



Non-Romantic Teen Books

Uninterested in romance stories?
Check out this list of books where romance
plays little to no role in the plot!

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Please note:

Books vary in maturity level and content.

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Fantasy

- Squire* / Nadia Shammas & Sarah Alfageeh /
TEEN GN ALFAG / 2022 / 336 pg
- White Cat* / Holly Black / TEEN BLACK / 2010 / 320 pg
- A Thousand Steps into Night* / Traci Chee / YA CHEE / 2022 /
384 pg
- Runestone Saga Series* / Cinda Williams Chima /
YA CHIMA / 2022-
- Artemis Fowl Series* / Eoin Colfer / TEEN COLFE / 2001-
- Labyrinth Lost* / Zoraida Cordova / YA CORDO / 2016 /
324 pg
- Shadow Skye Series* / Joseph Elliot / YA ELLIO / 2020-2022
- The Cuckoo Song* / Frances Hardinge / YA HARDI / 2015 /
408 pg
- The Lie Tree* / Frances Hardinge / YA HARDI / 2016 / 377 pg
- Forest of Souls* / Lori M. Lee / YA LEE / 2020 / 400 pg
- Bad Witch Burning* / Jessica Lewis / YA LEWIS / 2021 /
352 pg
- The Bone Houses* / Emily Lloyd-Jones / YA LLOYD / 2019 /
352 pg
- A Monster Calls* / Patrick Ness / TEEN NESS / 2015 / 224 pg
- The Abhorsen Series* / Garth Nix / TEEN & YA NIX / 2011-
2021
- The Wicked Bargain* / Gabe Cole Novoa / YA NOVOA / 2023 /
368 pg
- His Dark Materials Series* / Philip Pullman / TEEN PULLM /
1995-2000
- Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard Series* / Rick Riordan
/ TEEN RIORD / 2015-2018
- Vespertine* / Margaret Rogerson / YA ROGER / 2021 / 416 pg
- Harry Potter Series* / J.K. Rowling / TEEN & YA ROWLI /
1997-2007
- Septimus Heap Series* / Angie Sage / TEEN SAGE / 2005-
2013
- This Savage Song* / Victoria Schwab / YA SCHWA / 2016 /
427 pg
- The Queen's Thief Series* / Megan Whalen Turner /
TEEN TURNE / 1996-2020

Historical

- The Boy Who Dared* / Susan Campbell Bartoletti / YA BARTO
/ 2008 / 202 pg
- Someday We Will Fly* / Rachel DeWoskin / YA DEWOS / 2019
/ 353 pg
- If Ever I Get Out OF Here* / Eric Gansworth / YA GANSW /
2013 / 359 pg
- The Outsiders* / S.E. Hinton / TEEN HINTO / 1967 / 192 pg
- A Million to One* / Adiba Jaigirdar / YA JAIGI / 2022 / 362 pg
- The Killing Code* / Ellie Marney / YA MARNE / 2022 / 384 pg
- Between Shades of Gray* / Ruta Sepetys / TEEN SEPET / 2011
/ 344 pg
- Code Name Verity* / Elizabeth Wein / TEEN WEIN / 2012 /
343 pg
- The Book Thief* / Marcus Zusak / TEEN ZUSAK / 2007 /
552 pg

Horror

- The Dead Girls of Hysteria Hall* / Kate Alender / YA ALEND / 2015 / 329 pg
Clown in a Cornfield Series / Adam Cesare / TEEN CESAR / 2020-
Eat Your Heart Out / Kelly deVos / YA DEVOS / 2021 / 348 pg
Go Hunt Me / Kelly Devos / YA DEVOS / 2022 / 320 pg
The Grace Year / Kim Liggett / YA LIGGE / 2019 / 408 pg
The Dark Descent of Elizabeth Frankenstein / Kiersten White / YA WHITE / 2018 / 292 pg
Katzenjammer / Francesca Zappia / YA ZAPPI / 2022 / 304 pg

