Teens’ Top Ten
2011-2003
Books picked by teens across America as the best of the year!
Presented by the American Library Association.

2011

CLOCKWORK ANGEL by Clare (YA Clare)
Grades 9 & up
The year is 1878. Searching for her missing brother, sixteen-year-old Tessa Gray descends into London’s dark supernatural underworld and finds herself up against the Pandemonium Club, a secret organization of vampires, demons, warlocks, and humans. (Part of the INFERNAL DEVICES series, which prequels the MORTAL INSTRUMENTS series. Followed by CLOCKWORK PRINCE.)
**Mockingjay** by Collins (YA Collins)
Grades 7 & up
Katniss has been adopted by rebel factions as their symbol for freedom and becomes the rallying point for the districts in a desperate bid to take down the Capitol and remove President Snow from power. But being the Mockingjay comes with a price as Katniss must come to terms with how much of her own humanity and sanity she can willingly sacrifice for the cause, her friends, and her family. (Part of the *Hunger Games Trilogy*, preceded by *The Hunger Games* & *Catching Fire*.)

**Matched** by Condie (YA Condie)
Grades 7 & up
Cassia has always trusted the Society to make the right choices for her: what to read, what to watch, what to believe. So when Xander's face appears on-screen at her Matching ceremony, Cassia knows with complete certainty that he is her ideal mate...until she sees Ky Markham's face flash for an instant before the screen fades to black. (Followed by *Crossed* & * Reached* (11/12).)

**Nightshade** by Cremer (YA Cremer)
Grades 10 & up
Calla is the alpha female of a shape-shifting wolf pack. She is destined to marry Ren Laroche, the pack's alpha male. Together, they would rule their pack together, guarding sacred sites for the Keepers. But then Calla saves a beautiful human boy, who captures her heart. (Followed by *Wolfsbane* & *Bloodrose*.)
CRESCEO by Fitzpatrick (YA Fitzpatrick)
Grades 9 & up
Despite starting a relationship with Patch, her guardian angel (whose title is the only angelic thing about him), and surviving an attempt on her life, things are not looking good for Nora Grey. Aside from fearing her boyfriend is interested in her nemesis, Nora is haunted by images of her father and becomes obsessed with understanding his disappearance. (Preceded by HUSH. HUSH. Followed by SILENCE.)

THE IRON KING by Kagawa (YA Kagawa)
Grades 8 & up
On her 16th birthday, Meghan Chase's four-year-old half brother is exchanged for a changeling and she discovers that her best friend, Robbie, is actually Robin Greenfellow, aka Puck, from Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. He is her guardian and will lead her into the faery world to rescue her brother. (Followed by IRON DAUGHTER, IRON QUEEN & IRON KNIGHT.)

I AM NUMBER FOUR by Lore (YA Lore)
Grades 7 & up
Despite the amazing powers that many of the people of Lorien possess, the planet was defeated and its natural resources looted by Mogadorians in a matter of days. Only nine children escaped with their guardians to Earth, where they planned to hide until they developed their powers in order to defeat their enemies and revive Lorien. The Mogadorians hunt the Nine and have already killed three of them. (Followed by THE POWER OF SIX.)
**BETEFORE I FALL** by Oliver (YA Oliver)
**Grades 9 & up**
Beautiful, popular Samantha and her three best friends are the ruthless queen bees of their high school. But Samantha is living a nightmare: throughout the book, she relives the day of her death seven times, with some dramatic alterations and revelations depending on her choices-ditching school to spend time with her younger sister or, on a day when life’s rules have all but lost their meaning, seducing a teacher.

**ANGEL: A MAXIMUM RIDE NOVEL** by Patterson (YA Patterson)
**Grades 6-9**
Still reeling from Fang’s departure, Max and the flock don’t get the chance to enjoy any downtime. There is a new group bent on saving the world by destroying all humans to make room for an enhanced generation of genetically modified children. Not only must Max decide what to do about this new threat, but she is also dealing with her own confused feelings about Dylan, who has joined the Flock, and Fang, her best friend and soul mate who has left her. (Preceded by *THE ANGEL EXPERIMENT, SCHOOL’S OUT – FOREVER, SAVING THE WORLD & OTHER EXTREME SPORTS, THE FINAL WARNING, MAX, & FANG*, followed by *NEVERMORE* (9/12).)
PARANORMALCY by White (YA White)  
Grades 7 & up  
Evie's always thought of herself as a normal teenager, even though she works for the International Paranormal Containment Agency, she's falling for a shape-shifter, and she's the only one who can see through glamours. But now Evie's dreams are filled with haunting voices and cryptic messages—and she's realizing that she may be at the center of a dark faerie prophecy promising destruction to all paranormal creatures. (Followed by SUPERNATURALLY & ENDLESSLY (7/12).)

2010

WINTERGIRLS by Anderson (YA Anderson)  
Grades 8 & up  
Lia and Cassie are best friends, wintergirls frozen in matchstick bodies, competitors in a deadly contest to see who can be the skinniest. But what comes after size zero and size double-zero? When Cassie succumbs to the demons within, Lia feels she is being haunted by her friend's restless spirit.

