

SLHS Extended Reading List

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Title	Author	Genre	Year	Level	Awards/Comments	Summary	SLHS Library
Watership Down	Adams, Richard	Fiction	1974	9	YALSA Best of the Best, Guardian Awards for Children's Fiction winners, YALSA 100 Best Books (1950-2000), Carnegie Medal Books	Follow the epic Tolkienesque adventures of Fiver, Hazel, and a ragtag lapin band. Rabbits will never seem the same again.	Yes
The King's Shadow	Alder, Elizabeth	Fiction	1995	12,10	YALSA Best Books for Young Adults, YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults	After he is orphaned and has his tongue cut out in a clash with the bullying sons of a Welsh noble, Evyn is sold as a slave and serves many masters, from the gracious Lady Swan Neck to the valiant Harold Godwinson, England's last Saxon king.	
Reservation Blues	Alexie, Sherman	Fiction	1995	11,12	Booklist Editors' Choice Award winners		Yes
The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven	Alexie, Sherman		1993	11		Alexie confronts as much as he depicts modern Native American life in these stories set in and around the Spokane Indian Reservation.	Yes
Daughter of Fortune	Allende, Isabelle		1999	11		The story of a young woman's quest for love and fortune during the California Gold Rush in San Francisco.	Yes
The House of Spirits	Allende, Isabelle		1985	12		The Trueba family embodies strong feelings from the beginning of the 20th century through the assassination of Allende in 1973.	Yes
The Stories of Eva Luna	Allende, Isabelle		1991	12			Yes
Skellig	Almond, David	Fiction	1998	12,10	ALA Notable Children's Books, Booklist Editors' Choice Award winners, Carnegie Medal books, Whitbread Award winners (Children's books), Michael L. Printz Honor Books	Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel.	

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In the Time of the Butterflies	Alvarez, Julia	Fiction	1994	12	YALSA Outstanding Books for the College Bound, ALA Notable Adult Books	Dede Mirabel tells about her three sisters, Minerva, Patria, and Maria Teresa, who became martyrs during the liberation of the Dominican Republic from Trujillo in 1960.	
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents	Alvarez, Julia	Fiction	1991	9,10,11	ALA Notable Adult Books, YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults, teacher recommendation	The four Garcia girls escape the Dominican Republic and a life of privilege in the 1960s to come to the United States and difficult adjustment.	Yes
Bless Me, Ultima	Anaya, Rudolfo A.	Fiction	1994	9,10,11	YALSA Outstanding Books for the College Bound, YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults, teacher	A young New Mexico boy comes of age.	Yes
Fever 1793	Anderson, Laurie Halse		2000	10	YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.	Yes
Speak	Anderson, Laurie Halse		1999	9,10	YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults, Michael L. Printz Honor Books	A traumatic event in the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year of high school.	Yes
Heart of a Woman, The	Ann, Lois		1981		teacher recommendation		
Wild Meat and the Bully Burgers	Ann, Lois	Fiction	1996	9		Lovey Nariyoshi grows up in white culture on the island of Hawaii where her Japanese American family is racially segregated from the others.	Yes
Go Ask Alice	Anonymous		1971	9,10	YALSA Best of the Best	The painful diary of a young girl when she accidentally falls into the contemporary drug scene.	Yes
Kissing Tennessee and Other Stories	Appelt, Kathi		2000		YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	Graduating eighth graders relate their stories of love and heartbreak that have brought them to Dogwood Junior High's magical Stardust Dance.	Yes

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Always to Remember: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial	Ashabrunner, Brent	Nonfiction	1988	11		The story of Vietnam veteran Jan C. Scruggs's struggle to build a national monument honoring Americans who died or are missing in the Vietnam War.	Yes
Handmaid's Tale	Atwood, Margaret	Fiction	1986	9	YALSA Best of the Best	Offred, a handmaid living in a near-future time, endures life in a society in which women able to bear children are used for procreation.	Yes
Alias Grace	Atwood, Margaret	Fiction	1996	9,10	teacher recommendation, ALA Notable Adult Books, Booklist Editors' Choice Award winners	Young serving woman is accused of being an accomplice in a brutal double murder in the 1840s.	Yes
Blue Heron	Avi	Fiction	1993	10	YALSA Best of the Best	A solitary blue heron becomes a symbol of strength and peace for 13-year-old Maggie when she discovers a change has come over her father and his new family.	Yes
Nothing But the Truth	Avi	Fiction	1992	9	YALSA Best of the Best	It's against regulations to hum the national anthem in school. Philip decides to disobey the rule, and the whole nation watches what happens.	Yes
If Beale Street Could Talk	Baldwin, James						Yes
The Seabirds are Still Alive	Bambara, Toni Cade						Yes
Hope Was Here	Bauer, Joan	Fiction	2000	9	YALSA Best Books for Young Adults, ALA Notable Children's Books	When sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor.	Yes
Thwonk	Bauer, Joan	Fiction	1995	10	California Young Reader, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults, YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults	A cupid doll comes to life and offers romantic assistance to A.J., a teenage photographer suffering from unrequited love.	Yes

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Rules of the Road	Bauer, Joan	Fiction	1999	10	YALSA Best of the Best	Seventeen-year-old Jenna's job at crusty Mrs. Gladstone's shoe store leads to her driving Mrs. Gladstone across country to Texas to prevent a company takeover.	Yes
Sweet Fifteen	Bertrand, Diane Gonzales	Fiction	1995	10	YALSA Popular Paperbacks for young adult	When seamstress Rita Navarro makes a quinceanera dress for fourteen-year-old Stefanie, she finds herself becoming involved with the girl's family and attracted to her uncle.	Yes
Weetzie Bat	Block, Francesca Lia	Fiction	1990	10	YALSA Best of the Best	Lanky lizards! Punk teens Weetzie and Dirk search for love in a modern fairy tale that is funny, moving, and unlike any book you've read before.	Yes
We Are Witnesses: The Diaries of Five Teenagers Who Died in the Holocaust	Boas, Jacob	Nonfiction	1996	12	YALSA Best of the Best	The compelling and poignant diaries of five teenagers who died during the Holocaust tell their tragic, courageous stories.	Yes
River Boy	Bowler, Tim	Fiction	1997	10	Carnegie Medal Books	Knowing that he is dying, Jess's grandfather insists on returning to the river he had known as a boy to finish a special painting and fulfill a life-long dream.	
Getting In	Boylan, James Finney	Fiction	1998	10	Alex Award winners, Booklist Editors' Choice Award winners	Boylan takes wicked aim at the college mystique--from admissions interviews to school traditions--in this funny, poignant novel, which has already been optioned for the big screen.	Yes
The Moves Make the Man	Brooks, Bruce	Fiction	1985	9	YALSA Best of the Best	As Jerome, a black athlete, shares his skills and interest in basketball with Bix, a white baseball player, their friendship grows and the game becomes a reflection of both their lives.	Yes
Beyond the Myth: The Story of Joan of Arc	Brooks, Polly Schoyer	Nonfiction	1991	12	YALSA Best of the Best	Condemned as a witch but later canonized as a saint, young Joan, inspired by her love of France, leads her countrymen in their battle against the English.	Yes
The Face at the Edge of the World	Bunting, Eve	fiction	1985	9	California Young Reader	Haunted by the suicide of a gifted young Black writer who was his best friend, Jed pursues the reason for it.	Yes

