

# 50 GREAT READS

FOR AGES 13+

# 50 GREAT READS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 13+ COMPILED BY DLR LIBRARIES

DLR Libraries presents 50 of the best and most popular books written for teenagers.

Some of the books are old and loved enough to be called classics, and some are by exciting new writers, but they're all on this list because they are the most borrowed and requested books in the library, so really it's you who have chosen them.

If you find something you particularly enjoy, ask about other titles by the author, our staff will be glad to help.

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Happy reading!



## CLASSIC / HISTORICAL

### » Austen, Jane: *Pride and prejudice*

The very first Chick-lit romance – Will our sassy heroine get with the brooding hero?

### » Breslin, Theresa: *Prisoner of the Inquisition*

A gripping, dramatic adventure set during the Spanish Inquisition.

### » Donnelly, Jennifer: *Revolution*

A pacy adventure for older readers, with appropriately salty language set during the French Revolution.

### » Hinton, S. E. *The Outsiders*

A story of loyalty and friendship set in the 1960s but still relevant today, as teenagers of the urban slums search for personal dignity and a place in the world.

### » Salinger J.D.: *Catcher in the rye*

The anti-hero, Holden Caulfield's constant wry observations about what he encounters capture the essence of the eternal teenage experience of alienation.

### » Smith, Dodie: *I Capture the castle*

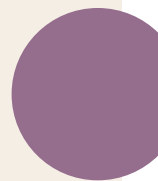
Back in print after an absence of many years, a shimmering timelessness clings to the pages of this dreamy and funny novel.

### » Spillebeen, Geert: *Age 14; An Irish soldier boy*

Based on a true story, this faction is about dreams, about war and peace, and the lives lost to achieve both.

### » Tolkien, J.R.R.: *Lord of the rings*

The gospel of the fantasy genre, a story magnificently told, with every kind of colour and movement and greatness.



## CONTEMPORARY / ISSUES

### » Asher, Jay: Thirteen reasons why

Clay Jensen finds a mysterious box, with his name on it, lying on the porch. Inside he discovers 13 cassette tapes recorded by Hannah, his classmate who committed suicide weeks earlier...

### » Bailey, Helen: Falling hook, line and sinker

Electra has fallen hook, line and sinker for a testosterone-packed hunk. He's cute, he's cool and he's been expelled from school. What more could a girl want?

### » Conrad, Lauren: Sweet little lies (L.A. Candy)

In TV star Lauren Conrad's novel about young Hollywood, the lies are only as sweet as the people telling them.

### » Dowd, Siobhan: Solace of the road

A heartbreaking road trip novel with an unforgettable central character.

### » Naidoo, Beverly: The Other side of truth

Tackles multiple themes, the right to freedom of speech, the complexities of political asylum, bullying and, ultimately, the strength of the family.

### » Rai, Bali: City of ghosts

An epic tale of love, war and rebellion. Can the ghosts of the past change the future of the citizens of Amritsar ... ?

### » Stevens, Kevin: This ain't no video game, kid!

The debut novel of Kevin Stevens, a US native now living in Blackrock, Dublin, this touches on themes of cultural difference and inner-city problems set in Seattle.

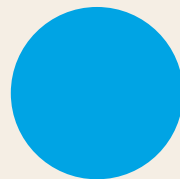


› Sullivan, Deirdre: Prim improper

Hilariously and cleverly written whilst dealing with serious issues through the eyes of a savvy, kooky 13-year-old girl.

› Webb, Sarah: Ask Amy Green teen agony queen: Bridesmaid blitz

Everybody's fave agony queen is back – just ask Amy!



## FUTURE / FANTASY

› Brennan, Sarah Rees: The Demon's covenant

Dark humour, romance, magic, nasty heroes with swords, nerdy heroes with guns, a feisty girl and her annoying brother - packed with loads of action, mystery and suspense.

› Clare, Cassandra: Clockwork angel (Infernal devices)

Vampires, warlocks and other supernatural folk stalk the gaslit streets of Victorian London.

› Collins, Suzanne: Mockingjay (Hunger Games Trilogy)

The Hunger Games is set in a future with unsettling parallels to our present. Welcome to the deadliest reality TV show ever...

› Delaney, Joseph: The Spook's nightmare (The Wardstone chronicles)

A terrifying series about a young boy training to be an exorcist. Not to be read after dark!