HEIST SOCIETY by Carter (YA Carter)  
Grades 6-10  
For as long as she can remember, Katarina has been a part of the family business - thieving. When Kat tries to leave "the life" for a normal life, her old friend Hale conspires to bring her back into the fold. Why? A mobster’s art collection has been stolen, and Kat’s father is the only suspect. Caught between Interpol and a far more deadly enemy, Kat’s dad needs her help. (Followed by UNCOMMON CRIMINALS.)

Teens’ Top Ten Winners
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CITY OF GLASS by Clare (YA Clare)
Grades 8 & up
To save her mother’s life, Clary must travel to the City of Glass, the ancestral home of the Shadowhunters - never mind that entering the city without permission is against the Law, and breaking the Law could mean death. To make things worse, she learns that Jace does not want her there, and Simon has been thrown in prison by the Shadowhunters, who are deeply suspicious of a vampire who can withstand sunlight. (Preceded by CITY OF BONES & CITY OF ASHES, followed by CITY OF FALLEN ANGELS & CITY OF LOST SOULS. Part of the MORTAL INSTRUMENT series, which is prequeled by the MORTAL INSTRUMENTS series.)

CATCHING FIRE by Collins (YA Collins)
Grades 7 & up
Katniss returns home to find herself more the center of attention than ever. The sinister President Snow surprises her with a visit, and Katniss's fear when Snow meets with her alone is both palpable and justified. Catching Fire is divided into three parts: Katniss and Peeta's mandatory Victory Tour through the districts, preparations for the 75th Annual Hunger Games, and a truncated version of the Games themselves. (Preceded by THE HUNGER GAMES, followed by MOCKINGJAY.)
FIRE by Cashore (YA Cashore)
Grades 9 & up
It is not a peaceful time in the Dells. In King City, the young King Nash is clinging to the throne, while rebel lords in the north and south build armies to unseat him. War is coming. And the mountains and forest are filled with spies and thieves. This is where Fire lives, a girl whose beauty is impossibly irresistible and who can control the minds of everyone around her. (Prequel to GRACELING, which is followed by BITTERBLUE.)

ALONG FOR THE RIDE by Dessen (YA Dessen)
Grades 8 & up
Studious good girl Auden, named for the poet, makes a snap decision to spend her summer before college at her father's beach house rather than with her mother, a professor whose bad habits include male grad students. Auden's parents divorced three years earlier, a split she's not yet over. Her remarried father has already produced another heir, a colicky baby named Thisbe, with his young wife, Heidi, who owns a boutique.

HUSH, HUSH by Fitzpatrick (YA Fitzpatrick)
Grades 9 & up
High school sophomore Nora Grey lives with her widowed mother in a country farmhouse outside Portland, ME. When Patch, her new biology partner, is suddenly thrust into her life, Nora is both attracted to his charm and put off by his inexplicable awareness of her thoughts. Eventually, she learns that he is a fallen angel who wants to become human. (Followed by CRESCEPDO & SILENCE.)
If I Stay by Forman (YA Forman)
Grades 9 & up
Mia has a big decision to make. One snowy day, her family is killed in a catastrophic accident, while she is thrown from the car and left in a coma. Now it's up to her. Should she stay here or move on, leaving the pain and struggle of life as an orphan? Mia's spirit hovers in the critical care unit as she sorts through her feelings about her family, her music, her boyfriend, and her best friend, Kim. (Followed by Where She Went.)

Beautiful Creatures by Garcia and Stohl (YA Garcia)
Grades 7 & up
Ethan Wate, a high school sophomore, plans to escape his small Southern town as soon as he can. Life has been difficult since his mother died; his father, a writer, has withdrawn into his study. Then Lena Duchannes arrives, and this strange new girl is the very one who has been occupying his dreams. She and her kin are Casters, beings who have supernatural powers. (Followed by Beautiful Darkness & Beautiful Chaos.)

Shiver by Stiefvater (YA Stiefvater)
Grades 9 & up
For years, Grace has been fascinated by the yellow-eyed wolf that saved her from its pack when she was a child. Sam, bitten by a wolf as a boy, is that wolf. Long obsessed with each other at a distance, they finally meet after a wolf hunt (inspired by the apparent death of a local teen) sends a wounded and temporarily human Sam into Grace's arms. (Followed by Linger & Forever.)
**2009**

**Graceling** by Cashore (YA Cashore)
Certain people in Katsa's world are born with a particular Grace—a superhuman skill—and are identified by having two different colored eyes. Katsa has a Grace for killing. (Prequelled by *Fire*, followed by *Bitterblue.*)

**Untamed** by Cast (YA Cast)
Grades 8 & up
Zoey's adventures at vampyre finishing school take a wild and dangerous turn as loyalties are tested, shocking true intentions come to light, and an ancient evil is awakened. (Preceded by *Marked, Betrayed & Chosen*. Followed by *Hunted, Tempted, Burned, Awakened & Destined.*)

**City of Ashes** by Clare (YA Clare)
Grades 9 & up
The Shadowhunters are battling a world of demons that few people can see. Guided by the laws of the Clave, these hunters balance fighting with the other more mundane aspects of life—love, betrayal, and confusion. Jace, the fiercest teenage Shadowhunter, seems determined to make everyone around him angry, and is looked upon with suspicion because his father, Valentine, is out to rule the world. (Preceded by *City of Bones*. Followed by *City of Glass, City of Fallen Angels, City of Lost Souls*. Part of the *Mortal Instruments* series, which is prequelled by the *Infernal Devices* series.)
**The Hunger Games** by Collins (YA Collins)
Grades 7 & up
In the ruins of a place once known as North America lies the nation of Panem, a shining Capitol surrounded by twelve outlying districts. The Capitol is harsh and cruel and keeps the other districts in line by forcing them to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight-to-the-death on live TV. One boy and one girl between the ages of twelve and sixteen are selected by lottery to play. The winner brings riches and favor to his or her district. But that is nothing compared to what the Capitol wins: one more year of fearful compliance with its rule. Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen, who lives alone with her mother and younger sister, regards it as a death sentence when she is forced to represent her impoverished district in the Games. (Followed by *Catching Fire & Mockingjay*.)