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A Sudden Silence	Bunting, Eve		1989	9	California Young Reader	Jesse Harmon searches for the hit and run driver who killed his brother Bry.	Yes
If I Asked You Would You Stay	Bunting, Eve	Fiction	1984	10	California Young Reader	When Crow, a seventeen-year-old loner, rescues a troubled young girl from the ocean, his jealously guarded solitary existence is threatened by his first awakening to love.	Yes
Kindred	Butler, Octavia	Fiction		11		Dana, an African-American woman living in 1976, is transported back in time. She finds herself in a world where slavery still exists, and ends up having to struggle to save her family and herself.	Yes
The Princess Diaries	Cabot, Meg	Fiction	2000	10	YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	Fourteen-year-old Mia, who is trying to lead a normal life as a teenage girl in New York City, is shocked to learn that her father is the Prince of Genovia, a small European principality, and that she is a princess and the heir to the throne.	Yes
Ender's Shadow	Card, Orson Scott	fiction	1999	10	Booklist Editors' Choice Award winners, Alex Award winners, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	Card's exploration of the origins and evolution of ethics continues in a story that parallels that of his classic Ender's Game (1984).	Yes
Ender's Game	Card, Orson Scott	Fiction	1985	10	YALSA Best of the Best	Andrew "Ender" Wiggin, a young genius in Battle School, where he is training to fight the alien Buggers, has to put his skills to the ultimate test much sooner than he expected.	Yes
So Far From God	Castillo, Ana	Fiction	1993				Yes
My Antonia	Cather, Willa		1954	11	teacher recommendation	Antonia works as a servant for her neighbors after her father's death, elopes, and then returns to marry a Bohemian farmer.	Yes
Girl With a Pearl Earring	Chevalier, Tracy	Fiction	1999	12	Alex Award winners Booklist Editors' Choice Award winners	Inspired by Vermeer's painting of the same name, Chevalier creates an elegant and intriguing story of how a young peasant girl came to have her portrait painted.	Yes

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Hero Ain't Nothin but a Sandwich	Childress, Alice	Fiction	1973	10	YALSA Best of the Best	Benjie, a 13-year-old in Harlem, cannot face the reality of his drug addiction or the realization that someone cares for him.	Yes
Woman of Hollering Creek	Cisneros, Sandra	Fiction	1991				Yes
An Island Like You	Cofer, Judith Ortiz	Fiction	1995	12	Pura Belpre Award Winners, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults, YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers, YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults	Twelve stories about young people caught between their Puerto Rican heritage and their American surroundings.	
My Brother Sam is Dead	Collier, James Lincoln		1974	11	California Young Reader	Recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral.	Yes
Fallen Angels	Collier, James Lincoln	Fiction	1988	11	YALSA Best of the Best	Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry's stint in Vietnam brings home to him the agony and futility of war as he learns to kill and watches his comrades die.	Yes
Corpses, Coffins, Crypts	Colman, Penny	Nonfiction		11	YALSA Best Books for Young Adults		
Many Stones	Coman, Carolyn		2000		YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	Berry Morgan's divorced father returns to tell her that her sister has been murdered in South Africa.	Yes
Flight #116 Is Down	Cooney, Caroline B.	Fiction	1993	9	YALSA Best of the Best	A 747 crashes on the grounds of her family's estate, and 16-year-old Heidi, alone and terrified, pulls herself together to help rescue the survivors.	Yes
Face on the Milk Carton	Cooney, Caroline B.		1990	9	California Young Reader, Young Reader's Choice Award winners	A photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity.	Yes
Flash Fire	Cooney, Caroline B.		1995		California Young Reader, YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers		Yes

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Some Soul to Keep	Cooper, J. California		1987	9		Like Cooper's previous works, this new collection of stories features feisty, determined women whose lifelong struggles for dignity lead to ultimate triumph in spite of adverse circumstances.	Yes
The Matter is Life	Cooper, J. California		1991	11		Short stories, African-American -- 20th century	Yes
Family	Cooper, J. California		1991			A slave mother, distraught that her children, sired by her master, might be sold away from her, attempts to poison them all.	Yes
We All Fall Down	Cormier, Robert		1991	9	California Young Reader	As The Avenger searches for the teenage boys who trashed a house in his neighborhood , Buddy one of the trashers, increases his drinking in order to cope with his parents' separation and his obsession with the daughter of the owner of the vandalized house.	Yes
I Am the Cheese	Cormier, Robert	Fiction	1977	9	YALSA Best of the Best	A victim of amnesia, and under the influence of drugs administered by mysterious and unidentified questioners, teenager Adam searches through haunting memories that must not be recalled or revealed if he is to survive.	Yes
Fade	Cormier, Robert	Fiction	1988	9	YALSA Best of the Best	One boy in each generation of the Moreaux family inherits the power--and the curse--of invisibility.	Yes
The Chocolate War: A Novel	Cormier, Robert	Fiction	1974	9	YALSA Best of the Best	Sweets abound at Trinity High while a schoolmaster feasts on his students' fear--a bitter story of one student's resistance and the high price he pays.	Yes
In the Middle of the Night	Cormier, Rorbert	Fiction	1995	9	California Young Reader, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults, YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers	Sixteen-year-old Denny lives in the shadow of a deadly accident with which his father was connected when he was Denny's age., a disaster for which some of the survivors still blame his father.	Yes

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I Heard the Owl Call My Name	Craven, Margaret		1974	12	California Young Reader, YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults	A young priest goes into a remote Indian village where he is sensitive to the inevitable passing of the old life and the infiltration of the new, but the villagers eventually accept him. A young priest with a short time to live is sent to a parish of Kwakiutl Indians, where he learns not to fear death.	Yes
The Wanderer	Creech, Sharon				YALSA Best Books for Young Adults		Yes
Children of the River	Crew, Linda		1988	10	California Young Reader, International Reading Association Children's Book Award winners, YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults	Having fled Cambodia four years earlier to escape the Khmer Rouge army, seventeen-year-old Sundara is torn between remaining faithful to her own people and enjoying life in her Oregon high school as a "regular" American.	Yes
Timeline	Crichton, Michael		1999	9	Booklist Editors' Choice Award winners	Quantum theory combines with the medieval past in a suspenseful adventure.	Yes
Athletic Shorts: 6 Short Stories	Crutcher, Chris	Fiction	1992	12	YALSA Best of the Best	Tales of love, death, bigotry and heroism are of real people with the courage to stand up to a world that often puts them down.	Yes
Chinese Handcuffs	Crutcher, Chris	Fiction	1990	9	YALSA Best of the Best	A winning triathlete's need to understand his older brother's suicide is complicated by memories and daring challenges.	Yes
Ironman	Crutcher, Chris	Fiction	1996	9	YALSA Best of the Best	When he calls his teacher an asshole in class, Bo is forced to attend an anger management program, where he learns to deal with his real problem--his cruel father.	Yes
Running Loose	Crutcher, Chris	Fiction	1983	9	YALSA Best of the Best	Louie takes a stand against his coach and playing dirty football, falls in love, and loses his girlfriend in a fatal accident--all in his senior year.	Yes
Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes	Crutcher, Chris	Fiction	1994	9	YALSA Best of the Best	When the horrific truth about Sarah's past is revealed, only her true friend Eric ("Moby") Calhoun can help her come to terms with her family and plan for her future.	Yes

