



## Teen Books -Staff Picks-

YA F Almond **Skellig**

Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel. By David Almond \*\*\*\*\*

YA F Alphin **Counterfeit Son**

When serial killer Hank Miller is killed in a shoot-out with police, his abused son Cameron adopts the identity of one of his father's victims in order to find a better life. By Elaine Marie Alphin \*\*\*\*

YA F Avi **The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle**

On a sea voyage from England to America, Charlotte gets caught up with a rebellious crew who seriously dislike the captain. Charlotte must question her loyalty as she comes to learn what kind of person the Captain really is. By Avi \*\*\*

YA F Bauer **Rules of the Road**

Jenna Boller is too tall for a sophomore and she's not much good in school, but boy, can she sell shoes! When the store's owner, the crusty elderly Mrs. Gladstone, asks Jenna to be her driver for a business trip to Texas, Jenna learns more than how to handle a Cadillac. By Joan Bauer \*\*\*\*\*

YA F Card **Ender's Game**

An expert at simulated war games, Andrew "Ender" Wiggin believes that he is engaged in one more computer war game when, in truth, he is commanding the last Earth fleet against an alien race seeking Earth's complete destruction. By Orson Scott Card \*\*\*\*\*

YA F Dickinson **Eva**

How far would you go to save the life of a daughter? Eva's parents are approached by scientists with new technology that would bring their daughter back, but with some drawbacks. Her parents decide to go ahead, but did they make the right decision for Eva? By Peter Dickinson \*\*\*

YA F Duncan **Don't Look Behind You**

Seventeen-year-old April finds her comfortable life changed forever when death threats to her father force her family to go into hiding under assumed names and flee the pursuit of a hired killer. By Lois Duncan \*\*\*\*\*

YA F Efav **Battle Dress**

Andrea Davis accepts an appointment to West Point, knowing its reputation for strenuous training, but believing it can't be any worse than living with her abusive mother, silent father, and constant family fights. By Amy Efav \*\*\*\*

YA F Farmer **House of the 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 drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States. By Nancy Farmer \*\*\*

YA F Haddix **Among the Hidden**

A government decree allows each family only two children. For Luke, a third child, this has meant a lifetime of hiding. But could a stray glimpse of a child hiding in the house across the way lead to freedom? By Margaret Peterson Haddix \*\*\*\*

YA F Haddix **Turnabout**

Melly and Anny Beth both lived normal lives growing older throughout the 20th century. But in 2000, when they are old and ready to die, they are selected to participate in Project Turnabout and are given an injection to make them grow younger. By Margaret Peterson Haddix \*\*\*\*

YA F Hautman **Mr. Was**

After his dying grandfather tries to strangle him, Jack Lund discovers a door that leads him 50 years into the past and involves him in events that help determine his own future. By Pete Houtman \*\*\*\*

YA F Hesse ***The Music of Dolphins***  
Discovered by the Coast Guard on a deserted island where she has been living with dolphins, Mila becomes the subject of a government study by a team of doctors who become her family. But as her yearning for the wild grows, Mila must decide in which world she wants to live. By Karen Hesse \*\*\*

YA F Klause ***Blood and Chocolate***  
Having fallen for a human boy, a beautiful teenage werewolf must battle both her packmates and the fear of the townspeople to decide where she belongs and with whom. By Annette Curtis Klause \*\*\*\*

YA F Lowry ***The Giver***  
Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives. By Lois Lowry \*\*\*\*

YA F Martin ***A Corner of the Universe***  
Twelve-year-old Hattie Owen anticipated a summer as comfortably uneventful as all the others. Then, Uncle Adam makes a surprise entrance, turning everything upside down. Uncle Adam has "mental problems" and no one but Hattie seems to understand or appreciate his outlandish antics. By Ann M. Martin \*\*\*\*



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YA F Matas ***In My Enemy's House***  
When German soldiers arrive in Zloczow Poland during World War II, Marisa must decide whether or not to conceal her Jewish identity and work for a Nazi in Germany in order to survive. By Carol Matas \*\*\*\*

YA F O'Brien ***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 that he is a tyrant and she must somehow escape. By Robert C. O'Brien \*\*\*\*

YA F Paulsen ***Hatchet***  
Brian Robeson, disturbed by his parents divorce, is on his way to spend the summer with his dad in Canada when his plane crashes. Brian must learn how to survive in the wilderness using only his wits, a hatchet, and his will to live. By Gary Paulsen \*\*\*\*

YA F Paulsen ***Nightjohn***  
Sarny knows the punishment for a slave learning to read and write is a bloody one, but when a new slave, Nightjohn, arrives on the Waller plantation and offers to teach her the alphabet, she readily agrees. By Gary Paulsen \*\*\*\*

YA F Pullman ***The Ruby in the Smoke***  
Sally Lockhart is only 16 but she is not a typical teenager. Her father has been murdered and she must find out why before her own life is in danger. By Philip Pullman \*\*\*\*

YA F Qualey ***Close to a Killer***  
Anxious to start a new life after serving a 15-year prison sentence, Barrie's mother opens a beauty parlor with some of her ex-con friends. Business is booming at "Killer Looks" until two people are found dead in their fashionable homes. By Marsha Qualey \*\*\*\*

YA F Randle ***The Only Alien on the Planet***  
After moving to the East Coast, Ginny enters her senior year of high school and uncovers the secret behind a new friend's refusal to speak. By Kristen Randle \*\*\*\*

YA F Rennison ***Angus, Thongs, and Full Frontal Snogging: True Confessions of Georgia Nicolson***  
Georgia is your typical teenager, who along with her friends are trying to attract the attention of the opposite sex and figure out what guys really mean when they say "see you later." By Louise Rennison \*\*\*\*

YA F Sachar ***Holes***  
"If you take a bad boy and make him dig a hole every day in the hot sun, it will turn him into a good boy." Such is the philosophy of Camp Green Lake, a detention center for boys. But Stanley is not a bad boy, just a boy in the wrong place at the wrong time and when Stanley digs holes he uncovers family secrets generations old. By Louis Sachar \*\*\*\*

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