**The Graveyard Book** by Gaiman (JF Gaiman)
Grades 5-8
Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didn't live in a sprawling graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts, with a solitary guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor of the dead.

**Paper Towns** by Green (YA Green)
Grades 9 & up
When Margo Roth Spiegelman beckons Quentin Jacobsen in the middle of the night-dressed like a ninja and plotting an ingenious campaign of revenge - he follows her. Margo’s always planned extravagantly, and, until now, she’s always planned solo. After a lifetime of loving Margo from afar, things are finally looking up for Q . . . until day breaks and she has vanished.

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**IDENTICAL by Hopkins (YA Hopkins)**  
*Grades 9 & up*

Identical teen twins Kaeleigh and Raeanne share a picture-perfect California life that is rank with dark, dangerous secrets under its surface. Their mother, who is running for Congress, leaves them at home with their father, a district court judge who is addicted to liquor and OxyContin.

**THE DISREPUTABLE HISTORY OF FRANKIE LANDAU-BANKS by Lockhart (YA Lockhart)**  
*Grades 7 & up*

Frankie, has developed a new attitude, and sights set on making changes at her elite boarding. She also has a new boyfriend, a gorgeous senior who belongs to a long-standing secret society on campus, known mostly for silly pranks and a history of male-only membership. With a witty, sharp, and intelligently scheming mind, Frankie manipulates the Loyal Order to do her bidding with pranks meant to make a political statement about the male-dominated and classist nature of the school.

**WAKE by McMann (YA McMann)**  
*Grades 7 & up*

Janie dreams along with her fellow students when they fall asleep near her-on the bus, in study hall, in boring classes, etc. She begins to dream with loner Cabel Sturmheller and discovers both his horrific childhood abuse and longstanding feelings for her. (Followed by FADE & GONE.)
**Breaking Dawn** by Meyer (YA Meyer)
Grades 9 & up
The final installment of the *Twilight Saga* brings us to Edward and Bella’s wedding, their consummation, and closure for the epic love triangle. (Preceded by *Twilight, New Moon & Eclipse.*)

**Twisted** by Anderson (YA Anderson)
Grades 9 & up
Tired of being ignored at school, Tyler's graffiti stunt at the end of his junior year gets him arrested. He spends the summer doing community service and landscaping work and returns to school with a pumped up body and a new bad-boy image. The beautiful and popular Bethany falls for him but dumps him when he refuses to sleep with her when she’s drunk. Things quickly slide downhill from there, making Tyler's life tense both at school and at home.

**The Sweet Far Thing** by Bray (YA Bray)
Grades 9 & up
It has been a year of change since Gemma Doyle arrived at the foreboding Spence Academy. Her mother murdered, her father a laudanum addict, Gemma has relied on an unsuspected strength and has discovered an ability to travel to an enchanted world called the realms, where dark magic runs wild. Despite certain peril, Gemma has bound the magic to herself and forged unlikely new alliances. Now, as Gemma approaches her London debut, the time has come to test these bonds. (Preceded by *A Great & Terrible Beauty & Rebel Angels.*)
CITY OF BONES by Clare (YA Clare)
Grades 8 & up
When Clary Fray witnesses three tattoo-covered teenagers murder another teen, she is unable to prove the crime because the victim disappears right in front of her eyes, and no one else can see the killers. She learns that the teens are Shadowhunters (humans who hunt and kill demons), and Clary, a "mundie" (mundane human), should not be able to see them either. (Followed by CITY OF ASHES, CITY OF GLASS, CITY OF FALLEN ANGELS, & CITY OF LOST SOULS. Part of the MORTAL INSTRUMENTS series, which is prequelled by the INFERNAL DEVICES series.)

BEFORE I DIE by Downham (YA Downham)
Grades 9 & up
Tessa has a list of things to do before she dies. Her chemotherapy is no longer working and her four-year struggle with leukemia will soon end. Sometimes angry and rebellious, other times exhausted and forlorn, Tessa crams sex, drugs, and a few illegal acts into the few months she has left.