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The Hours	Cunningham, Michael		1998	12	teacher recommendation, Pulitzer Prize fiction, PEN/Faulkner Award winners, ALA Notable Adult Books	Virginia Woolf is brought back to life in an intertwining of her story with those of two more contemporary women. I	yes
Bud, Not Buddy	Curtis, Christopher Paul	Fiction	1999	11	International Reading Association Children's Book Award winners, ALA Notable Children's Books, Coretta Scott King Award Books (Authors), Newbery Medal books, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.	Yes
Catherine, Called Birdy	Cushman, Karen	Fiction	1995	12	YALSA Best of the Best	Fighting fleas, unsuitable suitors, and her mother's attempts to make a lady of her, Catherine writes in her diary about her frustrations with her life as a young noblewoman in medieval times.	Yes
The Midwife's Apprentice	Cushman, Karen	Fiction	1996	12	YALSA Best of the Best	Beetle, a homeless girl, is found in a dung heap and apprenticed to the village midwife in this sensitive 14th-century tale set in England.	Yes
Breath, Eyes, Memory	Danticat, Edwidge	Fiction	1994	9		A young Haitian girl's coming of age under difficult circumstances. "I come from a place where breath, eyes and memory are one, a place where you carry your past like the hair on your head," says narrator Sophie Caco, ruminating on the chains of duty and love that bind the courageous women in her family.	Yes
Can You Sue Your Parents for Malpractice?	Danziger, Paula		1979	9	California Young Reader	Confused about her life at home and at school, 14-year-old Lauren learns the importance of being her own person.	Yes
Dreamland	Dessen, Sarah		2000	11	Booklist Editors' Choice Award winners, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	fter her older sister runs away, sixteen-year-old Caitlin decides that she needs to make a major change in her own life and begins an abusive relationship with a boy who is mysterious, brilliant, and dangerous.	Yes

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On the Devil's Court	Deuker, Carl	Fiction	1990	9	YALSA Best of the Best	Seventeen-year-old Joe Faust must decide if it's worth selling his soul to the devil for one perfect season of basketball.	Yes
Eva	Dickinson, Peter	Fiction	1990	9	YALSA Best of the Best	After a violent auto accident, 13-year-old Eva wakes up in a hospital to find she must <u>learn how to live as a chimpanzee.</u>	Yes
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	Douglas, Adams	Fiction	1980	10	YALSA Best of the Best	The hilarious journey of Arthur Dent and his friend Ford Prefect, a space hitchhiker, who escape from earth seconds before it is demolished and travel to a variety of galactic civilizations while gathering information for a hitchhiker's guidebook.	Yes
Tears of a Tiger	Draper, Sharon M.	Fiction	1996	9	YALSA Best of the Best	High-school senior Andy Jackson is overcome by guilt after his best friend dies in an automobile accident that happened <u>when Andy was driving drunk.</u>	Yes
Forged by Fire	Draper, Sharon M.	Fiction	1997	9	YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults, Coretta Scott King Award Books (Authors), YALSA Best Books for Young Adults, YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers	After surviving a fire, Gerald experiences separation from his mother, the loss of his great aunt, and life with his stepsister's abusive father.	Yes
Killing Mr. Griffin	Duncan, Lois	Fiction	1978	9	California Young Reader	A teenager casually suggests playing a cruel trick on the English teacher, but did he <u>intend it to end with murder?</u>	Yes
Stranger with My Face	Duncan, Lois	Fiction	1981	9	California Young Reader	A seventeen-year-old senses she is being spied on and probably impersonated, but when she discovers what actually is occurring, it is more unbelievable than she ever imagined.	Yes
Summer of Fear	Duncan, Lois	Fiction	1976	9	California Young Reader	Soon after the arrival of cousin Julia, insidious occurrences begin that convince Rachel she is a witch and must be stopped before her total monstrous plan can be effected.	Yes

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Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam	Edelman, Bernard	Nonfiction	1985	11	YALSA Best of the Best	In their personal letters, soldiers and civilians reveal the pain, frustration, confusion, and anger that were part of their daily lives in Vietnam.	Yes
Like Water for Chocolate	Esquivel, Laura	Fiction	1992	12		At the beginning of the 20th century, Tita, the youngest of three daughters, is expected to serve her mother for the rest of her life, but in order to show her love to Pedro, who is engaged to her sister, Tita cooks for him.	Yes
A Girl Named Disaster	Farmer, Nancy	Fiction	1997	9	YALSA Best of the Best	When her family arranges her marriage to a cruel man with three wives, Nhamo escapes by canoe to seek a better future.	Yes
The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm	Farmer, Nancy	Fiction	1995	10	YALSA Best of the Best	When General Matsika's three children are kidnapped after they leave the safety of their armed compound, their mother hires the best detective team available in 2194 Zimbabwe--the appropriately named mutant partners--the Ear, the Eye, and the Arm.	Yes
Bad	Ferris, Jean		1998	9	California Young Reader, YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	In an attempt to please her friends, sixteen-year-old Dallas goes along with their plan to rob a convenience store and when her father refuses to allow her to come home, she is sentenced to six months in the Girls' Rehabilitation Center.	Yes
Across the Grain	Ferris, Jean		1990	9	California Young Reader	Since his mother's death, a 17-year-old has difficulty dealing with his irresponsible older sister and eventually faces a choice of helping her or living his own life.	Yes
White Oleander	Fitch, Janet		1999	12	teacher recommendation	At the age of 12, Astrid has her world blown away when her mother is sentenced to life in prison for murdering her lover. Sharpened by harsh foster home environments, Astrid remakes herself as a survivor, and ultimately, an artist.	yes
Seek	Fleischman, Paul			9	YALSA Best Books for Young Adults, ALA Notable Children's Books	Rob becomes obsessed with searching the airwaves for his long-gone father, a radio announcer.	Yes

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Bull Run	Fleischman, Paul	Fiction	1994	11		Sixteen individuals voice their hopes and fears in this interwoven collage of "snapshots" set during the first battle of the Civil War.	Yes
Whirligig	Fleischman, Paul	Fiction	1999	9	YALSA Best of the Best	After killing a girl when driving drunk, Brent Bishop learns a lot about himself and life when he's forced to pay for his crime by traveling to the four corners of the U.S. to build whirligigs in her memory.	Yes
Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery	Freedman, Russel	Nonfiction	1994	10	YALSA Best of the Best	A compelling photo-biography of Eleanor Roosevelt relates the remarkable story of a shy, lonely girl who grows up to be a powerful force in the fight for world peace and equality and an inspiration to millions of people.	Yes
Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane	Freedman, Russel	Nonfiction	1992	9	YALSA Best of the Best	Freedman tells the fascinating story of how two self-taught bicycle mechanics solve the problems that had baffled generations of scientists and engineers.	Yes
Lincoln: A Photobiography	Freedman, Russell	Nonfiction	1988	9	YALSA Best of the Best	This skillfully written, appealing overview of Lincoln's life from boyhood to death, is accompanied by carefully chosen photographs and prints.	Yes
The Old Gringo	Fuentes, Carlos	Fiction	1985	12	teacher recommendation	An old American author, perhaps Ambrose Bierce, disappears in Mexico in 1913 where he becomes a father figure to an American governess and a general in Pancho Villa's army.	Yes
Barrio Boy	Galarza, Ernesto			9			Yes
Sixteen: Short Stories by Outstanding Writers for Young Adults	Gallo, Donald	Fiction	1984	9	YALSA Best of the Best	School, friendship, family, and love are all found within this unusual collection of humorous and serious short stories.	Yes
One Hundred Years of Solitude	Garcia Marque, Gabriel	Fiction	1970	10	teacher recommendation	At the center of this extraordinarily vast novel is the Buendia family, whose fortunes--or, more commonly, misfortunes--Garcia Marquez chronicles for the one hundred years of the title and whose story ultimately encapsulates the entire history of mankind, from genesis to apocalypse.	Yes

