



# Tween Reads

Great for  
Grades 6-8,  
Entertaining for  
All Ages!

**Books vary in maturity level and content.**

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## FANTASY

- Amari and the Night Brothers* / B. B. Alston / TEEN ALSTO / 2021 / 408 pg
- The Iron Trial* / Holly Black / TEEN BLACK / 2014 / 295 pg
- The Lords of Night* / J. C. Cervantes / YA CERVA / 2022 / 320 pg
- The Storm Runner* / J. C. Cervantes / TEEN CERVA / 2018 / 431 pg
- City of the Plague God* / Sarwat Chadda / TEEN CHADD / 2021 / 383 pg
- Aru Shah and the End of Time* / Roshani Chokshi / TEEN CHOKS / 2018 / 355 pg
- It Waits in the Forest* / Sarah Dass / YA DASS / 2024 / 327 pg
- The Glass Sentence: Mapmakers* / S. E. Grove / TEEN GROVE / 2014 / 489 pg
- Winterhouse* / Ben Guterson / TEEN GUTER / 2018 / 370 pg
- The World-Famous Nine* / Ben Guterson / TEEN GUTER / 2024 / 368 pg
- Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* / Carlos Alberto Hernandez / TEEN HERNA / 2020 / 382 pg
- The Last Fallen Star* / Kim Graci / YA KIM / 2021 / 320 pg
- A Wizard's Guide to Defensive Baking* / T. Kingfisher / TEEN KINGF / 2020 / 306 pg
- Slugfest* / Gordon Korman / TEEN KORMA / 2025 / 292 pg
- Midsummer's Mayhem* / Rajani Larocca / TEEN LAROC / 2021 / 332 pg
- Pahua and the Soul Stealer* / Lori M. Lee / TEEN LEE / 2021 / 423 pg
- Winston Chu vs. the Whimsies* / Stacey Lee / YA LEE / 2023 / 344 pg
- The Key to Extraordinary* / Natalie Lloyd / TEEN LLOYD / 2016 / 227 pg
- The Young Elites* / Marie Lu / TEEN LU / 2014 / 355 pg
- Different Kinds of Fruit* / Kyle Lukoff / TEEN LUKOF / 2022 / 313 pg
- The Novice* / Taran Matharu / TEEN MATHA / 2015 / 355 pg
- Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* / Kwame Mbalia / TEEN MBALI / 2019 / 482 pg
- Paola Santiago and the River of Tears* / Teylor Kay Mejia / TEEN MEJIA / 2020 / 350 pg
- The Apprentice Witch* / James Nicol / TEEN NICOL / 2017 / 318 pg
- Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun* / Tola Okogwu / TEEN OKOGW / 2022 / 298 pg
- Ballad & Dagger* / Daniel José Older / TEEN OLDER / 2022 / 372 pg
- The Hidden Oracle* / Rick Riordan / TEEN RIORD / 2017 / 373 pg
- Cece Rios and the Desert of Souls* / Kaela Rivera / TEEN RIVER / 2022 / 334 pg
- Race to the Sun* / Rebecca Roanhorse / TEEN ROANH / 2019 / 298 pg
- The Rithmatist* / Brandon Sanderson / TEEN & YA SANDE / 2013 / 378 pg
- The Real Boy* / Anne Ursu / TEEN URSU / 2013 / 341 pg
- The Guinevere Deception* / Kiersten White / YA WHITE / 2019 / 339 pg

## MYSTERY

- Book Scavenger* / Jennifer Chambliss Bertman / TEEN BERTM / 2016 / 354 pg  
*Poached* / Stuart Gibbs / TEEN GIBBS / 2015 / 329 pg  
*Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* / Chris Grabenstein / TEEN GRABE / 2013 / 290 pg  
*The Detective's Assistant* / Kate Hannigan / TEEN HANNI / 2015 / 346 pg  
*City Spies* / James Ponti / TEEN PONTI / 2020 / 378 pg  
*Framed!* / James Ponti / TEEN PONTI / 2016 / 292 pg  
*Fuzzy Mud* / Louis Sachar / TEEN SACHA / 2015 / 181 pg  
*Coop Knows the Scoop* / Taryn Souders / TEEN SOUDE / 2020 / 299 pg  
*Three Times Lucky* / Sheila Turnage / TEEN TURNA / 2014 / 312 pg