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID by Kinney (JF Kinney)
Grades 5-8
It's a new school year, and Greg Heffley finds himself thrust into middle school, where undersized weaklings share the hallways with kids who are taller, meaner, and already shaving. The hazards of growing up before you're ready are uniquely revealed through words and drawings as Greg records them in his diary. (Followed by RODRICK RULES, THE LAST STRAW, DOG DAYS, THE UGLY TRUTH, CABIN FEVER, MOVIE DIARY & LOVE IS IN THE AIR (11/12).)
VAMPIRE ACADEMY by Mead (YA Mead)
Grades 9 & up
Lissa and Rose have a special bond, as is fitting for a vampire princess and her guardian-in-training, but theirs is closer than most. Lissa is Moroi - a race of living vampires that is persecuted by the deadly Strigoi, undead vampires that feed from and kill Lissa's kind. Rose is a dhampir - a half-vampire-half-human whose role is to guard the Moroi, at a time when both races are dwindling. (Followed by FROSTBITE, SHADOW KISS, BLOOD PROMISE, SPIRIT BOUND, & LAST SACRIFICE.)

ECLIPSE by Meyer (YA Meyer)
Grades 9 & up
Edward and Bella are back and the sexual tension between them has grown even stronger as Bella prepares to graduate from high school and enter into her new life as a vampire. But what about her longtime close friend Jacob (a werewolf)? How can she choose between him and Edward, and what will happen if, and when, she does? (Preceded by TWILIGHT & NEW MOON. Followed by BREAKING DAWN.)
**Maximum Ride: Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports** by Patterson
(YA Patterson)
Grades 7 & up
Six genetically altered bird-kids continue their mission to prevent the evil scientists who created them from making good on their diabolical plan to eradicate half of the world's population. Just as the flock lets down its guard, the wolflike Erasers resurface to capture the younger members. (Preceded by *The Angel Experiment & School's Out - Forever*. Followed by *The Final Warning, Max, Fang, Angel & Nevermore* (9/12).)

**Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows** by Rowling (JF Rowling)
Grades 6 & up
The cloak of inevitability hangs on the final installment of the Harry Potter series. One must die, one will live. Friends will be distinguished from foes. All will be revealed. (Preceded by *The Sorcerer’s Stone, The Chamber of Secrets, The Prisoner of Azkaban, The Goblet of Fire, The Order of the Phoenix & The Half-Blood Prince*.)

**Extras** by Westerfeld (YA Westerfeld)
Grades 7 & up
In a society based on "face" (a social ranking), an "ugly" longs to be famous. With atypical teenage angst, Aya hatches a plan to "kick" herself into the top thousand most famous people. As she researches the Sly Girls who she saw riding the mag-lev on hoverboards, she stumbles into a much larger story involving city-killing missiles and strange nonhuman beings. (Preceded by *Uglies, Pretties & Specials*.)
FIRegirl by Abbott (JF Abbott)
Grades 5-8
From this moment on, life is never quite the same for Tom and his seventh-grade classmates. They learn that Jessica has been in a fire and was badly burned, and will be attending St. Catherine's while getting medical treatments. Despite her horrifying appearance and the fear she evokes in him and most of the class, Tom slowly develops a tentative friendship with Jessica that changes his life.

ROAD OF THE DEAD by Brooks (YA Brooks)
Grades 9 & up
On a storm-ravaged night, a 19-year-old girl is kidnapped, raped, and killed. Three days later, her two younger brothers set out in search of her murderer. Cole is a dark-eyed devil who doesn't care if he lives or dies, while Ruben is a strange child who sometimes, inexplicably, experiences sensations above and beyond his own.

JUST LISTEN by Dessen (YA Dessen)
Grades 8 & up
Last year, Annabel was "the girl who has everything"-at least that's the part she played in the television commercial for Kopf's Department Store. This year, she's the girl who has nothing: no best friend because mean-but-exciting Sophie dropped her, no peace at home since her older sister became anorexic, and no one to sit with at lunch. Until she meets Owen Armstrong.
HOW TO RUIN A SUMMER VACATION by Elkeles (YA Elkeles)
Grades 8-10
Amy is a spoiled teen who has stereotypical plans for her summer vacation: shopping, friends, boyfriend. Then, out of nowhere, her long-absent father calls to inform her that the grandmother whom she has never met is ill and that Amy needs to go to Israel to meet her. Before she can say, "But I'm not even Jewish!" Amy is on an Israeli moshav sharing a room with a cousin who hates her for being a spoiled American. (Followed by HOW TO RUIN MY TEENAGE LIFE & HOW TO RUIN YOUR BOYFRIEND'S REPUTATION.)

RIVER SECRETS by Hale (YA Hale)
Grades 6-10
Razo has no idea why he was chosen to be a soldier. He's sure it's out of pity that his captain asks him to join an elite mission - escorting the ambassador into Tira, Bayern's great enemy. But when the Bayern arrive in the strange southern country, Razo discovers the first dead body. He befriends both the high and low born, people who can perhaps provide them with vital information. And Razo is the one who must embrace his own talents in order to get the Bayern soldiers home again, alive. (Preceded by GOOSE GIRL & ENNA BURNING. Followed by FOREST BORN.)
BAD KITTY by Jaffe (YA Jaffe)
Grades 9 & up
Jasmine, her father, and stepmother are vacationing in Las Vegas at the posh Venetian Hotel. All the she really wants to do is sunbathe by the pool, write in her journal, and attempt to be a "Model Hallmark Card" daughter, all the while avoiding her "perfect" cousin Alyson and her "Evil Hench Twin," Veronique. Her plans go awry, however, when a small boy and his cat make Jas a central character in a murder investigation. (Followed by KITTY, KITTY.)