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Shadow of the Dragon	Garland, Sherry	Fiction	1994	12	California Young Reader	High school sophomore Danny Vo tries to resolve the conflict between the values of his Vietnamese refugee family and his new American way of life.	Yes
Nora Ryan's Song	Giff, Patricia Reilly				YALSA Best Books for Young Adults		Yes
At All Costs	Gilstrap, John	Fiction	1998	9	Alex Awards	Readers who have begun to wonder whether there are any new suspense plots left will rejoice at the publication of this exciting and very plausible thriller by the author of Nathan's Run (1996).	Yes
Dinotopia: A Land Apart from Time	Gurney, James	Fiction	1993	9	YALSA Best of the Best	A newly discovered, illustrated journal reveals life on the lost island of Dinotopia, where shipwrecked human survivors work and play in harmony with dinosaurs.	Yes
Snow Falling On Cedars	Guterson, David		1994	10	teacher recommendation, PEN/Faulkner Award winners	After returning from internment and trying to get his land back, Kabuo Miyamoto is arrested and tried for the murder of Carl Heine.	Yes
The Friends	Guy, Rosa	Fiction	1973	9	YALSA Best of the Best	Rejected by her classmates because she "talks funny," Phyllisia Cathy, a young West Indian girl, is forced to become friends with poor, frazzled Edith, the only one who will accept her.	Yes
Disappearance	Guy, Rosa	Fiction	1979	9	YALSA Best of the Best	Released from jail in the custody of the Aimsley Family, Imamu Jones immediately becomes a prime suspect when Perk, their youngest daughter, disappears.	Yes
December Stillness	Hahn, Mary Downing		1988	9	California Young Reader	Thirteen-year-old Kelly tries to befriend Mr. Weems, a disturbed, homeless Vietnam War veteran who spends his days in her suburban library, though the man makes it clear he wants to be left alone.	Yes
Plainsong	Haruf, Kent	Fiction	1999		Alex Award winners Booklist Editors' Choice Award winners	An unlikely extended family is formed when a high school teacher helps a pregnant student make a home with two elderly bachelor ranchers	Yes

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Second Star to the Right	Hautzig, Deborah		1981	9	California Young Reader	As 14-year-old Leslie begins to shed the weight she feels makes her imperfect, she finds it increasingly difficult to reach out for the psychological help she knows she needs.	Yes
Mother of Pearl	Haynes, Melinda		1999	10	teacher recommendation	Set in a small Mississippi town in the late 1950s, the story revolves around 28-year-old Even Grade, a black man who grew up an orphan, and Valuable Komer, a 15-year-old white girl who is the daughter of the town whore and an unknown father.	Yes
Stones from the River	Hegi, Ursula			12	teacher recommendation	Trudi, a dwarf librarian, tells about the lives of people in the small German town of Burgdorf from World War I and into the 1950s.	Yes
CrashBoomLove	Herrera, Juan Felipe	Fiction	1999	11	YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers,	After his father leaves home. Sixteen year old Casar Garcia lives with his mother and struggles through the painful experiences of growing up as a Mexican American high school student.	
All Things Bright and Beautiful	Herriot, James		1974		California Young Reader		Yes
Witness	Hesse, Karen		2001		ALA Notable Children's Books	A series of poems express the views of various people in a small Vermont town, including a young black girl and a young Jewish girl, during the early 1920s when the Ku Klux Klan is trying to infiltrate the town.	
Out of the Dust	Hesse, Karen		1997		Newbery Medal books, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	In a series of poems, fourteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.	Yes
Kissing Doorknobs	Hesser, Terry Spencer	Fiction	1999	10	YALSA Best of the Best	Tara struggles to live with her obsessive-compulsive behavior, but before her condition is diagnosed, her relationships with family and friends begin to crumble.	Yes
October Sky	Hickman, Homer S.				teacher recommendation		Yes

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Rumblefish	Hinton, S.E.		1975	9	California Young Reader	A junior high school boy idolizes his older brother, the coolest, toughest guy in the neighborhood, and wants to be just like him.	Yes
Downriver	Hobbs, Will	Fiction	1992	10	YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults, YALSA 100 Best Books (1950-2000)	Fifteen-year-old Jesse and other rebellious teenage members of a wilderness survival team abandon their adult leader, steal his van and rafts, and run the dangerous whitewaters of the Grand Canyon.	Yes
Far North	Hobbs, Will	Fiction	1997		YALSA Best Books for Young Adults, YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers, YALSA 100 Best Books (1950-2000)	Stranded in the Canadian wilderness, two boys endure a brutal sub arctic winter of bear, wolf, and moose attacks while they repeatedly struggle to escape.	Yes
Bearstone	Hobbs, Will		1989	10	California Young Reader	A troubled teenage Indian boy goes to live with an elderly rancher whose caring ways help the boy become a man.	Yes
When Zachary Beaver came to Town	Holt, Kimberly Willis	Fiction	1999	9	YALSA Best Books for Young Adults		Yes
The Adventures of Blue Avenger	Howe, Norma		1999	10	California Young Reader, YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	On his sixteenth birthday, still trying to cope with the unexpected death of his father, David Schumacher decides--or does he--to change his name to Blue Avenger, hoping to find a way to make a difference in his Oakland neighborhood and in the world.	Yes
A Time for Dancing	Hurwin, Davida Willis	Fiction	1996	11	YALSA Best of the Best	Seventeen-year-old best friends Juliana and Samantha share a passion for dance, for life, and for each other--then Jules is diagnosed with cancer and must travel a path Sam cannot follow.	Yes
Pay It Forward	Hyde, Catherine Ryan		1999	9		Twelve-year-old Trevor McKinney takes on an extracredit assignment for his social studies class: think of an idea for world change and put it into action.	Yes
A Widow for One Year	Irving, John				teacher recommendation		Yes

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Place My Words Are Looking For: What Poets Say About and Through Their Work	Janeczko, Paul B	Nonfiction	1991		YALSA Best of the Best	Writers share their poems and give insights into their craft and life.	Yes
Breaking Through	Jimenez, Francisco	Nonfiction	2001	9 or 10	Pura Belpre Honor Books, Booklist Editors' Choice Award winners, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	Having come from Mexico to California ten years ago, fourteen-year-old Francisco is still working in the fields but fighting to improve his life and complete his education.	
Heaven	Johnson, Angela	Fiction	1998	9 or 10	Coretta Scott King Award Books (Authors), YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	Fourteen-year-old Marley's seemingly perfect life in the small town of Heaven is disrupted when she discovers that her father and mother are not her real parents.	
Toning the Sweep	Johnson, Angela	Fiction	1993	9	YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults, ALA Notable Children's Books, Coretta Scott King Award Books (Authors), YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults	On a visit to her grandmother Ola, who is dying of cancer in her house in the desert, fourteen-year-old Emmie hears many stories about the past and her Black family's history and comes to a better understanding of relatives both dead and living.	Yes
Scissors, Paper, Rock	Johnson, Fenton			11		Eleven episodes explore the history of the Hardin family of Strang Knob, Ky., a fading community hidden away in the Appalachians. This beautifully realized story paints an elegiac but unflinching portrait of a gay son's alienation from his harsh parent, even in the face of death.	Yes
The Boxer	Karr, Kathleen		2000	9	YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	Having learned how to box while in prison, fifteen-year-old Johnny sets out to discover if he can make a decent living as a fighter in late nineteenth-century New York City.	Yes

