Hearts Club. To her surprise the club grows in popularity, but soon is threatened by the high school administration. In addition Penny finds herself torn between loyalty to the club and some surprising feelings about the nicest guy she knows.

YA Eulberg**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.

YA Fisher**Beautiful Creatures**

In a small South Carolina town 16-year-old Ethan is powerfully drawn to Lena, a new classmate with whom he shares a psychic connection and whose family hides a dark secret that may be revealed on her 16th birthday.

YA Garcia**The Museum of Mary Child**

Heloise lives with her strict and forbidding godmother in an isolated cottage where the emphasis is on doing one's duty and avoiding all things which could be considered a waste of time. Next door is a sinister museum. Visitors enter the museum with a smile, but depart with fear in their eyes. Heloise has never been in the museum.

YA Golds**The 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 by so doing she tries to figure out the complicated emotions, events, and meaning of her existence.

YA Huntley**Ghostgirl**

After dying, high school senior Charlotte Usher is as invisible to nearly everyone as she always felt, but despite what she learns in a sort of alternative high school for dead teens, she clings to life while seeking a way to go to the Fall Ball with the boy of her dreams.

YA Hurley**My Most Excellent Year**

Three teenagers in Boston narrate their experiences of a year of new friendships, first loves, and coming into their own.

YA Kluger**Pop**

Lonely after a midsummer move to a new town, sixteen-year-old high-school quarterback Marcus Jordan becomes friends with a retired professional linebacker who is great at training him, but whose childish behavior keeps Marcus in hot water.

YA Korman**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.

YA Landy**Love is the Higher Law**

Three New York City teens express their reactions to the bombing of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, and its impact on their lives and the world.

YA Levithan**The Season**

Showing no interest in the sumptuous balls, lavish dinner parties, and country weekends enjoyed by the rest of early nineteenth-century London society, seventeen-year-old Lady Alexandra Stafford seeks adventure as she investigates the puzzling murder of the Earl of Blackmoor, father of devilishly handsome Gavin.

YA Maclean**The Rock and the River**

In 1968 Chicago, fourteen-year-old Sam Childs is caught in a conflict between his father's nonviolent approach to seeking civil rights for African Americans and his older brother, who has joined the Black Panther Party.

YA Magoon**47**

Number 47, a fourteen-year-old slave boy growing up under the watchful eye of a brutal master in 1832, meets the mysterious Tall John, who introduces him to a magical science and also teaches him the meaning of freedom.

YA Mosely**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 newspaper, The Cruiser, to try to make peace.

YA Myers**Cuba 15**

Violet Paz, a Chicago high school student, reluctantly prepares for her upcoming "quince," a Spanish nickname for the celebration of an Hispanic girl's fifteenth birthday.

YA Osa