

Young Adult Summer Reading Suggestions 2015

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Me and Earl and the Dying Girl. Jessie Andrews. A hilarious, outrageous, and truthful look at death and high school.

Siege and Storm. Leigh Bardugo. After twice narrowly escaping the Darkling, the most powerful magician in the land, Alina and Mal find refuge at the court of the Ravkan king.

The Testing. Joelle Charbonneau. A dystopian society puts teens through a horrific “testing” to identify those who can save the society.

The Eye of Minds. James Dashner. This is the first novel in the Mortality Doctrine series set in a world of hyperadvanced technology, cyberterrorists, and gaming beyond your wildest dreams . . . and your worst nightmares.

The Living. Matt De La Pena. Shy takes a summer job on a luxury cruise liner to make some needed money. 24 hours and a catastrophic chain of events later, he is lost at sea, fighting to survive--and stuck with her.

Earth Girl. Janet Edwards. Set in the darn-near-utopian universe of 2788 and starring a confident, motormouthed, giggly 18-year-old named Jarra.

The Universe Versus Alex Woods. Gavin Extence. A rare meteorite struck Alex Woods marking him for an extraordinary future. So when he is stopped at customs with 113 grams of marijuana, an urn full of ashes, and an entire nation in uproar, he's fairly sure he's done the right thing ...

Carnival at Bray. Jessie Ann Foley. In a small Irish town Maggie discovers music and forgiveness as an antidote to grief.

Splintered. A.G. Howard. This story captures the grotesque madness of a mystical under-land, as well as a girl's pangs of first love and independence.

And We Stay. Jenny Hubbard. Reeling from her boyfriend's suicide, Emily hides her anguish and finds healing through poetry.

The Story of Owen: Dragon Slayer of Trondheim. E.K. Johnston. Dragons live everywhere, and they're threatening to exterminate a Canadian town unless dragon-slayer Owen and his bard, Siobhan, come up with a plan to save them all.

Those Who Wish Me Dead. Michael Koryta. When 14 year-old Jace witnesses a brutal murder, he's issued a false identity and hidden in a wilderness skills program. The killers are after him and the clock is ticking.

Everything Leads to You. Nina LaCour. Emi finds a letter at the estate sale of a Hollywood film legend and must track down a decades-old secret.

Mortal Heart. Robin LaFevers. Annith, a trained assassin loyal the Death, takes matters into her own hands to help her country at war.

Monument 14: Sky on Fire. Emmy Laybourne. One brother protects others from disaster and chaos outside, while the other goes for help.

Free to Fall. Lauren Miller. After Rory is accepted into the prestigious Theden Academy, she discovers a biotech conspiracy that could change civilization. The question: Will she survive her discovery?

I'll Give You the Sun. Jandy Nelson. Once inseparable twins are torn apart by tragedy, turning their love to anger. Beautifully orchestrated stories of love and longing.

Road Rash. Mark Huntley Parsons. A fast-paced, feel-good novel about a boy finding his place in the world, in a band, and in the music.

Trouble. Non Pratt. Hannah is pregnant, but who is the father? Aaron, the new boy in school, certainly isn't the father, and yet he volunteers to play the part.

Eleanor & Park. Rainbow Rowell. This is a book about two people who just really, really like each other and who believe that they can overcome any obstacle standing in the way of their happiness.

The Rithmatist. Brandon Sanderson. An action-packed mystery that will keep readers hooked. Joel longs to be a Rithmatist with the magical power to bring two-dimensional objects, called chalklings, to life.

Steelheart. Brandon Sanderson. An action-packed thrill ride that will leave readers breathless. This fun, fast-paced, futuristic science-fiction superhero story is the first in a projected series.

Brewster. Mark Slouka. A powerful story about an unforgettable friendship between two teenage boys, one a gifted runner, and one a gifted boxer, and their hopes for escape from a dead-end town.

Grasshopper Jungle. Andrew Smith. Austin is in love with his two best friends leading to a whirlwind tale of carnivorous praying mantises, the history of the world, and the end of all we know.

This One Summer. Mariko Tamaki. This sensitive graphic novel tells of one special summer in Rose's blooming adolescent life.

Noggin. John Corey Whaley. Dying of leukemia, Travis has his head removed and cryogenically frozen. But when he's revived, all is not the same as it once was.

In the Shadow. Kiersten White. Five lives are intertwined and forever altered by the mysterious events of a single summer.

Wildlife. Fiona Wood. Classmates and new friends Sibylla and Lou spend a semester in the wilderness and see their lives changed.

The 5th Wave. Rick Yancy. A silent invasion that takes extraterrestrial intelligence to a whole new level. Who can be trusted and what chilling new twist is lurking around the corner?