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The Remains of the Day	Kazuo Ishiguro	Fiction	1989	12	Russ Tomlin contemporary multicultural list, Booker McConnell Prize for Fiction winners, ALA Notable Adult Books	Stevens, an elderly butler, hopes to rise to the top of his profession, and he remains stoic and unemotional at his father's death and neglects the opportunity to pursue a relationship with a former housekeeper.	Yes
Deliver Us from Evie	Kerr., M.E.		1994	10	California Young Reader, YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults	Sixteen-year-old Parr Burrman and his family face some difficult times when word spreads through their rural Missouri town that his older sister is a lesbian, and she leaves the family farm to live with the daughter of the town's banker.	Yes
Annie John	Kincaid, Jamaica		1985	12	Russ Tomlin contemporary multicultural list	Episodes from the young life of Annie John, aged 10 to 17, as she grows up on the Caribbean island of Antigua.	Yes
Lucy	Kincaid, Jamaica		1990	12	Russ Tomlin contemporary multicultural list	Lucy Josephine Potter, 19, has left her home in Antigua for life as an au pair in a northern city, determined never to return.	Yes
The Bean Trees	Kingsolver, Barbara	Fiction		10	teacher recommendation	Taylor Grrer hits the road wanting only to get as far away from Kentucky as possible, ending up in Arizona with a 3 year-old Cherokee.	
Pigs in Heaven	Kingsolver, Barbara	Fiction	1993	11	Los Angeles Times Book prize winners, teach recommendation	Feeling alienated from everyone during her mother's terminal illness, Zoe comes under the spell of Simon, a vampire doomed to live until he avenges the death of his mother 300 years earlier.	
The Silver Kiss	Klause, Annette Curtis	Fiction	1990	9	YALSA Best of the Best	Feeling alienated from everyone during her mother's terminal illness, Zoe comes under the spell of Simon, a vampire doomed to live until he avenges the death of his mother 300 years earlier.	Yes
The Arizona Kid	Koertge, Ron	Fiction	1988	9	YALSA Best of the Best	Working one summer at a racetrack, living with his gay uncle, and falling madly in love make wimpy, short, tenth-grader Billy Kennedy more self-confident and wiser in the ways of the world.	Yes

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Silent to the Bone	Konisburg, E.L.	Fiction	2000	9	Booklist Editors' Choice Award winners, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	When he is wrongly accused of gravely injuring his baby half-sister, thirteen-year-old Branwell loses his power of speech and only his friend Connor is able to reach him and uncover the truth about what really happened.	Yes
Into Thin Air	Krakauer, Jon	Nonfiction		12			
Kiss the Dust	Laird, Elizabeth	Fiction	1993	9	YALSA Best of the Best	It's Iraq, and Tara's family are Kurds. "He" has put out the word, and they must flee for their lives.	Yes
She's Come Undone	Lamb, Wally	Fiction	1992	11	teacher recommendation		
The Band Never Dances	Landis, J.D.	Fiction	1989	10	California Young Reader	Working through the anguish of her beloved brother's suicide and trying to forge an identity of her own, sixteen-year-old Judy goes on tour as drummer for the hot new rock band Wedding Night and forms love-hate relationships with two handsome musicians.	Yes
Pageant	Lasky, Kathryn	Fiction	1986	10	California Young Reader	Sarah Benjamin, a Jewish teenager on the brink of Kennedy's New Frontier, wonders if she can endure four more years of Stuart Hall, Indianapolis's most exclusive, very Christian, and impossibly stuffy school for girls.	Yes
Ghost Boy	Lawrence, Iain	Fiction	2000	9	ALA Notable Children's Books, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	An albino teenage boy strives to find acceptance in a circus.	Yes
Crazy	Lebert, Benjamin		2000	10	YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	Written by a 16-year-old, this first novel, a sensation in Germany, chronicles the adventures of a boy (the same age as the author) at boarding school.	Yes
Who Killed Palomino Molero	Llosa, Mario Vargas	Fiction	1987	12	Russ Tomlin contemporary multicultural list	In the 1950s, someone crucifies Peruvian Air Force recruit Palomino Molero, and the subsequent investigation reveals the problems in Molero's life.	Yes

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Jewel	Lott, Brett	Fiction	1999	9	teacher recommendation	When Brenda Kay is born in 1943, Jewel gives thanks for a healthy baby, last-born and most welcome. But an unforeseen event can set a life on a course without reason or compass, and this is the story of Jewel's devotion to a child who is both her burden and God's singular way of smiling upon her.	
Freewill	Lynch, Chris	Fiction	2001	9	Michael L. Printz Honor Book, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	A teenager trying to recover from the tragic death of his father and stepmother believes himself to be responsible for the rash of teen suicides occurring in his town	Yes
The Time and the Place	Mafouz, Naguib		1991	12	Russ Tomlin contemporary multicultural list	This collection of short stories by the Egyptian Nobel Prize winner expands on the writer's characteristic world and style.	Yes
The Changeover: A Supernatural Romance	Mahy, Margaret	Fiction	1984	9	YALSA Best of the Best	With the help of an older boy who loves her, Laura "changes over" into a witch to fight the evil forces that are attacking her little brother.	Yes
Tomorrow, When the War Began	Marsden, John	Fiction	1996	9	YALSA Best of the Best	When they return from a wilderness camping trip, Ellie and her friends are shocked to discover Australia has been invaded and soon find fighting and surviving have become their way of life.	Yes
Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida	Martinez, Victor	Fiction	1996	10	National Book Award winners, Pura Belpre Award winners, Americas Award winners	Manny relates his coming of age experiences as a member of a poor Chicano family in which the alcoholic father only adds to everyone's struggle.	
At Home in the World	Maynard, Joyce			12	teacher recommendation		yes
After the Rain	Mazer, Norma Fox	Fiction	1987	9	California Young Reader, ALA Notable Children's Books, Newbery Honor Books	after discovering her grandfather is dying, fifteen year old Rachel gets to know him better than ever before and finds the experience bittersweet.	yes
The Color of Water	McBride, James			11	teacher recommendation		
Dragonsinger	McCaffrey, Anne	Fiction	1977	9	YALSA Best of the Best	With the help of Master-harper, Menolly and her fire lizards overcome the prejudice against a woman's becoming a harper the planet Pern.	Yes

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Makes Me Wanna Holler: A Young Black Man in America	McCall, Nathan	Nonfiction	1995	10	YALSA Best of the Best	McCall remembers his journey from a working-class African American neighborhood to prison to a prestigious position on the WASHINGTON POST.	Yes
Angela's Ashes	McCourt Frank	Nonfiction	1996	11	National Book Critics Circle Award winners	The true story of Frank Mccourt poor childhood in Ireland, and his immigration to America. Deals with issues of prejudice, alcoholism, and struggling families.	
Thousand Pieces of Gold	McCunn, Ruthanne Lum	Fiction	1981	12	teacher recommendation	The family of Polly Bemis (Lalu Nathoy) sells her to bandits and a Chinese saloon keeper, but she ends up married to an American and homesteading in Idaho.	yes
The Dark-thirty	McKissack, Pat	Fiction	1992	9	ALA Notable Children's Books, Coretta Scott King Award Books (Authors), Newbery Honor Books	A collection of ghost stories with African American themes, designed to be told during the Dark Thirty--the half hour before nightfall--when ghosts seem all too believable.	
The War Between the Classes	Miklowitz, Gloria	Fiction	1985	10	California Young Reader	Seventeen-year-old Emiko, brought up in a strict Japanese-American family, is in love with handsome blond Adam, although she realizes her old-fashioned father expects her to find a Japanese husband.	Yes
The Sailor Who Fell from Grace with the Sea	Mishima, Yukio	Fiction	1965	12	teacher recommendation	Japaness fiction--20th century	
Spring Snow	Mishima, Yukio	Fiction		12			Yes
Song of Solomon	Morrison, Toni	Fiction		12	teacher recommendation, National Book Critics Circle Award winners	Morrison, author of The Bluest Eye, unravels the mysterious chain of being in a black American family in this book of genealogical revelations.	Yes
Beloved	Morrison, Toni	Fiction	1987	12	Pulitzer Prize fiction, YALSA outstanding Books for the college Bound	After the Civil War ends, Sethe longingly recalls the two-year-old daughter whom she killed when threatened with recapture after escaping from slavery 18 years before.	Yes

