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Book List Links

There are tons of book lists for tweens and teens on Common Sense Media and Goodreads

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-lists>

<https://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/young-adult>

Here are some of my favorite lists:

High Interest Teen Book Series:

The 5th Wave, Book 1

Super intense apocalyptic alien-invasion nail-biter. *By Rick Yancey (2013)*

Divergent, Book 1

Exciting, violent dystopian thriller is original, addictive. *By Veronica Roth (2011)*

The Raven Boys

Imaginative, twisty tale explores magic, friendship, money.

By Maggie Stiefvater (2012)

Divided We Fall, Book 1

Provocative military tale asks tough patriotism questions.

By Trent Reedy (2014)

Alive: The Generations Trilogy, Book 1

Tricky amnesia thriller keeps you guessing to the end. By Scott Sigler (2015)

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, Book 1

Eerie gothic fantasy a satisfying creep fest for teens.

By Ransom Riggs (2011)

Partials: The Partials Sequence, Book 1

Tense action, sharp plot twists distinguish dystopian tale.

By Dan Wells (2012)

Classics: Great books/authors for teens:

Treasure Island

Jules Verne Novels

Ray Bradbury Short Stories ("All Summer in a Day", "The Veldt")

Kurt Vonnegut

Jane Austin

Anne of Green Gables
Little Women
James Herriot (for animal lovers)

Graphic Novels:

Raina Telgemeier Novels: Guts, Smile, Ghosts, etc.
Babysitters Club Graphic Novels
Sunny Graphic Novels by Jennifer L. Holm
Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova
They Called Us Enemy: George Takei
March Graphic Novels by John Lewis
The Best We Could Do by Thi Bui
Click Graphic Novel Series by Kayla Miller
Long Distance by Whitney Gardner
Doodleville by Chad Sell

10 Book Series for Parents and Teens to Binge-Read

By [Sandie Angulo Chen](#) 11/16/2015 (on goodreads)

***The Girl of Fire and Thorns* by Rae Carson, age 12+** Carson's award-winning fantasy trilogy has one of the most unique protagonists in all of young adult (YA) fare. Elisa is a plus-size princess who doesn't shy away from her love of food. She's wicked smart, funny, clever, and deeply faithful (since birth she has been known as someone chosen to fulfill a prophecy), and she has just been married off to a king. Struggling to figure out what her destined act of service is and how to be a good wife and queen to a man and people she barely knows, Elisa has a story that's beautifully written and continues with two sequels that up the stakes as she fully comes into her power.

***Legend* by Marie Lu, age 12+** The first book in Marie Lu's best-selling trilogy was inspired by the dramatic tension between prisoner Valjean and inspector Javert in *Les Misérables*. In the future, the west coast has turned into the Republic, a sovereign nation that's constantly at war. Fifteen-year-old June is a military prodigy born to one of the Republic's most elite families, while 15-year-old Day is a parkour prodigy and a petty criminal from one of its poorest neighborhoods. When Day is suspected of murdering June's brother, their high-stakes game of cat and mouse turns into the uncovering of the totalitarian government's sinister secrets and, naturally, a little sprinkling of romance.

***The Mortal Instruments* by Cassandra Clare, age 12+** We'll admit it's not necessarily easy to binge-read six titles, but Clare finally finished her mammoth urban fantasy about plucky redhead Clary, who evolves from just another mundane New York high schooler to part of a supernatural cadre of demon hunters called Shadowhunters. Throughout the action-packed six books, Clary and her love interest Jace (and their family and friends) have to deal with an assortment of obstacles that keep them apart and, of course, threaten the future of mankind.

***Monument 14* by Emmy Laybourne, age 13+** Even the book's catchy tagline is gripping: "Fourteen kids. One superstore. A million things that go wrong." In this trilogy, it's the end of the world as they knew it, and readers won't stop until they know what happens. On their way to school one morning, 14 Colorado school kids of all ages end up locked inside a Costco-like superstore while disasters ranging from storms to biological agents wreak havoc outside. Without adult supervision, the kids and teens

must battle with everything from how to care for the littlest among them to jealousy over how each of them responds to exposure to biological agents.

***Shadow and Bone: The Grisha Trilogy* by Leigh Bardugo, age 13+** Bardugo's best-selling trilogy is a vivid fantasy set in the fictional Ravka, which she based on czarist Russia but with a class of superhuman characters who can manipulate elements. The story's main character is orphan Alina Starkov, who goes from mousy and shy to a force of nature like no one has ever seen before -- as bright, powerful, and potentially dangerous as the sun. And naturally there's a compelling supervillain called the Darkling, who wants to mold Alina into his own personal weapon, as well as a handsome, charismatic best friend, Mal, who wants to remind Alina that she's more than her powers.

***Unwind Dystology* by Neal Shusterman, age 13+** Shusterman's dystopian quartet is set in a world where the pro-life and pro-choice movements have come up with a compromise -- there is no abortion, but parents have the right to "unwind" (have all their organs harvested so the kids don't technically "die" under the letter of the law) their children between the ages of 13 and 18. The book follows three kids scheduled to be "unwound" for vastly different reasons, but they manage to escape, threatening the System and making people question their society's rules.

***Daughter of Smoke and Bone* by Laini Taylor, age 14+** This fantasy trilogy has everything an adult fan of YA appreciates about reading teen books: lyrical writing, a fierce and fascinating heroine, exotic locales (Prague, Paris, Morocco, and mystical supernatural places as well), and, naturally, a forbidden love story. Main character Karou isn't just a Prague art student with a brooding boyfriend; she's the goddaughter of a chimaera "demon" whose natural-born enemy is her new love interest's "angel" kind.

***His Fair Assassin* by Robin LaFevers, age 14+**

These three books follow three assassin nuns (these definitely aren't like the nuns we grew up with, such as Maria or the Flying Nun) from a convent in service of St. Mortain, the patron saint of death. Sent on a sacred mission, these young novices must think for themselves and decide whether to obey their orders or their hearts. Best for mature teens, the series boasts beautiful prose, intricate plot lines, and romances that are more substantial than the usual insta-love.