

Suggested Reading List – Junior

Here is a list of novels that have been recommended by Teen Reads and Suite 101 sites. They are popular with teens and also well written. If you want quality, go for something from this list (particularly the titles in bold)

For All

- *The Forest of Hands and Teeth* by Carrie Ryan
- ***The Uglies*** by Scott Westerfield
- *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner
- ***The Hunger Games*** by Suzanne Collins
- *Floodland* by Marcus Sedgwick
- *Feed* by M.T. Anderson
- ***The Giver*** by Lois Lowry
- ***The Chrysalids*** by John Wyndham
- ***Ender's Game*** by Orson Scott Card
- ***The Lord of the Flies*** by William Golding
- *The White Mountains* by John Christopher
- ***The Golden Compass*** by Philip Pullman
- *The Droughtlanders* by Carrie Mac
- *Mortal Engines* by Philip Reeve
- *Plain Kate* by Erin Bow
- Maggie Stiefvater's *Shiver*
- Alison Croggon's ***The Naming***
- Melissa Marr's *Wicked Lovely* series
- Kim Harrison's *Once Dead, Twice Shy*
- Marilyn Kaye's *Gifted* series
- Ellen Hopkins's ***Impulse***
- Markus Zusak's ***The Book Thief***
- M.T. Anderson's ***Octavian Nothing***
- Priscilla Cummings's ***A Face First***
- *Clockwork Angel* by Cassandra Clare (Simon & Schuster)
- *Bonshaker* by Cherie Priest (Tom Doherty)
- *Monster Blood Tattoo Book 1: The Foundling* by D.M. Cornish (Random House):

For Girls

- ***Anne of Green Gables*** by Lucy Maud Montgomery: This novel, about a kind-hearted orphan who moves in with her Newfoundland relatives, is for teens who enjoy romance and pastoral settings and don't mind a slower pace.
- ***The Guest of War Trilogy*** by Kit Pearson (beginning with *The Sky is Falling*): The story of a girl and her brother who are forced to flee England during World War II.
- ***The Chrysalids*** by John Wyndham: A fast-paced dystopian novel about a boy with telepathic abilities.
- ***The Hobbit*** by J.R.R. Tolkien: This charming story of a hobbit's journey into danger "and back again" is required reading for the fan of whimsical fantasy.
- ***Little Women*** by Louisa May Alcott: Describes the coming-of-age of four very different sisters in the 1800s.

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- *A Great and Terrible Beauty* by Libba Bray: A rapid-paced fantasy novel about a teenage girl attending boarding school in the late 1800s
- *Revolution* by Jennifer Donnelly: Part contemporary realist novel and part historical fiction, *Revolution* follows the lives of two girls living centuries apart, each dealing with her own tragedies. A lyrical read that's hard to put down.
- *Wondrous Strange* by Lesley Livingston: Full of twists and turns, this book about a young theatre star who discovers that she's a fairy queen is a great choice for girls with an interest in acting.
- *Blue Girl* by Charles de Lint: Another action-packed fantasy novel. Reformed "bad girl" Imogene moves to a new town and befriends a ghost boy and a few sinister fairies.

For Boys

- *Dune* by Frank Herbert: This sprawling science fiction epic **won the Hugo Award** in 1966. Though not written specifically for a young adult audience, it's likely to appeal to many older teenagers.
- *The Chrysalids* by John Wyndham: This fast-paced classic, set in a dystopian future, revolves around a boy with an unusual mutation who must escape his repressive rural community.
- *Something Wicked This Way Comes* by Ray Bradbury: Two teenage boys encounter a creepy travelling carnival. Part horror and part mystery, this novel explores themes of good and evil.
- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card: This futuristic science-fiction novel stars Ender, who along with other talented children is being trained in the art of war. A great gift idea for teenagers.
- *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson: A good book for boys with the patience to get past a few slow parts. A coming-of-age story with enough adventure and mystery to keep teenagers interested.
- *The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents* by Terry Pratchett: This is a great gift idea for boys who like humorous storylines. A retelling of the pied piper myth, it features a boy piper and his band of sentient mice and cat.
- *Sabriel* by Garth Nix: Some might assume this book is intended for girls, as it features a female protagonist, but there is much here that boys will like. Sabriel hunts zombies and other members of the undead against a backdrop that is part medieval fantasyland and part militaristic war zone.
- *The Supernaturalist* by Eoin Colfer: This sci-fi novel stars Cosmo, an orphaned boy used as a guinea pig for different products. An action-packed novel set in a vividly detailed future.
- *The Black Tattoo* by Sam Enthoven: A fantasy novel about a boy who is possessed by a demon bent on destroying the world. A bold and compelling read.
- *The Book of Three* by Lloyd Alexander: This book, the first in the Chronicles of Prydain series, tells the story of Taran, a boy who must battle against evil forces. A good choice for fans of the *The Hobbit* and other similar fantasy novels.