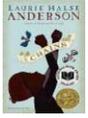


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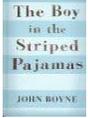
Teen Fiction Suggested Reading List

All titles located in YA Fiction or YA Paperbacks by the author's last name.



Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson

When her owner dies at the start of the Revolution, a greedy nephew keeps Isabel and her younger sister enslaved and sells them to Loyalists in New York, where Isabel is offered the chance to spy for the Patriots. (Grade 8 & up)



The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence. (Grade 8 & up)



Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue. (Grade 7 & up)



Ringside 1925 by Jennifer Bryant

In rural Tennessee in the summer of 1925, the local kids know that their vacation will be like none before after a whirlwind of press, lawyers, scientists, and religious leaders comes to town to prosecute and defend their science teacher Mr. Scopes, who was arrested for presenting Darwin's theory of evolution to his students. (Grade 8 & up)



Daniel, Half-Human: And the Good Nazi by David Chotjewitz

Young Daniel Kraushaar and his friends dream of joining the Hitler Youth in 1930s Germany, but when Daniel learns his mother is Jewish his connections to the Nazis will have fateful consequences. (Grade 7 & up)



In the Shadow of the Pali: A story of a Hawaiian Leper Colony by Lisa Cindrich

After getting leprosy from her mean-spirited uncle, Liliha is sent to the leprosy camp where there are no laws and only the strong survive, yet Liliha isn't giving up on herself and fights to have a happy future, both physically and emotionally. (Grade 8 & up)



Amaryllis by Craig Crist-Evans

Jimmy and his older brother Frank share a love of surfing and their problems with a drunken father, until Frank turns eighteen and goes to Vietnam. (Grade 8 & up)



Catherine Called Birdy by Karen Cushman

During her fourteenth year, in the year 1290, Catherine keeps a diary in which she details her family's activities and conflicts, the life of their medieval English manor, and her own coming to maturity. (Grade 7 & up)



Copper Sun by Sharon Draper

Two fifteen-year-old girls--one a slave and the other an indentured servant--escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves. (Grade 9 & up)



How the Hangman Lost His Heart by K.M. Grant

When her Uncle Frank is executed for treason against England's King George in 1746 and his severed head is mounted on a pike for public viewing, daring Alice tries to reclaim the head for a proper burial, finding an unlikely ally in the soft-hearted executioner, while incurring the wrath of the royal guard. (Grade 8 & up)



An Innocent Soldier by Josef Holub

A sixteen-year-old farmhand is tricked into fighting in the Napoleonic Wars by the farmer for whom he works, who secretly substitutes him for the farmer's own son. (Grade 8 & up)



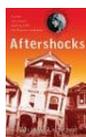
Monkey Town by Ronald Kidd

After falling for her young teacher, fifteen-year-old student Frances Robinson finds herself in the middle of the biggest trial of the era when her teacher is arrested by her father for teaching evolution in the classroom, bringing nationwide attention to their small community as well as significant turmoil within her own family. (Grade 7 & up)



Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson

After inheriting her uncle's homesteading claim in Montana, sixteen-year-old orphan Hattie Brooks travels from Iowa in 1917 to make a home for herself and encounters some unexpected problems related to the war being fought in Europe. (Grade 7 & up)


Aftershocks by William Lavender

While trying to uncover a family secret in the middle of Chinatown in 1906, Jessie Wainwright gets close to unraveling the mystery when a major earthquake hits and she experiences the nightmare conditions the Chinese immigrants must face after their homes are destroyed in the wake of the devastating natural disaster. (Grade 8 & up)


Second Sight by Gary Lockwood

In Washington, D.C., during the last days of the Civil War, a teenage boy who performs in a mind reading act befriends a clairvoyant girl whose frightening visions foreshadow an assassination plot on President Lincoln. (Grade 7 & up)


Good Night, Mr. Tom by Michelle Magorian

A battered child learns to embrace life when he is adopted by an old man in the English countryside during the Second World War. (Grade 7 & up)


Loving Will Shakespeare by Caroline Meyer

In Stratford-upon-Avon in the sixteenth century, Anne Hathaway suffers her stepmother's cruelty and yearns for love and escape, finally finding it in the arms of a boy she has grown up with, William Shakespeare. (Grade 8 & up)


Riot by Walter Dean Myers

During the Civil War, in a desperate effort to find more recruits, the Union begins a draft - with a difference. The wealthy can pay \$300 to be released from their obligation, but the poor must go and fight and die. In New York City, the recently arrived Irish are the hardest hit by the draft and the city explodes in a rash of arson, marches, attacks, and lynchings, with the immigrant Irish taking out their anger on the black inhabitants of the city. (Grade 8 & up)


Single Shard by Linda Sue Park

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village and longs to learn how to create the delicate ceramics himself after he watches master potter Min making his beautiful pottery. (Grade 7 & up)


The River Between Us by Richard Peck

During the early days of the Civil War, the Pruitt family takes in two mysterious young ladies who have fled New Orleans to come north to Illinois. (Grade 7 & up)


Sovay by Celia Rees

In 1794 England, the rich and beautiful Sovay, disguised as a highwayman, acquires papers that could lead to her father's arrest for treason, and soon her newly-awakened political consciousness leads her and a compatriot to France during the Revolution. (Grade 9 & up)


Girl in Blue by Ann Rinaldi

Determined to live her own life free of the controls of any man, Sara Louisa Wheelock disguises herself as a man and sets off from her home in Michigan to fight as a soldier in the Civil War. (Grade 7 & up)


Eyes of the Emperor by Graham Salibury

Following orders from the United States Army, several young Japanese American men train K-9 units to hunt Asians during World War II by being the dogs' bait. (Grade 8 & up)


Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt

During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in. (Grade 7 & up)


Flygirl by Sherri Smith

During World War II, a light-skinned African American girl "passes" for white in order to join the Women Air Force Service Pilots. (Grade 7 & up)


No Shame, No Fear by Anne Turnbull

In England in 1662, a time of religious persecution, fifteen-year-old Susanna, a poor country girl and a Quaker, and seventeen-year-old William, a wealthy Anglican, meet and fall in love against all odds. (Grade 7 & up)


Booth's Daughter by Raymond Wemmlinger

Edwina, niece of Lincoln assassin John Wilkes Booth and fiancée to the son of architect Calvert Vaux, must leave America with her father when President Garfield is assassinated, forcing her to choose between her father and the man she loves. (Grade 7 & up)

