

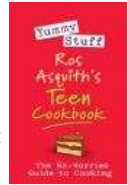


BANG BANG YOU ARE DEAD by Narinder Dhani

It seems like just another day at school, and then Mia's world turns upside down. School is being evacuated. Rumor has it there's a gunman in the building. And Mia has a horrible feeling she knows who it is... Her brother has been acting strangely. He's been threatening to do something drastic, something frightening, and something that cannot be ignored... but just how far will he go? Mia is determined to find out. Playing cat and mouse with a potential killer is a very dangerous game... but she may be the only one who can save her schoolmates...

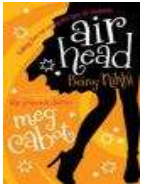
YUMMY STUFF by Ros Asquith

Created by best-selling author and illustrator Ros Asquith, teenagers are provided with helpful survival recipes such as what to cook when your parents are on holiday or if you need a favour, as well as recipes, which are just for fun. This Teen Cookbook will capture the imaginations of younger and older teens alike with approx. 120 practical recipes full of humorous headers and hands-on cartoon-style illustrations.



AIRHEAD: BEING NIKKI by Meg Cabot

Nerdy Emerson Watts is getting to grips with life in the body of teenage supermodel Nikki Howard. She finds that life in the celebrity spotlight is not as easy as it looks. The bikinis are tiny, the heels are sky-high, and no one seems to care that her life is on the verge of falling apart. This is a very entertaining story full of surprises, love and passion.



LIVING DEAD GIRL by Elizabeth Scott

When she is kidnapped from a school field trip at the age of ten and renamed "Alice," she starts her transformation into a living dead girl, instead of the real, alive girl she used to be.



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Treasure Trove Recommended Books for Teenagers: Winter 2009

THE GREAT DEATH by John Smelcer



This beautifully written novel is inspired by the true story of the effect that European settlers had on Alaska. They brought with them all manner of diseases from which the Natives had no immunity. This story is of the courage of two young sisters in the harsh snowy Alaskan wilderness as they try to save themselves and in doing so, save each other. They must flee from the death in their village and begin their epic journey to find a new home.

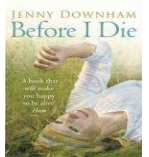


THE TRAITOR GAME by B.R. Collins

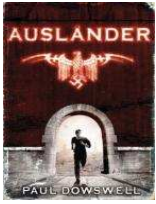
An extraordinary fantasy novel set partly in a boys' school and in another dangerous world. Each world is equally enticing. Themes of bravery and cowardice, loyalty and mistrust challenge the reader. The chapters alternate between the worlds yet the story flows easily and the book is very hard to put down.

BEFORE I DIE by Jenny Downham

What would you do if you were a teenager, with so much to live for, and yet you knew you were dying? This is a provocative story for older teenagers, with a very positive main character. Despite the bleak story line, it is a life-affirming book.



AUSLANDER by Paul Dowswell



A tense, dramatic tale set in Berlin during World War Two. Piotr's parents are killed and he is taken to an orphanage in Warsaw. As he is a 'volksdeutscher' – of German blood, he is adopted by a German family and taken to live in Berlin at the heart of Nazi power. Piotr becomes Peter, adapting to the new life, and discovers that behind the apparent adulation of Hitler there are many dissenters taking great risks. This thrilling story offers fascinating insights into the lives of young Germans during the Second World War.

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EXPOSURE by Mal Peet



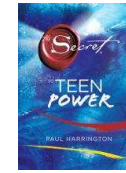
The third in the gripping trilogy about top sports journalist, Faustino, which will appeal to both boys and girls with its themes of football and celebrity culture. Faustino always has an eye for the good story and when Otello, a national hero with money, an attractive wife and great media profile, makes a sensational club transfer, Faustino is already taking notice. Such high exposure puts Otello at risk and, when his name is falsely linked to a scandal, the power of the press turns against him. As ever, Faustino is an unforgettable character and an excellent commentator on the way the press can both make and destroy reputations. The first in the trilogy was *Keeper* and the second was *Penalty*.



LAST CHRISTMAS THE PRIVATE PREQUEL by Kate Brian

This is the 10th in a series set in a private school in America but is in fact a prequel to the very first one. Whether or not you like the characters, you cannot get away from them. Before Ariana Osgood became Easton's most notorious student, she was just another girl at boarding school. But then, one cold snowy night on campus, Ariana fell for someone she shouldn't have - and that changed everything. Someone was watching ... and now they're intent on turning Ariana's holiday weekend into a nightmare...

THE SECRET TO TEEN POWER by Paul Harrington



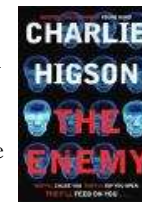
The Secret gives you the power to have, do, or be anything you choose. Anything your heart desires - whether it's wealth, success, great relationships, better health or self-esteem. It is sure to get teens talking about 'the secret'.



SHIVER by Maggie Stiefvater

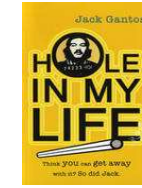
A haunting, breathtaking supernatural love story that will have you hooked from the very first page. Told with two narrative voices, we follow the inner thoughts and feelings of both Grace and Sam throughout their extraordinary romance, right to the chilling twist. Sam lives two lives: for a few precious months in the summer he is human; whilst in the winter his home is the frozen woods. Grace is fascinated by the wolf pack and by one yellow-eyed wolf in particular, until that is she meets a yellow-eyed boy who is somehow very familiar. Grace has to use the power of her love to save the boy from becoming all wolf.

THE ENEMY by Charlie Higson



The first title in a chilling series of books set in an eerie, modern-day London after a mystery illness attacks everyone over the age of fourteen. Those afflicted either die or become so crazed by disease they are little more than wild animals. Gangs of kids are left to fend for themselves, dodging the zombie adults who remain. The young teenagers who are left must work together to survive as they travel across the dangerous city to reach the safe place in London. From the author who brought you the bestselling Young Bond series, this sensational new book about an epic fight for survival will keep readers turning the pages.

HOLE IN MY LIFE by Jack Gantos



This is the story of Jack Gantos, bestselling author of the Joey Pigza books. After a travelling childhood he finds himself at 18 years old. Doing a dead-end job on a Caribbean island, looking for adventure and a way to pay for university. When offered

\$10,000 to sail a boatload of drugs to New York, he jumps at the idea. It resulted in a year in a federal prison - and a lot of thinking time. In prison, Jack discovered the library where he was able to indulge his passion for literature and continue the journal he'd started in childhood. Becoming ever more determined to get to university, Jack discovered that he didn't have to let one bad choice map out the course of the rest of his life. There are such things as second chances. Paroled after a year in order to go directly to college to study writing, Jack had his first children's book published within two years of being released.

IF I STAY by Gayle Forman



For seventeen-year-old Mia, surrounded by a wonderful family, friends and a gorgeous boyfriend decisions might seem tough, but they're all about a future full of music and love, a future that's brimming with hope. But life can change in an instant. A cold February morning ... a snowy road ... and suddenly all of Mia's choices are gone - except one. As alone as she'll ever be, Mia must make the most difficult choice of all. If I Stay will make you appreciate all that you have, all that you've lost - and all that might be.



FALLING HARD by Betsy Franco

A collection of love poems written by teenagers.