› Fitzpatrick, Becca: Hush, hush

Nora, caught in the middle of a centuries-old battle between the immortal and those that have fallen, will have to pick a side sooner or later...



» Grant, Michael: Lies (Gone)

If Stephen King had written Lord of the Flies, it might have been a little like this.

» Kiernan, Celia: The Poison throne (Moorehawke)

Young Wynter Moorehawke returns to court with her dying father, but her old home is cloaked with fear...

» Lloyd, Saci: Carbon diaries 2017

A wonderfully mordant look at the coming environmental meltdown.

» Meyer, Stephanie: The Short second life of Bree Tanner (Twilight)

The riveting story of Bree Tanner, a vampire first introduced in Eclipse, and the darker side of the world she inhabits.

» Ness, Patrick – Monsters of men (Chaos walking)

The electrifying finale to the award-winning Chaos Walking trilogy, this is a heart-stopping novel about power, survival, and the devastating realities of war.

» Noel, Alyson: Blue moon (The Immortals)

A supernatural tale that involves past lives, murderous enemies, everlasting love and the secret of eternal youth...

» Pratchett, Terry: I shall wear midnight (Discworld)

A fabulous Discworld title filled with witches and magic and featuring Tiffany Aching, teen witch.

» Pullman, Philip: The Amber spyglass (His dark materials)

The last in the award-winning “His Dark Materials” trilogy, an acclaimed modern masterpiece.



› Scott, Michael: The Necromancer (The Secrets of the immortal Nicholas Flamel)

Dark magic and fast-paced adventure in the fourth book in the series.

› Shan, Darren: The Thin executioner

A brilliant and brand new story of swords, sand and sorcery from the author of The Saga of Darren Shan and The Demonata.

› Smith, L.J.: The Awakening (Vampire diaries)

Popular vampire romance series – as seen on TV.

› Stiefvater, Maggie: Linger (Shiver)

The second part of this romantic and atmospheric tale of werewolves.

## THRILLER

› Brooks, Kevin: iBoy

Fragments of a shattered iPhone are embedded in Tom's brain and have given him extraordinary powers – but the consequences are terrifying.

› Carter, Ally: I'd tell you I love you but then I'd have to kill you

Cammie Morgan attends a school for spies - but can she have a normal relationship with a boy who can never know the truth about her?

› Cassidy, Anne: Guilt trip

Four teenagers first save the life of a boy in their year at school and then accidentally cause his death. Do they stay quiet or face the consequences?

› Dickinson, John: WE

In the furthest, coldest, darkest reaches of our solar system, Paul Munro is on a mission from which he can never return - A thriller to freeze your blood.



- › McKenzie, Sophie: Blood ransom (Blood ties)  
The second instalment in this thought-provoking thriller about clones and genetic engineering.
- › MacPhail, Catherine: Grass  
A simple and effective thriller set in teenage gangland.
- › Malley, Gemma: The Legacy (The Declaration)  
Drugs have been developed so that no-one gets old or dies – but what happens when the drugs suddenly stop working? 3rd in the series.
- › Muchamore, Robert: Brigands M.C. (CHERUB)  
James Bond for teenagers, a fast-paced action thriller.
- › Peterson, Will: The Gathering (Triskellion)  
Last in the trilogy, this combines gripping mystery and archaeological adventure with a paranormal twist.
- › Thompson, Kate: Creature of the night  
A gritty, hard-hitting tale of disaffected youth, but not without a hint of Kate's signature fantasy.

## **HUMOROUS/ ROMANTIC**

- › Cabot, Meg: Ten out of ten (The Princess diaries)  
Mia is about to turn eighteen and has decided to put down her princess pen for good. Last in the series
- › Green, John: Paper towns  
A funny and quirky school and road-trip story.





» Hopkins, Cathy: Million dollar mates

Jess discovers that fraternising with the A-list isn't all it's cracked up to be...

» McCombie, Karen: The Past, The present, and the loud, loud girl (Ally's World)

First in the hilarious "Ally's World" series.

» MacKintosh, Samantha: Kisses for Lula

Features the hysterical twisting-turning plots and ludicrous escapades of a brand new star, Lula Bird.

» Rennison, Louise: Withering tights (Tallulah Casey)

New series from the Queen of Teen, this deserves a prize for the title alone! You'll laugh your tights off at the (very) amateur dramatic antics of Talullah and her bonkers mates.