

The Lovely Bones
Sebold, Alice



Looking down from heaven, 14-year-old Susie Salmon recounts her rape and murder and watches her family as they cope with their grief and "the lovely bones" growing around her absence.

Fiction Sebold

Poison Study
Snyder, Maria

About to be executed for murder, Yelena is offered an extraordinary reprieve. She'll eat the best meals, have rooms in the palace--and risk assassination by anyone trying to kill the Commander of Ixia. And so Yelena chooses to become a food taster.

Fiction Snyder

The Coldest Winter Ever
Souljah, Sister

Winter Santiago, the daughter of one of Brooklyn's most powerful drug czars, uses her own weapons--including sex and an aggressive attitude--to stay on top, after her father's empire is threatened by a drug war.

Paperbacks Souljah

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Suggested Reading for Young Adults

NOT YA

But give them a try anyway...

The Mists of Avalon
Bradley, Marion Zimmer

Retells the legend of Arthur as perceived by Viviane, the Lady of the Lake and high priestess of Avalon, Arthur's mother Igraine, his Christian wife Guinevere, and the sorceress Morgaine.
Fiction Bradley

I Love You, Beth Cooper
Doyle, Larry

Recklessly announcing his love for the head cheerleader during his valedictorian commencement speech, Denis Cooverman is inducted into the wilder side of youth culture by the object of his affection, who turns out to be more than he bargained for.
Fiction Doyle

Neverwhere
Gaiman, Neil



After he helps a stranger on a London sidewalk, Richard Mayhew discovers an alternate city beneath London, and must fight to survive if he is to return to the London he knew.
Fiction Gaiman

Water for Elephants
Gruen, Sara

Ninety-something-year-old Jacob Jankowski remembers his time in the circus as a young man during the Great Depression, and his friendship with Marlena, the star of the equestrian act, and Rosie, the elephant, who gave them hope.
Fiction Gruen

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time
Haddon, Mark

Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.
Fiction Haddon

Heart-shaped Box
Hill, Joe



A collector of obscure and macabre artifacts, unscrupulous metal band musician Judas Coyne is unable to resist purchasing a ghost over the Internet, which turns out to be the vengeful spirit of his late girlfriend's stepfather.
Fiction Hill

Salems Lot
King, Stephen

A rich and finely crafted tale of a mundane New England town under siege by the forces of darkness, Salems Lot is both a homage to Bram Stoker's classic Dracula and an allegory of our post-Vietnam society. Considered one of the most terrifying vampire novels ever written, it cunningly probes the shadows of the human heart -- and the insular evils of small-town America.
Fiction King

The Highest Tide
Lynch, Jim



Miles O'Malley, a boy with a fascination for the sea, copes with the trials of growing up, his infatuation with the girl next door, bickering parents, and his fear that his life and his beloved Puget Sound are slipping away.
Fiction Lynch

Lamb
Moore, Christopher

A humorous, speculative novel fills in the lost years of Jesus' life, told from the perspective of Biff, his childhood best friend.
Paperbacks Moore

Drinking Coffee Elsewhere
Packer, ZZ

Presents a collection of eight short stories that touch on the subject of race and race relations.
Fiction Packer

My Sister's Keeper
Picoult, Jodi

Conceived to provide a bone marrow match for her leukemia-stricken sister, teenage Anna begins to question her moral obligations in light of countless medical procedures and decides to fight for the right to make decisions about her body.
Fiction Picoult