NEW MOON by Meyer (YA Meyer)
Grades 8 & up
The "star-crossed" lovers theme continues as Bella and Edward find themselves facing new obstacles, including a devastating separation, the mysterious appearance of dangerous wolves roaming the forest in Forks, a terrifying threat of revenge from a female vampire and a deliciously sinister encounter with Italy's reigning royal family of vampires, the Volturi. (Preceded by TWILIGHT. Followed by ECLIPSE & BREAKING DAWN.)

MAXIMUM RIDE: SCHOOL’S OUT - FOREVER by Patterson (YA Patterson)
Grades 7-10
Max, Fang, Iggy, Gasman, Nudge and Angel are being hunted by killers. No big deal because they can fly, literally. But how will this new threat to their safety affect their mission to save the world? (Preceded by THE ANGEL EXPERIMENT. Followed by SAVING THE WORLD & OTHER EXTREME SPORTS, THE FINAL WARNING, MAX, FANG, ANGEL & NEVERMORE (9/12).)
LIFE AS WE KNEW IT by Pfeffer (YA Pfeffer)
Grades 6-8
A meteor is going to hit the moon, and 16-year-old Miranda, like the rest of her family and neighbors in rural Pennsylvania, intends to watch it from the comfort of a lawn chair in her yard. But the event is not the benign impact predicted. The moon is knocked closer to Earth, setting off a chain of horrific occurrences: tsunamis, earthquakes, and, later, volcanic eruptions that disrupt life across the planet. (Followed by THE DEAD & THE GONE & THE WORLD WE LIVE IN.)

ALL HALLOWS EVE (13 STORIES) by Vande Velde (YA Vande Velde)
Grades 6 & up
Creepy and gruesome, these horror stories all take place on Halloween night when high-school characters bridge the gap between the living and the dead.

REBEL ANGELS by Bray (YA Bray)
Grades 8 & up
Ah, Christmas! Gemma Doyle is looking forward to a holiday from Spence Academy, spending time with her friends in the city, attending ritzy balls, and on a somber note, tending to her ailing father. As she prepares to ring in the New Year, 1896, a handsome young man, Lord Denby, has set his sights on Gemma, or so it seems. (Preceded by A GREAT & TERRIBLE BEAUTY. Followed by THE SWEET FAR THING.)
**CAPTAIN HOOK: THE ADVENTURES OF A NOTORIous YOUTH** by Hart (JF Hart)  
Grades 6 & up  
With his long black curls, a shadowy family tree, and an affinity for pet spiders, James bears little resemblance to his starched-collar, blue-blooded peers at Eton. Dubbed King Jas., he stops at nothing to become the most notorious underclassman in the prestigious school's history.

**13 LITTLE BLUE ENVELOPES** by Johnson (YA Johnson)  
Grades 8 & up  
Ginny reads a letter from her free-spirited, unpredictable Aunt Peg, who has recently passed away. She is given several destinations, four rules, and the instruction to open one envelope upon her arrival at each place. Thus begins a rapid tour of Europe as the teen struggles to accomplish the tasks established by her aunt. The motivation: Ginny wants to understand the woman's wanderlust and, possibly, she just wants a connection to her beloved relative. (Followed by THE LAST LITTLE BLUE ENVELOPE.)

**IF I HAVE A WICKED STEPMOTHER, WHERE'S MY PRINCE?** by Kantor (YA Kantor)  
Grades 8 & up  
When high school sophomore Lucy Norton's father remarries, her life is turned upside down. She and her father move from their West Coast home to a suburb on Long Island. With a small bedroom in the unfinished basement, a wicked stepmother and bratty stepsisters, countless chores, a blank social calendar, and a huge crush on the dashing prince of the varsity basketball team, Lucy's life has all the makings of a Cinderella story.
TWILIGHT by Meyer (YA Meyer)
Grades 9 & up
Headstrong, sun-loving, 17-year-old Bella declines her mom’s invitation to move to Florida, and instead reluctantly opts to move to her dad’s cabin in the dreary, rainy town of Forks, WA. She becomes intrigued with Edward Cullen, a distant, stylish, and disarmingly handsome senior, who is also a vampire. (Followed by NEW MOON, ECLIPSE, BREAKING DAWN.)

ELDEST by Paolini (YA Paolini)
Grades 5 & up
Eragon and his dragon, Saphira, have survived the battle at Tronjheim, but their challenges are not over. Galbatorix, the corrupt emperor, still rules Alagaesia and is looking for them. The magically bonded pair must help the rebellious Varden regroup after their leader is slain. (Preceded by ERAGON. Followed by BRISINGR & INHERITANCE.)

HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE by Rowling (JF Rowling)
Grades 5 & up
Harry and the gang are back at Hogwarts, but the mood is grim. The wizard community is now fully aware that evil has returned, and the citizenry is afraid. (Preceded by THE SORCERER’S STONE, THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS, THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN, THE GOBLET OF FIRE & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX. Followed by THE DEATHLY HALLOWS.)
PEEPS by Westerfeld (YA Westerfeld)
Grades 9 & up
Cal, a Texas transplant, lost his virginity-and a lot more-when he first arrived in New York City. He became a parasite-positive, or "peep"-he prefers not to use the "v-word." Now he works for the Night Watch, a secret branch of city government dedicated to tracking others of his kind. Unlike the rare natural carriers like Cal, who has acquired night vision, superhuman strength, and a craving for lots of protein, most peeps are insane cannibals lurking in darkness. (Followed by THE LAST DAYS.)

