

2002 Best Books for Young Adults

Fiction

Bell, Hilari. **A Matter of Profit**. 2001. HarperCollins
Brashares, Ann. **The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants**. 2001. Delacorte
Brooks, Bruce. **All That Remains**. 2001. Atheneum
Card, Orson Scott. **Shadow of the Hegemon**. 2001. Tor Books
Clement-Davies, David. **Fire Bringer**. 2000. Dutton Children's Books
Color of Absence: Twelve Stories About Loss and Hope. Edited by James Howe. 2001. Atheneum
Cormier, Robert. **The Rag and Bone Shop**. 2001. Delacorte
Crutcher, Chris. **Whale Talk**. 2001. HarperCollins
Ferris, Jean. **Eight Seconds**. 2000. Harcourt
Ferris, Jean. **Of Sound Mind**. 2001. Farrar, Straus and Giroux
Fleischman, Paul. **Seek**. 2001. Cricket Books
Flinn, Alex. **Breathing Underwater**. 2001. HarperCollins
Geras, Adele. **Troy**. 2001. Harcourt
Griffin, Adele. **Amandine**. 2001. Hyperion Books for Children
Heneghan, James. **The Grave**. 2000. FS&G
Holm, Jennifer. **Boston Jane: an Adventure**. 2001. HarperCollins
Jenkins, A. M.. **Damage**. 2001. HarperCollins
Jimenez, Francisco. **Breaking Through**. 2001. Houghton Mifflin
Jordan, Sherryl. **Secret Sacrament**. 2001. HarperCollins
Klass, David. **You Don't Know Me**. 2001. FS&G
Koertge, Ron. **Brimstone Journals**. 2001. Candlewick
Les Becquets, Diane. **The Stones of Mourning Creek**. 2001. Winslow
Love and Sex: Ten Stories of Truth. Edited by Michael Cart. 2001. Simon & Schuster
Lynch, Chris. **Freewill**. 2001. HarperCollins
McCormick, Patricia. **Cut**. 2000. Front Street
McDonald, Janet. **Spellbound**. 2001. Farrar, Straus and Giroux
McDonald, Joyce. **Shades of Simon Gray**. 2001. Random House
Mikaelsen, Ben. **Touching Spirit Bear**. 2001. HarperCollins
Moriarty, Jaelyn. **Feeling Sorry for Celia**. 2001. St. Martins
Mosher, Richard. **Zazoo**. 2001. Houghton Mifflin
Na, An. **A Step from Heaven**. 2001. Front Street
Naidoo, Beverly. **The Other Side of Truth**. 2001. HarperCollins
Nix, Garth. **Lirael**. 2001. HarperCollins
Nolan, Han. **Born Blue**. 2001. Harcourt
On the Fringe. Edited by Don Gallo. 2001. Penguin Putnam
Park, Linda Sue. **A Single Shard**. 2001. Houghton Mifflin
Peck, Richard. **Fair Weather**. 2001. Dial Books for Young Readers
Pierce, Meredith Ann. **Treasure at the Heart of the Tanglewood**. 2001. Penguin Putnam
Pierce, Tamora. **Protector of the Small: Squire**. 2001. Random House
Pratchett, Terry. **The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents**. 2001. HarperCollins
Pullman, Philip. **The Amber Spyglass**. 2000. Knopf
Rees, Celia. **Witch Child**. 2001. Candlewick
Rice, David. **Crazy Loco**. 2001. Penguin Putnam
Ryan, Sara. **Empress of the World**. 2001. Penguin Putnam
Salisbury, Graham. **The Lord of the Deep**. 2001. Delacorte
Sanchez, Alex. **Rainbow Boys**. 2001. Simon and Schuster
Shinn, Sharon. **Summers at Castle Auburn**. 2001. Penguin Putnam
Sones, Sonya. **What My Mother Doesn't Know**. 2001. Simon & Schuster
Stratton, Allan. **Leslie's Journal**. 2000. Annick Press
Tashjian, Janet. **The Gospel According to Larry**. 2001. Henry Holt
Taylor, Mildred. **The Land**. 2001. Penguin Putnam

Tingle, Rebecca. **The Edge On the Sword**. 2001. Penguin Putnam
Vance, Susanna. **Sights**. 2001. Delacorte
Vande Velde, Vivian. **Being Dead**. 2001. Harcourt
Vijayaraghaven, Vineeta. **Motherland**. 2001. Soho Press
Weaver, Beth. **Rooster**. 2001. Winslow
Werlin, Nancy. **Black Mirror**. 2001. Dial Books for Young Readers
Williams-Garcia, Rita. **Every Time a Rainbow Dies**. 2001. William Morrow
Wittlinger, Ellen. **Razzle**. 2001. Simon and Schuster
Wolff, Virginia Euwer. **True Believer**. 2001. Atheneum
Zusak, Markus. **Fighting Ruben Wolfe**. 2001. Scholastic

