

BOOKS FOR TEEN GAMERS

LIKE GAMES? TRY THESE BOOKS!

GAME OF SUNKEN PLACES

YA ANDERSON

When two boys stay with an eccentric relative at his mansion in rural Vermont, they discover an old-fashioned board game that draws them into a mysterious adventure.

CRUSADER

YA BLOOR

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.

BLACK HAWK DOWN: A STORY OF MODERN WAR

967.7305 BOWDEN

This is military writing at its breathless best. Gripping narrative of the fighting will appeal to gamers who enjoy combat gaming.

ENDER'S GAME

YA CARD

Ender, who is the result of genetic experimentation, may be the military genius Earth needs in its war against an alien enemy.

NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST

YA COHN

High school student Nick O'Leary, member of a rock band, meets college-bound Norah Silverberg and asks her to be his girlfriend for five minutes in order to avoid his ex-sweetheart.

HUNGER GAMES

YA COLLINS

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.

LITTLE BROTHER

YA DOCTOROW

After being interrogated for days by the Department of Homeland Security in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, California, seventeen-year-old Marcus, released into what is now a police state, decides to use his expertise in computer hacking to set things right.

HEAD GAMES

YA FREDERICKS

Two teenagers connect online in a role-playing game which leads them into their own face-to-face, half-acknowledged courtship.



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EVIL GENIUS

Child prodigy Cadel Piggot, an antisocial computer hacker, discovers his true identity when he enrolls as a first-year student at an advanced crime academy. If you like this, try the sequel *Genius Squad*.

YA JINKS

EPIC

On New Earth, a world based on a video role-playing game, fourteen-year-old Erik persuades his friends to aid him in some unusual gambits in order to save Erik's father from exile and safeguard the futures of each of their families. If you like this, try Kostick's next one, *Saga*.

YA KOSTICK

MEGATOKYO

(GRAPHIC NOVEL SERIES)

Piro, an anime obsessed fan, and Largo, an American gamer, are stranded in Japan and must earn enough money for plane tickets home while they explore the Japanese world of gaming and the cute locals.

YA MEGATOKYO

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, who was conceived to save Max's life years earlier, must consider whether he shares that guilt.

YA MICHAELS

PARASITE PIG

Sixteen-year-old Barney, infected by an alien parasite, and his friend Katie are taken to the planet J'koot by extraterrestrials intent on playing the dangerous game known as *Interstellar Pig*.

YA SLEATOR

USAGI YOJIMBO: GLIMPSES OF DEATH

(GRAPHIC NOVEL SERIES)

This graphic novel series follows the adventures of a masterless rabbit samurai, Miyamoto Usagi, in Japan at the turn of the seventeenth century, as he stands up for justice and truth in a time of social and political unrest.

YA USAGI

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.

YA VANDE VELDE

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.



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