



Books for Teens SRC 2010

Young Adult Fiction (Y)

Carter, Ally. Heist Society.

A group of teenagers uses their combined talents to re-steal several priceless paintings and save fifteen-year-old Kat Bishop's father, himself an international art thief, from a vengeful collector. (Booklist Grades 6-10)

Cashore, Kristin. Fire.

In a kingdom called the Dells, Fire is the last human-shaped monster, with unimaginable beauty and the ability to control the minds of those around her, but even with these gifts she cannot escape the strife that overcomes her world. (SLJ Grade 9+)

Forman, Gayle. If I Stay: A Novel.

While in a coma following an automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, seventeen-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death. (SLJ Grades 9+)

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. Claim to Fame.

Sixteen-year-old Lindsay, a former child star whose career ended when she developed the ability to hear what anyone, anywhere says about her and apparently suffered a nervous breakdown, comes to see this as an asset when, after her father's death, she learns that she is not alone. (SLJ Grades 7-9)

Korman, Gordon. Pop.

Lonely after a midsummer move to a new town, sixteen-year-old high school quarterback Marcus Jordan becomes friends with a retired professional linebacker who is great at training him, but whose childish behavior keeps Marcus in hot water. (SLJ Grades 9+)

Lloyd, Saci. The Carbon Diaries 2015.

It's the year 2015, a time when global warming has begun to ravage the environment. In response, the United Kingdom becomes the first country to mandate carbon rationing--a well-intentioned plan that goes tragically awry. This story of one girl's attempt to stay grounded in a world where disaster has become the norm is told in short diary entries. (SLJ Grades 8+)

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert. Front and Center.

After five months of sheer absolute craziness D.J. is ready to shrink in to the background...but other folks have different ideas including college scouts, hometown hoops fans, her coach and a certain Red Bend High School junior who's keen for romance and karaoke. (SLJ Grades 8-11)

Myracle, Lauren. Peace, Love and Baby Ducks.

Having always shared a special bond, fifteen-year-old Carly doesn't know how to handle her younger sister, Anna, when she suddenly transforms into a fashion-obsessed, beauty queen during the course of one crazy summer. (SLJ Grades 8-10)

Oliver, Lauren. Before I Fall.

Samantha Kingston has it all. Friday, February 12th should be just another day in her charmed life. Instead, it's her last. The catch: Samantha still wakes up the next morning. In fact, she re-lives the last day of her life seven times, until she realizes that by making even the slightest changes, she may hold more power than she had ever imagined. (SLJ Grades 9+)

Pfeffer, Susan Beth. This World We Live In.

It's been a year since a meteor collided with the moon, catastrophically altering the earth's climate. For Miranda Evans, life as she knew it no longer exists. Her friends and neighbors are dead, the landscape is frozen, and food is increasingly scarce. (SLJ Grades 7+)

Pike, Aprilynne. Wings.

When a plant blooms out of fifteen-year-old Laurel's back, it leads her to discover the fact that she is a faerie and that she has a crucial role to play in keeping the world safe from the encroaching enemy trolls. (SLJ Grades 7-10)

Pratchett, Terry. Nation.

After a devastating tsunami destroys all that they have ever known, Mau, an island boy, and Daphne, an aristocratic English girl, together with a small band of refugees, set about rebuilding their community and all the things that are important in their lives. (SLJ Grades 7-10)

Ryan, Carrie. The Forest of Hands and Teeth.

Through twists and turns of fate, orphaned Mary seeks knowledge of life, love, and especially what lies beyond her walled village and the surrounding forest, where dwell the unconsecrated, aggressive-flesh eating people who were once dead. (SLJ Grades 9+)

Stork, Francisco. Marcelo in the Real World.

Ordered by his father to work in the mailroom of his law firm to get exposure to the real world, Marcelo knows that he must find a way to cope with his form of Asperger's Syndrome in order to prove himself, but when a series of events involving his father's partner and a matter of injustice comes to light, Marcelo finds himself in the midst of a dangerous situation. (SLJ Grades 8+)

Turner, Megan Whelan. A Conspiracy of Kings.

Kidnapped and sold into slavery, Sophos, an unwilling prince, tries to save his country from being destroyed by rebellion and exploited by the conniving Mede Empire. (SLJ Grades 7+)

Westerfeld, Scott. Leviathan.

In an alternate 1914 Europe, fifteen-year-old Austrian Prince Alek, on the run from the Clanker Powers who are attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery, forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically-engineered beasts. (SLJ Grades 7+)

Young Adult Nonfiction

Amberlyn, J. C. Drawing Manga Animals, Chibis, and Other Adorable Creatures.

Gives an overview of popular manga techniques, profiles manga animals, and features step-by-step character directions. **(741.51 Am)** (SLJ adult/high school)

Black, Holly. Geektastic: Stories from the Nerd Herd.

From Trekkers to science geeks, Buffy fanatics to Dungeon Masters, nerds of all persuasions are sure to find themselves in the pages of this anthology. **(808.83 Ge)** (SLJ Grades 9+)

Heligman, Deborah. Charles and Emma: the Darwin's Leap of Faith.

Darwin's love for his intelligent, steadfast, and deeply religious wife was an important factor in his scientific work—pushing him to document his theory of natural selection for decades before publishing it with great trepidation. Just as the pair embodied a marriage of science and religion, this book weaves together the chronicle of the development of a major scientific theory with a story of true love. **(B Darwin)** (SLJ Grades 8+)