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Bluest Eye, The	Morrison, Toni	Fiction	1970	11	teacher recommendation	Eleven year old Pecola Breedlove, an African-American girl in an America whose love blond, blue eyed children can devastate all others, prays to her eyes will turn blue, so that she will be beautiful, people will notice her, and her world will be different. Tow African American girls and their friend Pecola, who was raped and impregnated by her father, live a year in the 1940's before Pecola bears a dead child.	Yes
Jazz	Morrison, Toni	Fiction	1992	12	ALA Notable Adult Books	In Harlem, 1926, Joe Trace, a door to door salesman in his fifties, kills his tennage lover. A profound love story which depicts the sights ad sounds of Blaxck urban life during the Jazz Age. After Joe Trace shoots his 18 year old lover in Harlam during 1926, his wife Violet slashes the dead girl's face and then desperately searches for information aboit the woman to find out why Joe was unfaithful.	Yes
The Middleman and other stories	Mukherjee, Bharati	Fiction	1988	11 or 12	National Book Critics Circle Award winners	The Middleman and Other Stories, portrays the lives of immigrants adjusting to American society.	
Jasmine	Mukherjee, Bharati	Fiction	1989	11 or 12		Jasmine was born in a small Indian village, witnessed her young husband's assassination there, came to the U.S., and now lives with a middle-aged banker in a small Iowa town. Try as she might, Jasmine can't quite shrug off all the traditions and memories of her past.	Yes
145th Street Short Stories	Myers, Walter Dean	Fiction	2000	9 or 10	YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	Ten stories portray life on a block in Harlem.	Yes
Monster	Myers, Walter Dean	Fiction	1999	9	YALSA Best Books for Young Adults, Michael L. Printz Award winners	While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.	Yes

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Hoops	Myers, Walter Dean	Fiction	1981	9 or 10	YALSA Best of the Best	Lonnie and the rest of his Harlem ghetto basketball team learn the fine art of playing and winning like pros from Cal, who once was one.	Yes
Slam	Myers, Walter Dean	Fiction	1997	9 or 10	YALSA Best of the Best	Slam Harris is a talented basketball player whose dreams of fame and fortune in the NBA can come true--if he can control his anger.	Yes
Somewhere in the Darkness	Myers, Walter Dean	Fiction	1993	9 or 10	YALSA Best of the Best	Jimmy is shocked when an unexpected visitor turns out to be his father, who has been in prison for eight years and now wants Jimmy to drive with him to Chicago.	Yes
A Step from Heaven	Na, An	Fiction	2001	11 or 12	Michael L. Printz Award	Tells the tale of Young Ju as she grows from a toddler in Korea to a high-school graduate in California desperately trying to be a 'true' American while her immigrant parents try to make her stay close to her Korean heritage.	Yes
The Other Side of Truth	Naidoo, Beverley	Fiction	2001	12	Booklist Editors' Choice Award winners, Carnegie Medal Books, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults, ALA Notable Children's Books	Smuggled out of Nigeria after their mother's murder, Sade and her younger brother are abandoned in London when their uncle fails to meet them at the airport and they are fearful of their new surroundings and of what may have happened to their journalist father back in Nigeria.	Yes
Mama Day	Naylor, Gloria	Fiction	1988	11		Focuses on the relationship of the people in an isolated social community, on an island just off the Atlantic coast between South Carolina and Georgia that has remained in the ownership of its black residents as an almost separate entity from the mainland.	Yes
The Women of Brewster Place	Naylor, Gloria	Fiction	1982	11			Yes
Year of the Gopher	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Fiction	1987	9 or 10	California Young Reader	In his senior year of high school, seventeen-year-old George begins to seriously question his parents' plans and assumptions about his future and decides to try to find his own way.	Yes

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Earthshine	Nelson, Theresa	Fiction	1995	9 or 10	YALSA Best of the Best	Twelve-year-old Slim must face the truth that her beloved, irreplaceable father is dying from AIDS.	Yes
The Other Side of Dark	Nixon, Joan Lowery	Fiction	1986	9 or 10	California Young Reader	Seventeen-year-old Stacy awakens from a four-year coma ready to identify, locate, and prosecute the young man who murdered her mother and wounded her.	Yes
Dancing on the Edge	Nolan, Han	Fiction	1997	10	National Book Award winners, Booklist Editors' Choice Award winners, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	A young girl from a dysfunctional family creates for herself an alternative world which nearly results in her death but which ultimately leads her to reality.	
Z for Zachariah	O'Brien, Robert C	Fiction	1975	10	YALSA Best of the Best	In a peaceful valley, two survivors of an atomic holocaust are brought together--one a self-sufficient young girl, the other a killer bent on killing again.	Yes
Lyddie	Paterson, Katherine	Fiction	1992	9	YALSA Best of the Best	Unable to pay off the debt on the family farm, feisty, single-minded Lyddie survives the dangers of the textile mills in 1840s Massachusetts, determined not to forfeit her dreams.	Yes
Jacob Have I Loved	Paterson, Katherine	Fiction	1980	9	YALSA Best of the Best	While growing up among the "water people" on an island off the coast of eastern Maryland during the 1940s, Louise searches for her identity and fights the jealousy she feels toward her talented, fragile, and beautiful twin sister.	Yes
Hatchet	Paulsen, Gary	Fiction	1988	9	California Young Reader, Newbery Honor Books, YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults	After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.	Yes
Soldier's Heart	Paulsen, Gary	Fiction	1999	9	YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults, YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers, YALSA 100 Best Books (1950-2000)	After facing the reality of fighting in the Civil War, Charlie realizes that war is hell on earth--both mentally and physically.	Yes

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Are You in the House Alone	Peck, Richard	Fiction	1976		California Young Reader	Gail, a rape victim, learns she must prove her assailant's guilt in order to see him convicted.	Yes
Remembering the Good Times	Peck, Richard	Fiction	1985		California Young Reader, ALA Notable Children's Books	Trav, Kate, and Buck make up a trio during their first year in high school, but their special friendship may not be enough to save Trav as he pressures himself relentlessly to succeed, in his own eyes as well as in the eyes of his parents and the world.	Yes
The Dark Angel	Pierce, Meredith		1982		California Young Reader, International Reading Association Children's Book Award winners	The servant girl Aerial must choose between destroying her vampire master for his evil deeds or saving him for the sake of his beauty and the spark of goodness she has seen in him.	Yes
High Cotton	Pinckney, Daryl	Fiction	1992	11		In the 1950s and 1960s, blacks growing up in Indianapolis have their own pockets of pride and hypocrisy as "upper shadies."	Yes
Buffalo Brenda	Pinkwater, Jill	Fiction	1989	9	California Young Reader, YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults, ALA Notable Children's Books	Determined to make their mark on their high school, ninth graders India Ink Teidlebaum and her zany best friend Brenda Tuna organize an underground newspaper and then provide a live buffalo as a mascot for the football team.	Yes
The Bell Jar	Plath, Sylvia	Nonfiction	1971		YALSA Best of the Best	During a queer, sultry summer in New York, Esther Greenwood works as a junior editor on MADEMOISELLE, quarrels with her mother and boy friend, and is gradually aware of her descent into madness.	Yes
The Body of Christopher Creed	Plum-Ucci, Carol		2000		YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	Torey Adams, a high school junior with a seemingly perfect life, struggles with doubts and questions surrounding the mysterious disappearance of the class outcast.	Yes