POISON by Wooding (YA Wooding)
Grades 6-10
Poison has always been a willful, contrary girl, prone to being argumentative and stubborn. So when her sister is snatched by the mean-spirited faeries, she seeks out the Phaerie Lord to get her back. But finding him isn't easy, and the quest leads Poison into a murderous world of intrigue, danger, and deadly storytelling.

ELSEWHERE by Zevin (YA Zevin)
Grades 7-10
Elsewhere is where fifteen-year-old Liz Hall ends up, after she has died. It is a place so like Earth, yet completely different. Here Liz will age backward from the day of her death until she becomes a baby again and returns to Earth. But Liz wants to turn sixteen, not fourteen again. She wants to get her driver's license. She wants to graduate from high school and go to college. And now that she's dead, Liz is being forced to live a life she doesn't want with a grandmother she has only just met.

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2005

**How I Paid for College: A Novel of Sex, Theft, Friendship & Musical Theater** by Acito (F Acito)
Grades 10 & up
In this story set in 1983, Edward Zanni is a talented New Jersey teen with hopes of attending Juilliard and having a career as an actor. However, his recently remarried father, Al, refuses to foot the bill, insisting that Edward pursue a "practical" profession. What follows is a very funny tale about Edward and his four friends’ efforts to steal funds from Al and his gold-digging new wife to pay for college.

**The Garden** by Aidinoff
Grades 11 & up
In the beginning…There was the Serpent, there for Eve’s awakening, and for all the days since. Teacher, mentor, companion, friend, and more. There was God. The Creator. Quick to anger. Dangerous. Majestic. There was Adam: as God said, a joy to behold. And there was Eve. These four hold the future in their hands. And only Eve - or perhaps the Serpent, too - wonders what lies outside the Garden of Eden.
**Girls in Pants: The Third Summer of the Sisterhood** by Brashares (YA Brashares)
Grades 7-12
Four friends embark on their third summer of adventures, beginning with their high school graduation. Tibby ponders the change in her relationship with a male friend who now wants to date her. Lena's plans to attend art school are disrupted when her conservative father discovers her sketching a nude male model during a summer class and refuses to pay the tuition. Carmen takes a job looking after Lena's cantankerous grandmother. Bridget goes to summer camp and is surprised to learn that her ex-fling is also a counselor. (Preceded by *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants & Second Summer of the Sisterhood*. Followed by *The Fourth Summer of the Sisterhood & Sisterhood Everlasting* (F Brashares).)

**Teen Idol** by Cabot (YA Cabot)
Grades 7 & up
Nothing much happens in the small town of Clayton, IN. At least not until major teen heartthrob, Luke Striker, comes to town to research a part for a new film project. Jen, a junior at the local high school and all-around friend to everyone, is assigned to show him around. The only problem is that no one besides Jen is supposed to know who he really is.
THE TRUTH ABOUT FOREVER by Dessen (YA Dessen)
Grades 7 & up
Macy's summer stretches before her, carefully planned and outlined. Spare time will be used to help her obsessive mother prepare for the big opening of the townhouse section of her luxury development. But Macy’s plans don’t anticipate a surprising and chaotic job with Wish Catering, a motley crew of new friends, or…Wes. Tattooed, artistic, anything-but-expected Wes.

LOOKING FOR ALASKA by Green (YA Green)
Grades 9 & up
Miles "Pudge" Halter is abandoning his safe - okay, boring - life. Pudge leaves for boarding school to seek what a dying Rabelais called the "Great Perhaps." Pudge becomes encircled by friends whose lives are everything but safe and boring. Their nucleus is razor-sharp, sexy, and self-destructive Alaska, who has perfected the arts of pranking and evading school rules. Pudge falls impossibly in love. When tragedy strikes the close-knit group, it is only in coming face-to-face with death that Pudge discovers the value of living and loving unconditionally.
**Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment** by Patterson (YA Patterson)
Grades 7 & up
Max and all the members of the "flock" are just like ordinary kids - only they have wings and can fly. It may seem like a dream come true to some, but their lives can morph into a living nightmare at any time...like when Angel, the youngest member of the flock, is kidnapped and taken back to the "School" where she and the others were experimented on by a crew of wack jobs. (Followed by School's Out - Forever, Saving the World & Other Extreme Sports, The Final Warning, Max, Fang, Angel & Nevermore (9/12).)

**My Sister's Keeper** by Picoult (F Picoult)
Grades 10 & up
Anna is not sick, but she might as well be. By age thirteen, she has undergone countless surgeries, transfusions, and shots so that her older sister, Kate, can somehow fight the leukemia that has plagued her since childhood. The product of preimplantation genetic diagnosis, Anna was conceived as a bone marrow match for Kate - a life and a role that she has never challenged...until now.
DRUMS, GIRLS AND DANGEROUS PIE by Sonnenblick (YA Sonnenblick)
Grades 5 & up
Steven has a totally normal life: he plays drums in the All-Star Jazz band, has a crush on the hottest girl in the school, and is constantly annoyed by his five-year-old brother, Jeffrey. But when Jeffrey is diagnosed with leukemia, Steven’s world is turned upside down. He is forced to deal with his brother’s illness and his parents’ attempts to keep the family in one piece. (Followed by AFTER EVER AFTER.)