## REALISTIC FICTION

- Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda* / Becky Albertalli / TEEN ALBER / 2015 / 303 pg  
*Sidetracked* / Diana Harmon Asher / TEEN ASHER / 2017 / 246 pg  
*The Gray* / Chris Baron / YA BARON / 2023 / 288 pg  
*The Next Great Paulie Fink* / Ali Benjamin / TEEN BENJA / 2020 / 360 pg  
*Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* / Dusti Bowling / TEEN BOWL / 2019 / 262pg  
*Zenobia July* / Lisa Bunker / YA BUNKE / 2019 / 313 pg  
*Greetings from Witness Protection!* / Jake Burt / TEEN BURT / 2017 / 359 pg  
*Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish* / Pablo Cartaya / TEEN CARTA / 2018 / 249 pg  
*New Kid* / Jerry Craft / TEEN GN CRAFT / 2019 / 249 pg  
*Starfish* / Lisa Fipps / YA FIPPS / 2021 / 244 pg  
*The Last Musketeer* / Stuart Gibbs / TEEN GIBBS / 2018 / 244 pg  
*Dear Mothman* / Robin Gow / YA GOW / 2023 / 313 pg  
*Slider* / Pete Hautman / TEEN HAUTM / 2018 / 278 pg  
*Song for a Whale* / Lynne Kelly / TEEN KELLY / 2018 / 303 pg  
*From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* / E.L. Konigsburg / TEEN KONIG / 1968 / 162 pg  
*The Unteachables* / Gordon Korman / TEEN KORMA / 2019 / 279 pg  
*QB 1* / Mike Lupica / YA & TEEN LUPIC / 2013 / 261 pg  
*Fight + Flight* / Jules Machias / YA MACHI / 2022 / 400 pg  
*Hiding Out at the Pancake Palace* / Nan Marino / TEEN MARIN / 2013 / 250 pg  
*Heartstopper* / Alice Oseman / TEEN GN OSEMA / 2020 / 263 pg  
*Ghost* / Jason Reynolds / TEEN REYNO / 2016 / 181 pg  
*Nessie Quest* / Melissa Savage / TEEN SAVAG / 2020 / 342 pg  
*Save Me a Seat* / Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan / TEEN WEEKS / 2016 / 216 pg  
*Martin McLean, Middle School Queen* / Alyssa Zaczek / TEEN ZACZE / 2020 / 265 pg

## SCI-FI

- Boy 2.0* / Tracey Baptiste / YA BAPTI / 2024 / 293 pg  
*Ruby Finley vs. the Interstellar Invasion* / K. Tempest Bradford / YA BRADF / 2022 / 201 pg  
*The Area 51 Files* / Julie Buxbaum / TEEN BUXBA / 2022 / 292 pg  
*City of Ember / Jeanne DuPrau* / TEEN DUPRA / 2003 / 292 pg  
*Echo Nova* / Clint Hall / YA HALL / 2025 / 309 pg  
*Dragon Pearl* / Yoon Ha Lee / TEEN LEE / 2019 / 310 pg  
*Legend* / Marie Lu / TEEN LU / 2013 / 305 pg  
*Warcross* / Marie Lu / YA LU / 2017 / 353 pg  
*Bloom* / Kenneth Oppel / YA OPPEL / 2020 / 313 pg  
*The Last Dragon on Mars* / Scott Reintgen / YA REINT / 2024 / 378 pg  
*Daughter of the Deep* / Rick Riordan / YA RIORD / 2021 / 336 pg  
*The Second Chance of Darius Logan* / David F. Walker / YA WALKE / 2024 / 368 pg  
*Lunar Boy* / Jessica Wibowo / TEEN GN WIBOW / 2024

## NON-FICTION

- Your Brain Needs a Hug: Life, Love, Mental Health, and Sandwiches* / Rae Earl / YA 158.5 EARL / 2019 / 282 pg  
*Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* / Jason Reynolds / YA 305.800973 REYNO / 2020 / 294 pg  
*Civic Minded: What Everyone Should Know About the US Government* / Jeff Fleischer / YA 320.473 FLEIS / 2024 / 312 pg  
*The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime that Changed their Lives* / Dashka Slater / YA 364.15 SLATE / 2017 / 305 pg  
*Marley: A Dog Like No Other* / John Grogan / YA 636.752 GROGA / 2007 / 196 pg  
*The Swans of Harlem: Five Black Ballerinas, a Legacy of Sisterhood, and their Reclamation of a Groundbreaking History* / Karen Valby / YA 792.802 VALBY / 2025 / 275 pg  
*The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life* / Kwame Alexander / YA 796 ALEXA / 2017 / 169 pg  
*All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team* / Christina Soontornvat / YA 796.525 SOONT / 2020 / 280 pg  
*The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics* / Daniel James Brown / YA 797.123 BROWN / 2015 / 227 pg  
*A Pirate's Life for She: Swashbuckling Women through the Ages* / Laura Sook Duncombe / YA 920.45 DUNCO / 2019 / 216 pg  
*Fly Girls: The Daring American Women Pilots Who Helped Win WWII* / P. O'Connell Pearson / YA 940.54 PEARS / 2018 / 198 pg  
*Unbroken: An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive (YA Adaption)* / Laura Hillenbrand / YA 940.54725 HILLE / 2014 / 307 pg  
*Free Lunch* / Rex Ogle / YA B OGLE / 2019 / 222 pg  
*Gone to the Woods: Surviving a Lost Childhood* / Gary Paulsen / YA B PAULSEN / 2021 / 357 pg  
*Born Just Right* / Jordan Reeves & Jen Lee Reeves / B REEVES / 2019 / 151 pg  
*The Cage* / Ruth Minsky Sender / YA B SENDER / 1986 / 214 pg