



## Books for Teens

### SRC 2011

#### **Young Adult Fiction (Y)**

**Bacigalupi, Paolo.** Ship Breaker.

In America's Gulf Coast region, Nailer works scavenging grounded oil tankers for copper wiring. But when he discovers a clipper ship beached during a hurricane, Nailer faces the most important decision of his life: strip the ship for all it's worth or rescue its lone survivor, a beautiful and wealthy girl who could lead him to a better life. (Booklist Grades 8-12)

**Bradbury, Jennifer.** Shift.

When best friends Chris and Win go on a cross country bicycle trek after graduating and only one of them returns, the FBI wants to know what happened. (SLJ Grades 8 and Up)

**Bunce, Elizabeth.** Star Crossed.

In a kingdom dominated by religious intolerance, 16-year-old Digger, a street thief, has always avoided attention, but when she learns that her friends are plotting against the throne she must decide whether to join them or turn them in. (Booklist Grades 8 and Up)

**Cohn, Rachel.** Dash & Lily's Book of Dares.

Lily has left a red notebook full of challenges on a favorite bookstore shelf, waiting for just the right guy to come along and accept its dares. But is Dash that right guy? Or are Dash and Lily only destined to trade dares, dreams, and desires in the notebook they pass back and forth at locations across New York? (SLJ Grades 9 and Up)

**Deuker, Carl.** Payback Time.

When Angel shows up at Lincoln High, he seems to have no past. Angel rarely allows himself to shine on the football field. Is he an undercover cop? Or an ineligible player? In pursuit of a killer story, Mitch decides to find out just who this player is and what he's done. In the end, the truth surprises everyone. (SLJ Grades 7 and Up)

**Donnally, Jennifer.** Revolution.

An angry, grieving seventeen-year-old musician facing expulsion from her prestigious Brooklyn private school travels to Paris to complete a school assignment and uncovers a diary written during the French Revolution by a young actress attempting to help a tortured, imprisoned little boy – Louis Charles, the lost king of France. (SLJ Grades 9 and Up)

**Kade, Stacey.** The Ghost and the Goth.

After a close encounter with the front end of a school bus, Alona Dare goes from Homecoming Queen to Queen of the Dead. Now she's stuck as a spirit in the land of the living. The only person who might be able to help is Will Killian, a total loser outcast. He alone can see and hear her, but he wants nothing to do with the former mean girl of Groundsboro High. (SLJ Grades 8 and Up)

**Mulligan, Andy.** Trash.

In the not-so-distant future, three "dumpsite boys" make a living picking through the mountains of garbage on the outskirts of a large city. One unlucky-lucky day, Raphael finds something very special and very mysterious. Soon the boys must use all of their cunning and courage to solve the mystery and right a terrible wrong. (SLJ Grades 7 and Up)

**Nelson, Jandy.** The Sky is Everywhere.

Lennie Walker, bookworm and band geek, plays second clarinet and spends her time tucked safely and happily in the shadow of her fiery older sister, Bailey. But when Bailey dies abruptly, she is catapulted to center stage of her own life and, despite her nonexistent history with boys, suddenly finds herself struggling to balance two. (SLJ Grades 10 and Up)

**Northrop, Michael.** Trapped.

When the blizzard started, no one knew that it was going to snow for a week. Scotty and his friends are among the last seven kids at their school waiting to get picked up that day. They soon realize that no one is coming for them. As the days add up, the snow piles higher, the school grows colder and darker forcing a devastating decision. (SLJ Grades 7-10)

**Oliver, Lauren.** Delirium.

There was a time when love was the most important thing in the world. Then they found the cure. Scientists are able to eradicate love, and the government demands that citizens receive the cure upon turning eighteen. Lena Haloway has always looked forward to the day when she'll be cured. A life without love is a life without pain. But with only ninety-five days left until her treatment, Lena does the unthinkable. (Kirkus Reviews Ages 14 and Up)

**Oppel, Kenneth.** Half Brother.

For 13 years, Ben Tomlin was an only child. All that changes when his mother brings home Zan – an eight-day-old chimpanzee. Ben's parents tell him to treat Zan like a little brother. Soon Ben is forced to make a critical choice between what he is told to believe and what he knows to be true – obeying his father or protecting his brother from an unimaginable fate. (SLJ Grades 7-11)

**Reichs, Kathy.** Virals.

Tory Brennan is the leader of a ragtag band of teenage "sci-philes" who live on a secluded island off the coast of South Carolina. When the group rescues a dog caged for medical testing on a nearby island, they are exposed to an experimental strain of canine parvovirus that changes their lives forever. They must combine their scientific curiosity with their newfound physical gifts to solve a cold-case murder that has suddenly become very hot--if they can stay alive long enough to catch the killer's scent. (SLJ Grades 6-10)

**Sachar, Louis.** Cardturner: A Novel about a King, a Queen, and a Joker.

The summer after junior year of high school looks bleak for Alton Richards. His girlfriend has dumped him to hook up with his best friend. He has no money and no job. His parents insist that he drive his great-uncle Lester to his bridge club four times a week and be his cardturner—whatever that means. (SLJ Grades 8 and Up)

**Supplee, Suzanne.** Somebody Everybody Listens To.

Upon graduating from high school in the tiny town of Starling, Tennessee, aspiring country singer Retta Lee Jones manages to get herself to Nashville, where, in spite of some bad luck and hard times, she tries to preserve in pursuing her dreams. (SLJ Grades 7 and Up)

**Yansky, Brian.** Alien Invasion and Other Inconveniences.

A polite race of telepathic killer aliens, a ten-second world conquest, and one teenage boy collide in this wry, gutsy adventure. Jesse is in history class when a formidable, efficient race of aliens quietly takes over the earth. When a mysterious girl appears in his dreams, talking about escaping, Jesse begins to think the aliens may not be invincible after all. But if Jesse and his friends succeed, is there anywhere left to go? (SLJ Grades 9 and Up)

## **Young Adult Nonfiction**

**Bragg, Georgia.** How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous.

Over the course of history men and women have lived and died. Read all the gory details of how nineteen world figures gave up the ghost. For example: It is believed that Henry VIII's remains exploded within his coffin while lying in state. And right before Beethoven wrote his last notes, doctors drilled a hole in his stomach without any pain medication. (920 Br) (SLJ Grades 5-9)

**Dembicki, Matt, illus.** Trickster: Native American Tales: A Graphic Collection.

In *Trickster* more than twenty Native American tales are cleverly adapted into comic form. Each story is written by a different Native American storyteller who worked closely with a selected illustrator. Ranging from serious and dramatic to funny and sometimes downright fiendish, these tales bring tricksters back into popular culture in a very vivid form. (Graphic 398.2 Tr) (SLJ Grades 5 and Up)