THE GANGSTA RAP by Zephaniah
Grades 9 & up
Rebellious in his East London home and deeply alienated from his alcoholic West Indian father, Ray pops off during class, gets expelled, and joins his best friends, who have also been "excluded" from school. All three are passionate hip-hop lovers who hang out in a small music shop run by a sympathetic Jamaican named Marga Man. After they are jailed following a fight, the headmaster decides to enroll them in an alternative program that allows them to pursue their rap interests.
PRINCESS IN PINK by Cabot (YA Cabot)
Grades 5-10
Princess Mia has a new problem to overcome - how to get to the senior prom when boyfriend Michael thinks it's the height of lame. More drama erupts when Grandmere brings her poodle to Mia's 15th birthday party at a fancy restaurant. He gets loose, a busboy from Nepal gets fired, Mia's best friend starts a protest on his behalf, and the subsequent restaurant workers' strike shuts down the entire food and hotel industry, including the prom venue. (Preceded by PRINCESS DIARIES, PRINCESS IN THE SPOTLIGHT, PRINCESS IN LOVE, PRINCESS IN WAITING & PROJECT PRINCESS. Followed by PRINCESS IN TRAINING, THE PRINCESS PRESENT, PARTY PRINCESS, SWEET SIXTEEN PRINCESS, PRINCESS ON THE BRINK, PRINCESS MIA & FOREVER PRINCESS.)

A GREAT AND TERRIBLE BEAUTY by Bray (YA Bray)
Grades 8 & up
It's 1895, and after the suicide of her mother, Gemma Doyle is shipped off from the life she knows in India to Spence, a boarding school in England. Lonely, guilt-ridden, and prone to visions of the future that have an uncomfortable habit of coming true, Gemma's reception there is a chilly one. To make things worse, she's been followed by a mysterious young Indian man, a man sent to watch her. But why? (Followed by REBEL ANGELS & THE SWEET FAR THING.)
**INKHEART** by Funke (JF Funke)  
Grades 4 & up  
One dark night, a mysterious man called Dustfinger appears at the house where Meggie lives with her father. Dustfinger's arrival sets in motion a long chain of events involving a journey, fictional characters brought to life, dangerous secrets revealed, evil deeds, a long-lost relative found, and the triumph of creativity and courage. (Followed by INKSPELL & INKDEATH.)

**THE GOOSE GIRL** by Hale (YA Hale)  
Grades 6-10  
She can whisper to horses and communicate with birds, but the crown princess Ani has a difficult time finding her place in the royal family and measuring up to her imperial mother. When she is shipped off to a neighboring kingdom as a bride, her scheming entourage mounts a bloody mutiny to replace her with a jealous lady-in-waiting, Selia, and to allow an inner circle of guards more power in the new land. Barely escaping with her life, Ani disguises herself as a goose girl and wanders on the royal estate. Does she have the pluck to reclaim her rightful place? (Followed by ENNA BURNING, RIVER SECRETS & FOREST BORN.)

**THE EARTH, MY BUTT, AND OTHER BIG ROUND THINGS** by Mackler (YA Mackler)  
Grades 7-10  
Virginia Shreves has a larger-than-average body and a plus-size inferiority complex. She lives on the Web, snarfs junk food, and follows the "Fat Girl Code of Conduct." Her stuttering best friend has just moved to Walla Walla (of all places). Her new companion, Froggy Welsh the Fourth (real name), has just succeeded in getting his hand up her shirt, and she lives in fear that he'll look underneath.
CURSE OF THE BLUE TATTOO by Meyer (YA Meyer)
Grades 6 & up
After being exposed as a girl, Jacky Faber is forced to leave the Dolphin and attend the elite Lawson Peabody School for Young Girls in Boston. But growing up on the streets of London and fighting pirates never prepared Jacky for her toughest battle yet: learning how to be a lady. (Preceded by BLOODY JACK. Followed by UNDER THE JOLLY ROGER, IN THE BELLY OF THE BLOODHOUND, MISSISSIPPI JACK, MY BONNY LIGHT HORSEMAN, RAPTURE OF THE DEEP, THE WAKE OF LORELEI LEE & THE MARK OF THE GOLDEN DRAGON.)

ERAGON by Paolini (YA Paolini)
Grades 5 & up
Eragon, 15, is hunting for wild game when he witnesses a mysterious explosion. At the center of the blast radius he finds a polished blue stone marked with white veins. Brom, the village storyteller, has shown interest in it, so it is to him that Eragon turns when it starts squeaking, then wobbling, and then hatches into a majestic sapphire blue dragon. (Followed by ELDEST, BRISINGR & INHERITANCE.)
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TRICKSTER’S CHOICE by Pierce (YA Pierce)
Grades 7 & up
While Alanna fights a bitter war with Scanra in the North, Aly stays at home, trying to figure out what to do with her life, and how to emerge from her mother's shadow. Impulsively, she takes a boat ride, and is snatched by slave traders ignorant of her identity. Aly ends up in the household of a family that has fallen out of favor with the vicious king, who sends them into exile while demanding their wealth. Then Aly is approached by a "local sea god, among other things," as Kyprioth (the trickster) introduces himself. (Followed by TRICKSTER’S QUEEN.)

