

CLASSICS OF TEEN LIT

A Wrinkle in Time

By Madeline L'Engle

YA LENGL

Meg feels like an outcast. She can't do anything right at school and her scientist father disappeared years ago, leaving her biologist mother to raise Meg and her three brothers. When a stranger appears in the midst of a dark and stormy night, little does Meg know that her life is about to completely change.

The Outsiders

By S.E. Hinton

YA HINTO

It all begins when Ponyboy decides to go to the movies alone one afternoon. This decision sets events in motion that will change his life and the lives of his friends and family forever. This classic novel tells the story of gangs, families and fighting for your own identity.

A Wizard of Earthsea

By Ursula LeGuin

YA LEGUI

Ged is known as the greatest wizard in Earthsea, but how did he gain such power? As a student, Ged, known as Sparrowhawk, unwittingly released a great evil into the world. In his effort to defeat this evil, he journeys throughout Earthsea, taming dragons, visiting the land of the dead and learning the words of power. Long considered one of the most important and influential books of fantasy, this classic remains as fresh and exciting as it did 30 years ago.

Ender's Game

By Orson Scott Card

YA CARD

Ender Wiggins is enrolled in an elite soldier training program. The interstellar war with the Buggers has gone on for hundreds of years and Ender is the last hope for world. But is he the leader the world needs?

By Mariko Tamaki and Jillian Tamaki

741.5971 TAMAK

Every summer Rose visits Awaga Beach with her parents. This year is different. Rose is growing up and starting to move away from her parents. She also notices the tension between her mom and dad. Rose's summer friend Windy is there, too, like an annoying little sister. When the fighting between her mom and dad gets harder to ignore, Rose and Windy end up hanging out with the local kids. It's a summer of growing up and learning about her parents and herself.

Staying Fat for Sara Byrnes

By Chris Crutcher

YA CRUTC

Moby tried hard to remain friends with Sarah Byrnes. Life has never been easy for Sarah Byrnes, especially after her father held her face down on a wood stove and refused to have the scars fixed. Now Sarah Byrnes sits silently in the hospital, while Moby tries to untangle the horrible secret Sarah is keeping. This classic novel confronts child abuse, the abortion debate and what kids are dealing with outside of the classroom.

Go Ask Alice

By Anonymous

YA GO

A classic of the 1960's and 70's, "Go Ask Alice," tells the story of a young girl lured into the world of runaways and drug abuse. After being unwittingly dosed with LSD at a party, the narrator's life slides into a downward spiral, causing her to lose her family, her friends and eventually, her life. Told in the form a dairy, this classic novel illustrates the dangers of drugs.

By Laure Halse Anderson

YA ANDER

What happened at the end of the summer party that made Melinda call the police? Starting her first year of high school as a complete outcast, Melinda remains quiet about exactly what happened at the party. But can she continue once she realizes the danger is still out there, especially when her former best friends is in immediate danger? This classic book tells Melinda's story from the first day of her freshman year right up to the bitter last day, and all the things Melinda has learned about school, friends and boys.

Annie on My Mind

By Nancy Garden

YA GARDE

When Liza meets Annie at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, she knows there is something special about her. As Liza gets to know Annie, their friendship becomes more romantic. This classic novel was one of the first to focus on a lesbian relationship between teen girls and has garnered glowing reviews.

Perks of Being A Wallflower

By Stephen Chbosky

YA CHBOS

Charlie's not a party animal. In fact he's more of a wallflower, watching the teen world as it goes by. Charlie is doing his best to figure out life as a teen with first crushes, first dates, new friends and family situations. This classic novel has something for every teen, especially those who would rather watch.

The First Part Last

By Angela Johnson

YA JOHNS

The day that Bobby holds his daughter for the first time is also last time he will see Nia, her mother. Now a single dad and still in high school, Bobby is learning what it means to be a parent and to grieve the loss of Nia. This gripping and original book tackles what it means to be a teen dad.

