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Great Books for Teen Boys, grades 8-12

- The 5th Wave* series by Rick Yancey.....YA FIC Yancey
Aliens have arrived, and they're killing the earth's population in waves, each more frightening than the last. Cassie and Zombie must take the fight into their own hands. This is a great sci-fi thriller all about the struggle to survive.
- The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie.....YA FIC Alexie
Junior, a Native American, has to leave his school on the reservation for an all-white high school more than twenty miles away from all he knows. His friends see him as a traitor, and his new classmates think he's an outsider.
- Alex Rider* series by Anthony Horowitz.....YA FIC Horowitz
When Alex's uncle is mysteriously killed, he finds out that he was really a spy for the British government. Much to Alex's surprise, his uncle's bosses want him to take over the job. This series has lots of fun gadgets and action.
- The Catcher in the Rye* by JD Salinger.....FIC Salinger
Holden has been kicked out of prep school and returns to New York City, wandering around for three days. During this time, he thinks about his dislike for phonies and his problems with society as a whole.
- Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card.....YA FIC Card
A sci-fi classic, Ender's Game is about a six year-old protagonist who heads to Battle School to train on how to save humankind. He quickly rises to the top of his class and soon finds himself commanding troops in the ultimate battle.
- Looking for Alaska* by John Green.....YA FIC Green
Miles moves to a new boarding school, where he meets a beautiful, wild girl named Alaska. His feelings for her intensify, and, suddenly, tragedy strikes. Can he and his friend the Colonel solve what happened to her?
- The Maze Runner* series by James Dashner.....YA FIC Dashner
Thomas wakes up in the middle of a maze, but can't remember how he got there. Surrounding him are a group of other guys and some horrific monsters. When a girl arrives with a strange message, things start to change.
- The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky.....YA FIC Chbosky
When Charlie's friend commits suicide, he begins to write letters to an anonymous friend in order to express his grief. The letters turn into a chronicle of his freshman year in high school, full of struggles, books, and new friends.
- Whale Talk* by Chris Crutcher.....YA FIC Crutcher
TJ is a great athlete but hates the social hierarchy that comes with high school sports. When he is asked to form a swim team, he decides to recruit only outcasts to make a point. A shocking climax makes this a fast-paced read.

Suggested Authors:

Douglas Adams, Isaac Asimov, Orson Scott Card, Michael Crichton, James Dashner, Cory Doctorow, John Green, Tim Green, Anthony Horowitz, Robert Jordan, Stephen King, Dean Koontz, Mike Lupica, Frank Miller, Alan Moore, Walter Dean Myers, Patrick Ness, James Patterson, Terry Pratchett, JRR Tolkien, Len Vlahos, Rick Yancey