

TWEEN READING

2023

Reading List



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Title: The Edge of Thirteen

Author: Nova Weetman

Genre: General Fiction

Clem can't wait to see her best friends after being apart all summer holidays. But when they get back together, things have changed. Bridge is boy-crazy and acting like a different person. Ellie is wearing a bra and having a real-life romance. Clem feels left behind.

When she makes friends with Tom, suddenly everyone's gossiping about whether they're going to be a couple. Clem's got no interest in having a boyfriend. Or does she?



Title: The Iron Trial

Author: Cassandra Clare & Holly Black

Genre: Fantasy

Most kids would do anything to pass the Iron Trial. Not Callum Hunt. He wants to fail. All his life, Call has been warned by his father to stay away from magic. If he succeeds at the Iron Trial and is admitted into the Magisterium, he is sure it can only mean bad things for him. So he tries his best to do his worst -- and fails at failing.



Title: The Angel Experiment. Maximum Ride Series

Author: James Patterson

Genre: Fantasy/Action

Max, Fang, Iggy, Nudge, the Gasman, and Angel. Six kids who are pretty normal in most ways - except that they're 98 percent human, 2 percent bird. They grew up in a lab, living like rats in cages, but now they're free. Aside, of course, from the fact that they're prime prey for Erasers - wicked wolflike creatures with a taste for flying humans.



Title: Once

Author: Morris Gleitzman

Genre: Historical Fiction

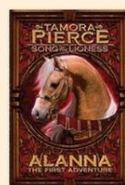
The story of a young Jewish boy who is determined to escape the orphanage he lives in to save his Jewish parents from the Nazis in the occupied Poland of the Second World War.

Once I escaped from an orphanage to find Mum and Dad.

Once I saved a girl called Zelda from a burning house.

Once I made a Nazi with a toothache laugh.

My name is Felix. This is my story.



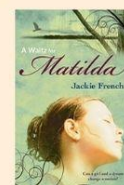
Title: Alanna: The First Adventure

Author: Tamora Pierce

Genre: Fantasy

"From now on I'm Alan of Trebond, the younger twin. I'll be a knight."

In a time when girls are forbidden to be warriors, Alanna of Trebond wants nothing more than to be a knight of the realm of Tortall. So she finds a way to switch places with her twin brother, Thom. Disguised as a boy, Alanna begins her training as a page at the palace of King Roald.



Title: A Waltz for Matilda

Author: Jackie French

Genre: Historical Fiction

Set against a backdrop of bushfire, flood, war and jubilation, this is the story of one girl's journey towards independence. It is also the story of others who had no vote and very little but their dreams. Drawing on the well-known poem by A.B. Paterson and from events rooted in actual history, this is the untold story behind Australia's early years as an emerging nation.



Title: The Bad Beginning

Author: Lemony Snicket

Genre: Mystery

Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire are intelligent children. They are charming, and resourceful, and have pleasant facial features. Unfortunately, they are exceptionally unlucky. In the first two books alone, the three youngsters encounter a greedy and repulsive villain, itchy clothing, a disastrous fire, a plot to steal their fortune, a lumpy bed, a deadly serpent, a large brass reading lamp, a long knife, and a terrible odour.

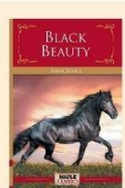


Title: Keeper of Lost Cities

Author: Shannon Messenger

Genre: Fantasy

Twelve-year-old Sophie has never quite fit into her life. She's skipped multiple grades and doesn't really connect with the older kids at school, but she's not comfortable with her family either. The reason? Sophie's a Telepath, someone who can read minds. No one knows her secret - at least, that's what she thinks...



Title: Black Beauty

Author: Anna Sewell

Genre: General Fiction

Black Beauty is a handsome, sweet-tempered colt with a strong spirit. As a young colt he is free to gallop in the fresh green meadows with his beloved mother, Duchess, and their kind master. But when his owners are forced to sell him, Black Beauty goes from a life of comfort and kindness to one of hard labour and cruelty.



Title: Uglies

Author: Scott Westerfeld

Genre: Sci-Fi

In Tally Youngblood's world, looks matter. At sixteen everyone undergoes a transformation from "Ugly" to "Pretty" and are catapulted into a high-tech paradise where the only thing that matters is having a great time and you never have to worry or think for yourself. Tally can't wait.

But then, with just weeks to go to Tally's birthday, her friend Shay runs away and the ugly truth about the world of the Pretties starts to reveal itself.



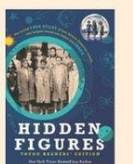
Title: Artemis Fowl

Author: Eoin Colfer

Genre: Fantasy

Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a millionaire, a genius, and above all, a criminal mastermind. But even Artemis doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. These aren't the fairies of bedtime stories—they're dangerous!

Full of unexpected twists and turns, Artemis Fowl is a riveting, magical adventure



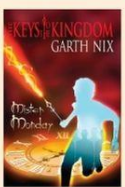
Title: Hidden Figures Young Readers Edition

Author: Margot Lee Shetterly

Genre: Non-Fiction

It's the powerful story of four African-American female mathematicians at NASA who helped achieve some of the greatest moments in our space program.

Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as "human computers" used pencils, slide rules, and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space.



Title: Keys to the Kingdom

Author: Garth Nix

Genre: Fantasy

Arthur Penhaligon is not supposed to be a hero. He is, in fact, supposed to die an early death. But then he is saved by a key shaped like the minute hand of a clock.

Arthur is safe - but his world is not. Along with the key comes a plague brought by bizarre creatures from another realm. A stranger named Mister Monday, his avenging messengers, and an army of dog-faced Fetchers will stop at nothing to get the key back.



Title: The Recruit

Author: Robert Muchamore

Genre: Action

A terrorist doesn't let strangers into her flat because they might be undercover police, but her children bring their mates home, and that's fine.

She doesn't know that a kid has bugged her house... The kid works for CHERUB. CHERUB kids slip under adult radar and get information that sends criminals to jail.