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Imani All Mine	Porter, Connie	Fiction	1999		Booklist Editors' Choice Award winners Alex Award winners YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	This deceptively simple novel pulls the reader into the life of an inner-city teenage girl who has had a baby. Tasha tells her poignant story in street lingo, slowly revealing that she's not some promiscuous teen but a rape victim.	Yes
The Chosen	Potok, Chaim	Fiction	1967		YALSA Best of the Best	Two Jewish boys growing to manhood in Brooklyn discover that differences can strengthen friendship and understanding.	Yes
The Golden Compass	Pullman, Philip	Fiction	1997	9	YALSA Best of the Best	With the aid of friends, witches, and armored polar bears, 12-year-old Lyra fights the evil that is stealing children and conducting horrible experiments on them.	Yes
The Ruby in the Smoke	Pullman, Philip	Fiction	1987	9	YALSA Best of the Best	Sally, 16 and an orphan, must find her way through a maze of 19th-century villains to claim her inheritance and her independence.	Yes
The Fountainhead	Rand, Ayn		143	12	teacher recommendation		Yes
Angus, Thongs, and Full-Frontal Snogging: Confessions of Georgia Nicolson	Rennison, Louise	Fiction	1988	10	Booklist Editors' Choice Award winners, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	Presents the humorous journal of a year in the life of a fourteen-year-old British girl who tries to reduce the size of her nose, stop her mad cat from terrorizing the neighborhood animals, and win the love of handsome hunk Robbie.	Yes
Crazy Loco	Rice, David	fiction	2001	9 or 10	YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	A collection of nine stories about Mexican American kids growing up in the Rio Grande Valley of southern Texas.	Yes
Choosing Up Sides	Ritter, John H.	Fiction	1998	9	International Reading Association Children's Book Award winners, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	In 1921 thirteen-year-old Luke finds himself torn between accepting his left-handedness or conforming to the belief of his preacher-father that such a condition is evil and must be overcome.	
Antarctica	Robinson, Kim Stanley	Fiction	1998	9 or 10	Alex Award winners	Popular with sf fans for such feats as terraforming Mars (Blue Mars, 1996), Robinson here turns to the most Mars-like region of Earth. Antarctica circa 2011 attracts a host of groups with conflicting purposes.	Yes
Always Running	Rodriguez, Luis	Nonfiction					Yes

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After the Dancing Days	Rostkowski, Margaret	Fiction	1986	9	YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults, ALA Notable Children's Books, International Reading Association Children's Book Award winners	A forbidden friendship with a badly disfigured soldier in the aftermath of World War I forces thirteen-year-old Annie to redefine the word "hero" and to question conventional ideas of patriotism.	Yes
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	Rowling, J.K.	Fiction	1999	9	YALSA Best of the Best	With only a lightning-bolt scar on his forehead as a clue to his true identity, Harry Potter, by a twist of fate, leaves his unloving foster family for a life of wizardry and celebrity.	Yes
The God of Small Things	Roy, Arundhati	Fiction	1997	12	teacher recommendation, Booklist Editors' Choice Award winners	Relates in a strikingly original way how a once-wealthy and prestigious family from the South Indian state of Kerala rushes headlong to destruction.	Yes
Esperanza Rising	Ryan, Pam Munoz	Fiction	2000	9 or 10	Pura Belpre Award winners, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.	Yes
Holes	Sachar, Louis	Fiction	1998	9	National Book Award winners, Newbery Medal books, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults, YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers, YALSA 100 Best Books (1950-2000)	Stanley Yelnats is sentenced to Camp Green Lake, where he finds a treasure and puts an end to a long-running curse on his family.	Yes
Jumping Tree, The	Saldana, Rene	Fiction	2001	9 or 10	teacher recommendation	Rey, a Mexican American living with his close-knit family in Texas town near the Mexican border, describes his transition from boy to young man.	Yes
Lord of the Deep	Salisbury, Graham	Fiction	2001	9	Booklist Editors' Choice Award winners, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	Working for his stepfather on a charter fishing boat in Hawaii teaches thirteen-year-old Mikey about fishing, and about taking risks, making sacrifices, and facing some of life's difficult choices.	Yes

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When I Was Puerto Rican	Santiago, Esmeralda	Nonfiction					Yes
House of Stairs	Sleator, William	Fiction	1974	10	YALSA Best of the Best	Five 16-year-old orphans find themselves alone in an experimental nightmare where stairs and landings stretch as far as the eye can see and a weird red light trains them to dance for their food.	Yes
Interstellar Pig	Sleator, William	Fiction	1984	9	California Young Reader	Barney's boring seaside vacation suddenly becomes more interesting when the cottage next door is occupied by three exotic neighbors who are addicted to a game they call "Interstellar Pig."	Yes
Others See Us	Sleator, William	Fiction	1993	10	California Young Reader	When an accidental dunking in toxic waste gives sixteen-year-old Jared the ability to read minds, he discovers horrifying secrets about family members at the summer reunion.	Yes
A Thousand Acres	Smiley, Jane	Fiction	1991	12	teacher recommendation, Pulitzer Prize fiction, National Book Critics Circle Award winners	Larry Cook, an Iowan farmer who has worked a thousand acre plot owned by his family for generations, abruptly decides to leave his farm to his three daughters and retire. His two eldest daughters are pleased with the decision but his youngest daughter has been cut out by her father and is angry.	Yes
Cat Running	Snyder, Zilpha Keatley	Fiction	1994	11		When eleven-year-old Cat Kinsey builds a secret hideout to escape her unhappy homelife, she slowly gets to know a poor family who have come to California after losing their Texas home to the dust storms of the 1930s.	Yes
Buried Onions	Soto, Gary	Fiction	1997	9	YALSA Best Books for Young Adults, YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers	When nineteen-year-old Eddie drops out of college, he struggles to find a place for himself as a Mexican-American living in a violence--infested neighborhood of Fresno, California.	yes
Jesse	Soto, Gary	Fiction	1994	11		Two Chicano brothers hope that junior college will help them escape their heritage of tedious physical labor.	Yes
Baseball in April and other stories	Soto, Gary	Fiction	1990	9	Pura Belpre Honor Books	Eleven short stories focusing on the everyday adventures of young Chicanos growing up in Fresno, California.	

