

## NONFICTION: GRADES 6-12

2012

**ANNE FRANK: HER LIFE IN WORDS AND PICTURES FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE ANNE FRANK HOUSE** by Metselaar & van der Rol (YA B Frank) Grades 6 & up  
Photographs and mementos from Anne Frank's family are used to illustrate the history and background of Anne's life.

2011

**EMINEM: THE WAY I AM** by Eminem (YA B Eminem) Grades 9 & up  
One of the most influential rappers of all time allows readers to gain insight into his life and his emotional struggles. The book is as raw and personal as his music.

2010

**HOUDINI THE HANDCUFF KING** by Lutes (JF G Lutes) Grades 6-9  
Ever wonder how Harry Houdini kept his death-defying feats a secret? Follow the great escape artist over the course of one day and one amazing stunt to learn a secret or two and understand the keys to his success.

2009

**FREEDOM RIDERS: JOHN LEWIS AND JIM ZWERG ON THE FRONT LINES OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT** by Bausum (J 323.092 BAU) Grades 6-9  
A compare-and-contrast method of exploring the lives of John Lewis and James Zwerg that helps teens understand the segregated experience of our country's past.

2008

**THE GLASS CASTLE** by Walls (YA B Walls) (Grades 9 & up)  
Walls and her siblings were uprooted time and time again and were left unfed and poorly clothed. Her mother thinks homelessness "is an adventure" and the list goes on.

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2007

**THE BOOK OF BUNNY SUICIDES** by Riley  
Grades 9 & up  
This satirical book shows the many hilarious ways that cartoon bunnies can say "Goodbye cruel world."

2006

**STIFF: THE CURIOUS LIVES OF HUMAN CADAVERS** by Roach (YA 611 ROA)  
Grades 9 & up  
An oddly compelling, often hilarious exploration of the strange lives of our bodies postmortem.

2005

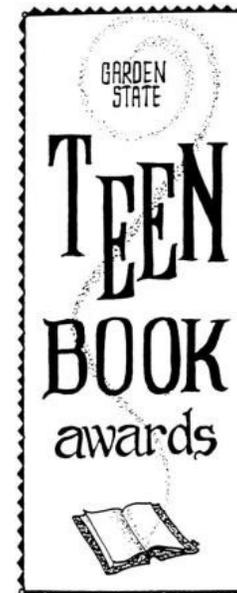
**WHERE TO PARK YOUR BROOMSTICK: A TEEN'S GUIDE TO WITCHCRAFT** by Manoy  
Grades 7 & up  
Need a spell? Check out this guide to witchcraft.

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## 2012-2005

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## FICTION: GRADES 6-8

2012

**THE MAZE RUNNER** by Dashner (YA Dashner)  
When Thomas wakes up in the heart of a giant maze, he discovers that he has no memories of his life before the maze - just like the 60 boys already living there. (Followed by **THE SCORCH TRIALS & THE DEATH CURE.**)

2011

**THE GRAVEYARD BOOK** by Gaiman (JF Gaiman)  
The boy Nobody has been raised by gentle ghosts in a graveyard following his escape from his family's murderer. What will happen when the murderer returns for him?

2010

**THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET** by Selznick (JF Selznick)  
Orphan, clock winder, AND petty thief, twelve-year-old Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station in 1931, where his survival depends on anonymity.

2009

**LIFE AS WE KNEW IT** by Pfeffer (YA Pfeffer)  
Miranda is living in rural Pennsylvania when a world-wide catastrophe strikes. The moon is hit by a meteor and knocked closer to the earth, setting off a series of disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcanoes. (Followed by **THE DEAD & THE GONE & THE WORLD WE LIVE IN.**)

2008

**UGLIES** by Westerfeld (YA Westerfeld)  
What would you do to be beautiful? Would you betray one group of friends to be with others? Would you risk losing part of what makes you you? (Followed by **PRETTIES, SPECIALS & EXTRAS.**)

2007

**AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS** by Choldenko (YA Choldenko, Summer)  
Moose's family moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 so his autistic sister can attend a special school in San Francisco. He quickly learns that life on prison grounds isn't quite what he expected. (Followed by **AL CAPONE SHINES MY SHOES.**)

2006

**CITY OF EMBER** by DuPrau (JF DuPrau)  
In the year 241, Lina and her friend Doon trade jobs on Assignment Day in an attempt to decode a secret message and save the post-holocaust city of Ember from its accelerating decay. (Followed by **THE PEOPLE OF SPARKS, THE PROPHET OF YONWOOD & THE DIAMOND OF DARKHOLD.**)

2005

**THE THIEF LORD** by Funke (YA Funke, Summer)  
Orphans Prosper and Bo run away from their mean aunt to live together in the magical city of Venice.

## FICTION: GRADES 9-12

2012

**FIRE** by Cashore (YA Cashore)  
In the fantastical world of the Dells there dwell monsters of lustrous skin with the ability to enchant humans. Fire is the last remaining human monster, a young woman of unsurpassed beauty with the ability to read minds and influence thoughts. (Is prequel to **GRACELING**. Followed by **BITTERBLUE.**)

2011

**THE HUNGER GAMES** by Collins (YA Collins)  
In Panem, winning the lottery changes the lives of 24 children each year, but not for the good. These girls and boys become contestants in The Hunger Games, a televised battle to the death. (Followed by **CATCHING FIRE & MOCKINGJAY.**)

2010

**THIRTEEN REASONS WHY** by Asher (YA Asher)  
When Clay receives a mysterious box in the mail containing seven cassette tapes, he can't help but be curious enough to listen to them. Clay gradually discovers the thirteen reasons why his classmate and crush killed herself.

2009

**THE BOOK THIEF** by Zusak (YA Zusak)  
In this powerful story narrated by Death, young Liesel, orphaned and struggling to survive Hitler's war in Germany, finds salvation in stolen books.

2008

**TWILIGHT** by Meyer (YA Meyer)  
When Isabella moves from Phoenix to live with her father in Forks the last thing she expects is to meet someone Edward. Edward and Bella are irresistibly drawn to one another even as Bella's very survival depends on their staying apart. (Followed by **NEW MOON, ECLIPSE & BREAKING DAWN.**)

2007

**SPLINTERING** by Corrigan  
After suffering a random attack by a crazed drug addict, Paulie's family is forced to deal with the emotional scars that remain long after the physical bruises have faded.

2006

**THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME** by Haddon (F Haddon)  
Autistic Christopher is determined to solve the mystery of who killed his neighbor's dog.

2005

**ALL-AMERICAN GIRL** by Cabot (YA Cabot)  
After tenth grader Samantha saves the life of the President of the United States, some aspects of her life become a lot clearer.