Nonfiction

Colton, Larry. **Counting Coup: the True Story of Basketball and Honor on the Little Big Horn**. 2000. Warner Books.
Cooper, Michael. **Fighting for Honor: Japanese Americans and World War II**. 2000. Houghton Mifflin.
Fisher, Antwone, with Mim Eichler Rivas. **Finding Fish**. 2001. HarperCollins.
Fradin, Dennis Brindell. **Bound for the North Star: True Stories of Fugitive Slaves**. 2000. Clarion.
Greenberg, Jan and Sandra Jordan. **Vincent Van Gogh: Portrait of an Artist**. 2001. Delacorte.
American Art. Edited by Jan Greenberg. 2001. Harry Abrams.
Hoose, Phillip. **We Were There, Too!: Young People in U.S. History**. 2001. Farrar, Straus and Giroux.
Kendall, Martha. **Failure Is Impossible: the History of American Women's Rights**. 2001. Lerner.
Ketchum, Liza. **Into the New Country: Eight Remarkable Women of the West**. 2000. Little Brown.
King, Daniel. **Chess: From First Moves to Checkmate**. 2001. Kingfisher.
Lawlor, Laurie. **Helen Keller: Rebellious Spirit**. 2001. Holiday House.
Lee, Bruce; selected and edited by John Little. **Bruce Lee: the Celebrated Life of the Golden Dragon**. 2000. Tuttle.
Marrin, Albert. **George Washington and the Founding of a Nation**. 2001. Dutton Children's Books.
Murphy, Jim. **Blizzard: the Storm that Changed America**. 2000. Scholastic.
Myers, Walter Dean. **Bad Boy: a Memoir**. 2001. HarperCollins.
Myers, Walter Dean. **The Greatest: Muhammad Ali**. 2001. Scholastic.
Nelson, Marilyn. **Carver: a Life in Poems**. 2001. Front Street.
Orgill, Roxane. **Shout, Sister, Shout!: Ten Girl Singers Who Shaped a Century**. 2001. Simon and Schuster.
Owen, David. **Hidden Evidence: Forty True Crimes and How Forensic Science Helped Solve Them**. 2000. Firefly Books Ltd.
Things I Have to Tell You: Poems and Writing by Teenage Girls. Edited by Betsy Franco. 2001. Candlewick.
Voices: Poetry and Art From Around the World. edited by Barbara Brenner. 2000. National Geographic Society.
Words with Wings: a Treasury of African-American Poetry and Art. Edited by Belinda Rochelle. 2001. HarperCollins.
Yell-OH Girls!: Emerging Voices Explore Culture, Identity and Growing-Up Asian American. edited by Vickie Nam. 2001. HarperCollins.

2001 Top 10 Best Books for Young Adults

Bagdasarian, Adam **Forgotten Fire** DK
Bauer, Joan **Hope was Here** G. P. Putnam's Sons
Chevalier, Tracy **Girl with a Pearl Earring** Dutton

Katz, Jon **Geeks: How two boys rode the Internet out of Idaho** Villard
Konigsburg, E. L. **Silent to the Bone** Jean Karl Book, Atheneum Books
Paulsen, Gary **The Beet Fields** Delacorte Press
Ryan, Pam Munoz **Esperanza Rising** Scholastic Press
Spinelli, Jerry **Stargirl** Alfred A. Knopf
Whelan, Gloria **Homeless Bird** HarperCollins
White, Ruth **Memories of Summer** Farrar Straus Giroux

2000 Top 10 Best Books for Young Adults

Non-Fiction

Opdyke, Irene Gut, **In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer**, Knopf

Fiction

Anderson, Laurie Halse, **Speak**, Farrar Straus Giroux
Card, Orson Scott, **Ender's Shadow**, Tor
Holt, Kimberly Willis, **When Zachary Beaver came to Town**, Henry Holt
Jordan, Sherryl, **The Raging Quiet**, Simon and Schuster
McNeal, Laura and Tom, **Crooked**, Knopf
Meyer, Carolyn, **Mary, Bloody Mary**, Harcourt Brace
Myers, Walter Dean, **Monster**, HarperCollins
Namioka, Lensey, **Ties that Bind, Ties that Break**, Delacorte
Porter, Connie, **Imani All Mine**, Houghton Mifflin

1999 Top 10 Best Books for Young Adults

Rules of the Road by Joan Bauer, Putnam
Corpses, Coffins, and Crypts by Penny Colman, Holt
Love Among the Walnuts by Jean Ferris, Harcourt Brace
Among the Hidden by Margaret Haddix, Simon and Schuster
My Louisiana Sky by Kimberly Willis Holt, Holt Publishing
No Pretty Pictures: a Child of War by Anita Lobel, Greenwillow
Petey by Ben Mikaelson, Hyperion
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J. K. Rowling, Scholastic Press
Holes by Louis Sachar, Farrar, Straus & Giroux
If You Come Softly by Jacqueline Woodson, Putnam

1998 Top 10 Best Books for Young Adults

Growing Up In Coal Country

Susan Campbell Bartoletti
Life was harsh for immigrant workers in the coal mines of Pennsylvania.

Seamstress

Sara Tuvel Bernstein
Sara tells about her remarkable life.

Tangerine

Edward Bloor
Paul's brother is the favorite athlete in the family, but his amoral acts spell trouble for the family.

Tenderness

Robert Cormier

Lori loves 18 year-old serial killer Eric Poole

Out Of The Dust

Karen Hesse

Billie Jo tells how her family lived through the Dust Bowl in Oklahoma.

Blood And Chocolate

Annette Curtis Klause

Can the werewolf pack survive Vivian's love for a human boy?

Into Thin Air

Jon Krakauer

Tragedy strikes a group of climbers on Mount Everest in 1996 and many lives are lost.

Swallowing Stones

Joyce McDonald

When a stray bullet from his rifle kills a man, Michael is plagued with nightmares and his whole life is changed.

Harlem

Walter Dean Myers

Celebrate the world of Harlem through poetry and pictures.

Starlite Drive-In

Marjorie Reynolds

Callie sees the world through a romantic haze because she lives in the manager's house at a drive-in movie.

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