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Maus: A Survivor's Tale	Spiegelman, Art	Nonfiction	1986	12	YALSA Best of the Best	In a comic book of revolutionary graphic design, a cartoonist juxtaposes his frustration with his father's insensitivity today and his father's desperate struggle to stay alive 40 years earlier during the Holocaust.	Yes
Maus: A Survivor's Tale II: And Here My Troubles Began	Spiegelman, Art	Fiction	1992	10	YALSA Best of the Best	This graphic novel, the sequel to MAUS, recreates Vladek and Anja's agonizing struggles to survive in the concentration camp.	Yes
There's a Girl in my Hammerlock	Spinelli, Jerry	Fiction	1991	9	California Young Reader	Thirteen-year-old Maisie joins her school's formerly all-male wrestling team and tries to last through the season, despite opposition from other students, her best friends, and her own teammates.	Yes
Stargirl	Spinelli, Jerry	Fiction	2000	9	YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.	Yes
Shiva's fire	Staples, Suzanne Fisher	Fiction	2000	12	YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	In India, a talented dancer sacrifices friends and family for her art.	
Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind	Staples, Suzanne Fisher	Fiction	1990	12	YALSA Best of the Best	Torn between allegiance to her family and her growing independence and strength, Shabanu tells the story of her life as a member of a nomadic tribe in the Pakistani desert.	Yes
The Crystal Cave	Stewart, Mary	Fiction	1970	10	YALSA Best of the Best	Merlin, the base-born son of royalty in 5th-century Britain, uses magic to outwit his enemies until he sets the stage for the birth of Arthur, the future king.	Yes
Uncle Tom's Cabin	Stowe, Harriet Beecher	Fiction	1800's	11	teacher recommendation		
The Joy Luck Club	Tan, Amy	Fiction	1990	11	YALSA Best of the Best	Chinese American daughters find conflict, love and connection with their mothers, who are haunted by their early lives in China.	Yes
The Secret of Gumbo Grove	Tate, Eleanora Watts, Franklin	Fiction	1987	9	California Young Reader	While helping restore the cemetery of the old Baptist church, eleven-year-old Raisin solves the mystery surrounding the founding of her home town and gains pride in her family's past.	Yes

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The Land	Taylor, Mildred D.	Fiction	2001	10	Coretta Scott King Award Books (Authors), Booklist Editors' Choice Award winners, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults, ALA Notable Children's Books	After the Civil War, Paul, the son of a white father and a black mother, finds himself caught between the two worlds of colored folks and white folks as he pursues his dream of owning land of his own.	
The Weirdo	Taylor, Theodore	Fiction	1991	9	California Young Reader, YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults	Chip Clewt, known locally as "The Weirdo" because of his appearance, rescues 16-year-old Samantha after she is forced to spend a night alone in the swamp.	Yes
Sniper	Taylor, Theodore	Fiction	1989	9	California Young Reader	Fifteen-year-old Ben must cope alone when a mysterious sniper begins shooting the big cats in his family's private zoological preserve.	Yes
The Fellowship of the Ring	Tolkien, J. R. R.	Fiction	1965	11	International Fantasy Award Books	Frodo the hobbit and his companions set out to deliver the One Ring of Power to the dark land of Mordor in order to destroy the ring on the forge of its creation.	Yes
Hobbit, The	Tolkien, J. R. R.	Fiction	1996	12	teacher recommendation	Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well to do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses.	Yes
Stuck in Neutral	Trueman, Terry						Yes
Women of the Silk	Tsukiyama, Gail	Fiction	1991	12		Pei's peasant parents have her work in a silk factory to support them, and Pei finds strength from an older girl, Lin, as they begin to organize a union.	Yes
Tom Sawyer & Huckleberry Finn	Twain, Mark	Fiction		9	teacher recommendation		yes
The Accidental Tourist	Tyler, Anne				teacher recommendation		Yes
The Invisible Thread	Uchida, Yoshiko						Yes
La Miravilla	Veja, Alfredo Jr					Beto, nine, lives in an adobe hut in a small Arizona community as the grandchild of a Yaqui Indian and a Mexican woman of Spanish descent.	Yes

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The Good Negrass	Verdelle, A.J	Fiction	1995	11	Booklist Editors' Choice Award winners	Set in Virginia and Detroit during the 1950s and 1960s, the story concerns a young black girl who is encouraged by her teacher to shed her southern "back woods" ways.	Yes
Izzy Willy Nilly	Voigt, Cynthia	Fiction	1996	11	California Young Reader, YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults	A car accident causes fifteen-year-old Izzy to lose one leg and face the need to start building a new life as an amputee.	Yes
Runner	Voigt, Cynthia	Fiction	1985	9	YALSA Best of the Best	Bullet, a 17-year-old cross country runner, finds that compromise is sometimes necessary if an athlete is going to be the best.	Yes
You Cant Keep a Good Woman Down	Walker, Alice	Fiction		11		short stories, African-American -- 20th century	Yes
Meridian	Walker, Alice	Fiction		11			Yes
Homeless Bird	Whelan, Gloria	Fiction					Yes
When Kambia Elaine Flew in from Neptune	Williams, Lori Aurelia						Yes
Hard Love	Williams, Lori Aurelia	Fiction	1999	9	YALSA Best book for young adult, Michael L. Printz Honor Books, Lambda Literary Award winners	After starting to publish a zine in which he writes his secret feeling about his lonely life and his parents' dvorce, sixteen year old John meets an unusual girl and begins to develop a healthier personality	
Make Lemonade	Wolff, Virginia Euwer	Fiction	1994	11	YALSA Best of the Best	High-school student LaVaughn, determined to earn money for college, baby-sits for Jolly, an unwed teenage mother of two, and matures in the process.	Yes
True Believer	Wolff, Virginia Euwer	Fiction	2001	10	Michael L. Printz Honor Book, National Book Award winners, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults, ALA Notable Children's Books	Living in the inner city amidst guns and poverty, fifteen-year-old LaVaughn learns from old and new friends, and inspiring mentors, that life is what you make it--an occasion to rise to.	Yes

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If You Come Softly	Woodson, Jacqueline	Fiction	1999	9	YALSA Best of the Best	Jeremiah, who is white, and Ellie, who is African American, feel an immediate connection and then must cope with the reactions to their relationship by the people around them.	Yes
Miracle's Boys	Woodson, Jacqueline	Fiction	2000	9	Coretta Scott King Award Books (Authors), Los Angeles Times Book Prize winners, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults	Twelve-year-old Lafayette's close relationship with his older brother Charlie changes after Charlie is released from a detention home and blames Lafayette for the death of their mother.	
Dealing with Dragons	Wrede, Patricia C	Fiction	1992	9	YALSA Best of the Best	Unconventional Cimorene, fed up with her dull life as a princess, runs away to join the dragons in this fun book that turns fairy tales upside down.	Yes
Dragon Wings	Yep, Laurence	Fiction	1975	10	California Young Reader, International Reading Association Children's Book Award winners	In the early twentieth century a young Chinese boy joins his father in San Francisco and helps him realize his dream of making a flying machine.	Yes
Briar Rose	Yolen, Jane	Fiction	1993		YALSA Best of the Best	Grandmother Gemma always told the story of Briar Rose, and after she dies, her granddaughter discovers that Gemma was a real-life Sleeping Beauty--a Holocaust survivor.	Yes
Armageddon Summer	Yolen, Jane	Fiction	1998		California Young Reader, YALSA Best Books for Young Adults, YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers	Fourteen-year-old Marina and sixteen-year-old Jed accompany their parents' religious cult, the Believers, to await the end of the world atop a remote mountain, where they try to decide what they themselves believe.	Yes
Queens Own Fool	Yolen, Jane and harris, Robert J.						Yes
Pigman and Me	Zindel, Paul	Nonfiction	1993		YALSA Best of the Best	Zindel recounts his bizarre adventures growing up on Staten Island, when his neighbor's father becomes his personal "pigman" and teaches him to cope with his rootless family.	Yes
The Pigman	Zindel, Paul	Fiction	1968	10	Margaret A. Edwards Award	A teenage boy and girl, high school sophomores from unhappy homes, tell of their bizarre relationship with an old man.	yes