Mystery/Thriller

- Let's Go Swimming on Doomsday* / Natalie C. Anderson / TEEN ANDER / 2019 / 458 pg
The Fixer / Jennifer Lynn Barnes / YA BARNE / 2015 / 372 pg
The Inheritance Games Series / Jennifer Lynn Barnes / TEEN & YA BARNE / 2020-
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus / Dusti Bowling / TEEN BOWLI / 2019 / 262 pg
Reader, I Murdered Him / Betsy Cornwell / YA CORNW / 2022 / 304 pg
Past Perfect Life / Elizabeth Eulberg / YA EULBE / 2019 / 336 pg
Paper Towns / John Green / TEEN GREEN / 2015 / 305 pg
Monday's Not Coming / Tiffany D. Jackson / TEEN JACKS / 2018 / 464 pg
Genuine Fraud / E. Lockhart / TEEN & YA LOCKH / 2017 / 288 pg
I Hunt Killers / Barry Lyga / TEEN LYGA / 2013 / 359 pg
None Shall Sleep / Ellie Marney / TEEN MARNE / 2020 / 390 pg
A Long Stretch of Bad Days / Mindy McGinnis / YA MCGIN / 2023 / 368 pg
A Madness So Discreet / Mindy McGinnis / YA MCGIN / 2015 / 376 pg
The Adoration of Jenna Fox / Mary E Pearson / TEEN PEARS / 2008 / 266 pg
The Liar's Daughter / Megan Cooley Peterson / YA PETER / 2019 / 284 pg
Jackaby Series / William Ritter / TEEN RITTE / 2014-2017
The Girls I've Been / Tess Sharpe / YA SHARP / 2021 / 356 pg
Sadie / Courtney Summers / YA SUMME / 2018 / 308 pg

Realistic Fiction

- Does My Head Look Big In This?* / Randa Abdel-Fattah / TEEN ABDEL / 2008 / 360 pg
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian / Sherman Alexie / TEEN ALEXI / 2007 / 229 pg
Wintergirls / Laurie Halse Anderson / TEEN ANDER / 2010 / 278 pg
Mosquitoland / David Arnold / TEEN ARNOL / 2015 / 342 pg
The Black Flamingo / Dean Atta / YA ATTA / 2020 / 403 pg

- This Is Not a Personal Statement* / Tracy Badua / YA BADUA / 2023 / 352 pg
A Year to the Day / Robin Benway / YA BENWA / 2022 / 352 pg
The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen / Isaac Blum / YA BLUM / 2022 / 218 pg
Hello Girls / Brittany Cavallaro / YA CAVAL / 2019 / 336 pg
Suggested Reading / Dave Connis / TEEN CONNI / 2019 / 390 pg
Waiting for Normal / Leslie Connor / TEEN CONNO / 2008 / 290 pg
The Chocolate War / Robert Cormier / TEEN CORMI / 2014 / 243 pg
Don't Get Caught / Kurt Dinan / TEEN DINAN / 2016 / 331 pg
I Kick and I Fly / Ruchira Gupta / YA GUPTA / 2023 / 352 pg
The How & the Why / Cynthia Hand / YA HAND / 2019 / 450 pg
Live, Laugh, Kidnap / Gabby Noone / YA NOONE / 2022 / 336 pg
Loveless / Alice Oseman / TEEN OSEMA / 2020 / 432 pg
Juliette Takes A Breath / Gabby Rivera / YA RIVER / 2019 / 304 pg
A List of Cages / Robin Roe / YA ROE / 2017 / 503 pg
Holes / Louis Sachar / TEEN SACHA / 1998 / 233 pg
Just Ash / Sol Santana / YA SANTA / 2021 / 218 pg
Nessie Quest / Melissa Savage / TEEN SAVAG / 2021 / 342 pg
Challenger Deep / Neal Shusterman / TEEN SHUST / 2015 / 308 pg
Dear Martin / Nic Stone / TEEN STONE / 2017 / 210 pg
The Memory of Light / Francisco X Stork / YA STORK / 2016 / 325 pg
It's Kind of a Funny Story / Ned Vizzini / TEEN VIZZI / 2007 / 464 pg
On the Subject of Unmentionable Things / Julia Walton / YA WALTO / 2022 / 312 pg
Piecing Me Together / Renée Watson / TEEN WATSO / 2018 / 264 pg

Sci-Fi

- Ender's Game* / Orson Scott Card / TEEN CARD / 1994 / 352 pg
The Hunger Games / Suzanne Collins / TEEN COLLI / 2008-2020
The Eye of Minds / James Dashner / TEEN DASHN / 2013 / 352 pg
The Maze Runner / James Dashner / TEEN DASHN / 2009-2020
The Knife of Never Letting Go / Patrick Ness / TEEN NESS / 2008 / 528 pg
Skyward / Brandon Sanderson / YA SANDE / 2018-
Arc of a Scythe Series / Neal Shusterman / TEEN SHUST / 2016-2019
Unwind Series / Neal Shusterman / TEEN SHUST / 2007-2014