

Dystopian and Post-Apocalyptic Fiction

Teen Fiction Suggested Reading List

Titles located in YA Fiction or YA paperbacks by the author's last name

**Series*



Cherry Heaven by L.J. Adlington

Kat and Tanka J move with their adoptive parents to the New Frontier and settle into a home called Cherry Heaven, but Luka, an escaped factory worker, confirms their suspicion that New Frontier is not the utopia it seems to be. (Grades 7+)



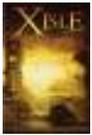
Enclave* by Ann Aguirre

In a post-apocalyptic future, Deuce, a loyal Huntress, brings back meat while avoiding the Freaks outside her enclave, but when she is partnered with the outsider, Fade, she begins to see that the ways of the elders may be wrong. (Grades 8+)



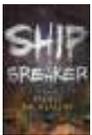
Elemental by John Antony

Struggling for survival in a world decimated by plague, Thomas, a youth who lacks his peers' supernatural abilities to control wind, water, earth, and fire, joins a small band of teens to rescue his colony's Guardian elders from kidnapping pirates. (Grades 7+)



X-Isle by Steve Augarde

After they are granted coveted places on an island in a future world devastated by flooding, Baz and Ray discover that their new home is ruled by an unpredictable religious fanatic and they plan a dangerous rebellion against him. (Grades 7+)



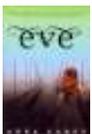
Ship Breaker by Paolo Bacigalupi

In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship or rescue the girl. (Grades 7+)



Taken by Erin Bowman

In the isolated town of Claysoot, every male is mysteriously "Heisted" on his eighteenth birthday, and seventeen-year-old Gray Weathersby is determined to figure out why. (Grades 8+)



Eve* by Anna Carey

When Eve discovers the terrible fate that awaits students when they graduate from their all-girls school, she sets off on a treacherous journey into the wilds of New America, searching for a place where she can survive. (Grades 9+)



Way We Fall by Megan Crewe

Sixteen-year-old old Kaelyn challenges her fears, finds a second chance at love, and fights to keep her family and friends safe as a deadly new virus devastates her island community. (Grades 7+)



Breathe by Sarah Crossan

Struggling for survival in a world where air is restricted, resistance member Alina and her once-privileged new friends embark on a dangerous journey outside their protective dome environment to pursue free lives in the face of dwindling oxygen supplies. (Grades 9+)



Maze Runner* by James Dashner

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape. (Grades 7+)



After: Nineteen Stories of Apocalypse and Dystopia

edited by Ellen Datlow and Terri Windling
Nineteen tales by well-known authors which explore the lives of teens raised after a catastrophe, either in the first few years after the change or in the distant future. (Grades 8+)



The Pledge* by Kim Derting

In a kingdom where the classes are separated by the languages they speak, Charlaina "Charlie" Hart has a secret gift that is revealed when she meets a mysterious young man named Max. (Grades 8+)



Inhuman by Kat Falls

Beyond the wall lies the Feral Zone, breached only by the "fetches," who are paid to bring back items that were left behind when the wall went up--but Delaney's father is there and she is being forced to find him and bring him back. (Grades 8+)



Maggot Moon by Sally Gardner

A boy, who is ostracized for his illiteracy and different colored eyes, discovers astonishing truths about a heralded moon landing that the overseeing Motherland, a ruthless regime, is determined to hide. (Grades 8+)



Dark Parties by Sara Grant

Neva, born and raised under the electrified Protectosphere that was built when civilization collapsed, puts her friends, family, and life at risk when she tries to find out if their world is built on a lies and deceptions. (Grades 8+)



The Eleventh Plague by Jeff Hirsch

Twenty years after the start of the war that caused the Collapse, Stephen and his family travel scavenging, but when his father decides to save the lives of 2 strangers, Stephen's life is turned upside down. (Grades 7+)



Rash by Pete Hautman

In a future society that has decided it would "rather be safe than free," 16 year old Bo's anger control problems land him in a tundra jail where he survives with the help of his running skills and an artificial intelligence program named Bork. (Grades 9+)



Living Hell by Catherine Jinks

A survivor exiled from a decimated Earth, Cheney finds his life thrown into chaos when his once nurturing spacecraft is changed by radiation waves into a deadly machine that murderously targets the crew. (Grades 7 +)



Hollow People* by Brian Keaney

On an island that houses the asylum where law-breakers are imprisoned, 2 teens rebel against a controlled society where dreams are considered antisocial and all citizens over the age of 14 take a drug to control their behavior. (Grades 7+)



Epic* by Conor Kostick

On New Earth, a world based on a video role-playing game, 14 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. (Grades 8+)



The Messenger by Lois Lowry

In this novel that unites characters from "The Giver" and "Gathering Blue," Matty, a young member of a utopian community that values honesty, conceals an emerging healing power that he cannot explain or understand. (Grades 7+)



The Declaration by G.R. Malley

In 2140 England, where drugs enable people to live forever and children are illegal, teen Anna, an obedient "Surplus" training to become a house servant, discovers that her birth parents are trying to find her. (Grades 7+)



Shards and Ashes

edited by M. Marr and K. Armstrong
Features nine tales that find teens combatting viruses, social collapse, prophetic visions, corporate takeovers, and other troubles in dystopian worlds. (Grades 8+)



The Lost Art by Simon Morden

In a grim future where the Church keeps science and technology suppressed, magician-like Benzamir and Va, a killer-for-hire turned monk, seek Solomon, who is surreptitiously spreading technology for nefarious purposes. (Grades 7+)



The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness

Pursued by power-hungry Prentiss and mad minister Aaron, young Todd and Viola set out across New World searching for answers about his colony's true past and seeking a way to warn the ship bringing hopeful settlers from Old World. (Grades 9+)



Birthmarked by Caragh O'Brien

When her midwife mother is forcibly taken away by the very people she serves, sixteen-year-old Gaia Stone starts to question the role of the Enclave and whether it deserves the loyalty her family has so faithfully given. (Grades 7+)



Rage Within by Jeyn Roberts

After the apocalypse wipes out most of the population and unleashes an ancient evil, Baggers begin to create a new world order and Aries, Clementine, Mason, and Michael must learn how to trust each other in order to survive. (Grades 7+)



Unwind* by Neal Shusterman

In a future world where those between the ages of 13 and 18 can have their lives "unwound" and their body parts harvested for use by others, three teens go to extreme lengths to survive until they turn eighteen. (Grades 9+)



Ashes, Ashes by Jo Treggiari

In a future Manhattan devastated by environmental catastrophes and epidemics, Lucy survives alone until vicious hounds hunt her and force her to join Aidan, but soon they learn that she is the target of the Sweepers. (Grades 9+)



Partials by Dan Wells

In a post-apocalyptic eastern seaboard ravaged by disease and war with a manmade race of people called Partials, the chance at a future rests in the hands of Kira Walker, a 16 year old medic in training. (Grades 9+)



Empty by Suzanne Weyn

Living in a rural community in the near-future where a depleted oil supply is causing widespread economic hardship, 3 teens struggle with family disharmony, a bitterly cold winter and growing desperation that is pitting nearby towns against one another. (Grades 7+)



Black Helicopters by Blythe Woolston

In a day-after-tomorrow Montana, 15 year old Valley (now Valkyrie) and her big brother leave their underground den to fight a government that will kill them like coyotes. (Grades 9+)