PIRATES! by Rees (YA Rees)
Grades 7-10
Nancy Kington, daughter of a rich merchant, suddenly orphaned when her father dies, is sent to live on her family's plantation in Jamaica. Disgusted by the treatment of the slaves and her brother's willingness to marry her off, she and one of the slaves, Minerva, run away and join a band of pirates. For both girls the pirate life is their only chance for freedom in a society where both are treated like property, rather than individuals.

HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX by Rowling (JF Rowling)
Grades 4 & up
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**Tithe: A Modern Faerie Tale** by Black (YA Black)
Grades 8 & up
Kaye is 16 when she finally learns why she’s such a strange young woman: she’s a changeling pixie under a spell. A move home to the New Jersey shore brings her back in touch with her childhood friends, the solitary fey, who want to end their servitude to the higher-born faeries by foiling the sacrifice of human blood known as the Tithe. (Followed by *Valiant & Ironside*.)

**The Second Summer of the Sisterhood** by Brashares (YA Brashares)
Grades 7 & up
The story again rotates through the perspectives of lifelong friends Carmen, Lena, Tibby and Bridget, who stay connected during their summer adventures with help from a shared pair of jeans that look fantastic on each of them, despite their “different sizes and shapes.” This time they struggle with their relationships with their mothers. (Preceded by *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*. Followed by *Girls in Pants, The Fourth Summer of the Sisterhood & Sisterhood Everlasting* (F Brashares).)

**True Confessions of a Heartless Girl** by Brooks (YA Brooks)
Grades 9 & up
In the midst of a heaven-rattling summer storm a young stranger blows into a small prairie town. On the run after taking her latest boyfriend’s truck, with a pocketful of stolen money and a heart full of pain, Noreen seems to invite trouble.
A Wizard Alone: Young Wizards Book 6 by Duane
Grades 6-10
Kit is having a rough time. His family's new DVD player and remote control are too busy yelling at each other to work the TV, and his dog is asking his mother about the meaning of life. Even worse, his best friend and partner in wizardry, Nita, grieving over her mother’s death, shuts him out emotionally and telepathically. To top it off, Kit has just been sent to see why a new wizard’s initial Ordeal is taking so long. (Preceded by So You Want to Be a Wizard, Deep Wizardry, High Wizardry, A Wizard Abroad & The Wizard’s Dilemma. Followed by The Wizard’s Holiday, Wizards at War & A Wizard from Mars.)

America by Frank (YA Frank)
Grades 8 & up
Born to a drug-addicted mother, 15-year-old America had been lost in the child-welfare system for years before he finally wound up in a residential treatment center. There, over a period of several more years, a capable therapist coaxes him out of his anger and suicidal depression.

The True Meaning of Cleavage by Fredericks (YA Fredericks)
Grades 7-10
Sari and Jess are best friends and total opposites. They've liked each other ever since they discovered that they are the only two normal people at Eldridge Alternative. As they prepare to face the trials of ninth grade, Sari is psyched. Jess, not so much. How can she face the Prada Mafia, the most evil clique at school? Or Mr. McGuiness’s unnervingly long nose hair? What if something really interesting happens to Sari and nothing whatsoever happens to Jess?
THE THIEF LORD by Funke (SUMMER)
Grades 6-9
Prosper and Bo are orphans on the run from their cruel aunt and uncle. The brothers decide to hide out in Venice, where they meet a mysterious character who calls himself the "Thief Lord." Brilliant and charismatic, the Thief Lord leads a ring of street children who dabble in petty crimes. Prosper and Bo relish being part of this colorful new family. But the Thief Lord has secrets of his own.

DEAD GIRLS DON’T WRITE LETTERS by Giles (YA Giles)
Grades 7 & up
Sunny's older sister has been presumed dead for several months when Sunny receives a letter from Jazz explaining that she was away working in a repertory theater when her apartment burned to the ground. Then Jazz, or Not-Jazz as Sunny calls her, returns home. Her mother has become addicted to sleeping pills and Dad has fallen back into the bottle since his daughter's "death." Sunny and her father soon realize that the young woman is indeed not Jazz, even though she knows a great deal about their family history and secrets.
**ABHORSEN** by Nix (YA Nix)
Grades 7 & up
Lirael and Sameth, the son of the Abhorsen Sabriel, continue their battle to contain the long-imprisoned Destroyer. It's a hardscrabble battle against the forces of the dead, which have been assembled by the sinister necromancer Hedge, and once again Disreputable Dog and Mogget (the elemental in the form of a cat), play major roles, as does Sameth's good friend Nick, who is forced into the service of the Destroyer. (Preceded by **SABRIEL & LIRAEL**.)

**THE BOOK OF WIZARDRY: THE APPRENTICE’S GUIDE TO THE SECRETS OF THE WIZARDS’ GUILD** by Rumstuckle (YA 133.4 RUM)
Grades 7 & up
“Cornelius Rumstuckle’s” fun wizard training manual is filled with interactive activities: how to make a wand and other wizard tools, discover your Wizard's name, switch on Wizard's Power, read the future in the Wizard's Oracle, and more. Those who successfully complete the Wizard's Adventure and crack the code in this book can become an accredited member of the Wizard's Guild.