This One Summer

Speak

Sabriel

By Garth Nix

YA NIX

Sabriel's father, the Abhorsen, is in charge of keeping the dead quiet and in their graves, but when he disappears, it's up to Sabriel to become the Abhorsen and keep the dead, well, dead. With Mogget, a cat, who isn't really a cat, and Touchstone, a young mage, Sabriel must confront her own hidden destiny.

Monster

By Walter Dean Myers

YA MYERS

Steve Harmon is on trial for his part in an armed robbery where someone got killed. But was he really part of the robbery or just an innocent bystander? A penetrating look inside the mind of a teen accused of a crime, using flashbacks to help the reader decide Steve's guilt or innocence.

Looking for Alaska

By John Green

YA GREEN

Miles "Pudge" Halter is looking for the "Great Perhaps," and he seems to find it in the person of his new classmate at Culver Creek Boarding School, Alaska Young. She pulls him into her world of fun and intrigue and helps Pudge think differently. Then things change, and Pudge isn't sure his life will ever be the same again. This Printz Award book is a true coming of age classic.

Runaways: Pride and Joy

By Brian Vaughn

741-5973 VAUGH

What do you do when you discover that your parents and their friends are actually a bunch of supervillains? You run away from home and start your own superhero group to try and defeat them, of course! Featuring cameo appearances from Spiderman and Cloak and Dagger, this is the first volume of a series featuring teens as superheroes, on the run from their parents and participating in the Marvel Universe's Civil War.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime

By Mark Haddon

YA HADDO

Christopher is different from other people. He hates the color yellow, loves math and sees the world in a different way. When he hears a strange sound one night and discovers his neighbor's dog is dead, Christopher sets off to discover the identity of the murderer. This classic book reminds us that everyone sees things in their own way.

Feed

By M.T. Anderson

YA ANDER

It all starts when Titus and his friends decide to spend spring break on the moon. Implanted with the Feed, everyone knows what everyone else is doing, hairstyles change from moment to moment and ads are customized to you. On the moon, Titus meets Violet and has his feed hacked. Titus continues to spend time the Violet, even after it becomes clear that she will never recover. A winner of a Printz Honor, this classic dystopian science fiction novel imagines a world where what you consume is more important than who you are.

House of the Scorpion

By Nancy Farmer

YA FARME

Matteo is a special child, cared for by his nurse and his body guard. When he discovers El Patron's plans for him, plans that will end his life, he escapes and using what he's learned manages to stay ahead of his trackers. This dystopian novel explores a future where opium is prized, drug lords have become the government and the changes in climate have radically altered the earth.

The Raven Boys

By Maggie Stiefvater

YA STIEF

Every year Blue waits with her mother to watch the soon to be dead walk past. This year, a boy emerges from the shadows to talk with her. He's Gansey from the private school nearby. He's got an obsession and soon he's drawn Blue into his world. Blue has been warned that she will cause her true love to die. While she's never worried about it before, things have changed. This magical novel combines the living and dead, Welsh kings and mysterious forests into an unforgettable story.

Maus: A Survivor's Tale

By Art Spiegelman

940-5315 SPIEG YA

Art Spiegelman spent the last years of his father's life learning about his father's experiences during World War 2 and in Auschwitz. At the same time, Art struggles to write his own book and understand how his parents' experiences during the war affected him and his family. A book about learning who your parents are, that your parents are human and make mistakes as well as the struggle to make your own identity combine to make this a powerful graphic novel that you will never forget.

March Book 1

By John Lewis

328-73092 LEWIS YA

This graphic novel explores the struggle of African Americans and the Civil Rights Movement. In this, the first of three volumes, John Lewis, later a congressman from Georgia, describes his experiences and the experiences of his family that lead to him becoming involved in the Civil Rights Movement. Winner of the Printz Award, this graphic novel tells a story of a time of change in America.

The Book Thief

By Markus Zusak

YA ZUSAK

Liesel steals what she can to help her foster family survive during World War 2. But what she likes best is books. At home, she shares the books with her father and the Jewish man they are hiding in the basement. Books provide an escape and a home for the soul, especially in this classic novel.