



RISING TENTH GRADERS FICTION

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
YA PB Fic & Audiobook

Melinda becomes an outcast at school after calling the police at a summer party; she can't say what happened to her, but becomes more reclusive as the year progresses.

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
YA PB SFF & Audiobook

Ender thinks he is just playing computer games, but this genetically altered child is being trained to be the military leader needed to beat an alien invader.

Plain Janes by Cecil Castellucci
YA Graphix Fic

When Jane meets three other girls at her new school who are also named Jane, they form a secret art gang. But when people look at their art, will they see beauty or acts of vandalism?

The Truth About Forever by Sarah Dessen
YA Fic & PB

Macy begins to recover more fully from her father's death when she meets Wes and begins a summer job at the chaotic Wish Catering.

Copper Sun by Sharon Draper
YA Fic & Audiobook

Kidnapped from her village and sold into slavery, fifteen-year-old Amari befriends Polly, a white indentured servant with similar dreams of freedom.

Bang! by Sharon Flake
YA Fic & Audiobook

A teenage boy faces destructive temptations and a disintegrating family as he struggles to find his identity as a young man.

Samurai Shortstop by Alan Gratz

YA Fic & PB, Audiobook

Sixteen-year-old Toyo is receiving traditional samurai training, which to his surprise guides him to excel at baseball.

Bronx Masquerade by Nikki Grimes

YA PB Fic

When students in a Bronx high school English class read aloud poems they have written about their thoughts and lives, preconceptions are dashed and relationships are changed.

Beowulf by Gareth Hinds

YA Graphix Fic

Danish warrior Beowulf goes on a quest to defeat the monster Grendel in this graphic novel adaptation of the Old English epic poem.

Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula LeGuin

J Fic, YA PB SFF, Audiobook

A young prince joins forces with a master wizard on a journey to discover a cause and remedy for the loss of magic in the world of Earthsea.

Tomorrow, When the War Began by John Marsden

YA Fic & PB SUS, Audiobook

Ellie and six friends return from a camping trip in the Australian bush to discover that their town has been invaded and all its people have been taken prisoner.

Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Myers

YA PB Fic & Audiobook

Poor and black, seventeen-year-old Richard Perry from Harlem joins the army to fight in the Vietnam War.

A Step from Heaven by An Na

YA Fic & PB, Audiobook

Young Ju struggles to be the proper Korean daughter in America where the customs are strange and the language difficult to understand.

Dancing on the Edge by Han Nolan

YA PB Fic

Troubled by her mother's death and her father's abandonment, Miracle seeks to uncover the truth about herself.

Everlost by Neal Shusterman

YA Fic & PB

Nick and Allie don't survive their car crash, but end up in the limbo that is Everlost, a shadow of the living world. Nick is content, but Allie will stop at nothing to break free.

Chanda's Secrets by Allan Stratton

YA PB Fic

Chanda Kabelo, a sixteen-year-old in a small South African town, faces down shame and stigma in her efforts to help friends and family members who are dying of AIDS.

The Road to Memphis by Mildred D. Taylor

YA PB Fic & Audiobook

The Logan family, introduced in *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, faces flagrant racism in 1940s Mississippi.

Runner by Cynthia Voigt

YA PB Fic

As a dedicated runner, Bullet manages to distance himself from others until the experience of coaching one of his teammates helps him recognize the value of friendship and cooperation.

Make Lemonade by Virginia Euwer Wolff

YA PB Fic & Audiobook

A babysitting job to earn money for college has fourteen-year-old LaVaughn working for a teen mother who needs almost as much instruction as her two children.

Poison by Chris Wooding

YA Fic & PB

Poison must seek out the Phaerie Lord in order to rescue her kidnapped sister – but finding him isn't easy.

Briar Rose by Jane Yolen

Y Fic & PB SFF

Becca's grandmother whispered "I am Briar Rose" as she lay dying, and Becca's quest to find out why takes her to a concentration camp in Poland.

RISING TENTH GRADERS NONFICTION

Warriors Don't Cry by Melba Pattillo Beals

YA PB NFC, 370.19342

In 1957, at age 15, Melba and eight other black teenagers were chosen to integrate Little Rock's Central High School following the passage of *Brown v. the Board of Education*.

We Are Witnesses by Jacob Boas

YA PB NFC

Excerpts from wartime diaries allow the reader to learn the history of the Holocaust from the viewpoint of five teenagers in various parts of Europe.

Ana's Story: A Journey of Hope by Jenna Bush

YA 362.196, 362.196

Based on her work with UNICEF, Jenna Bush tells the story of Ana, a girl born with HIV who struggles to make a life for herself and discover the meaning of family.

Marley and Me by John Grogan

636.70092, Large Print, Audiobook

Marley is a hyperactive, crazy yellow Lab acquired by the Grogans because they thought having a dog would prepare them for parenthood. But they're completely unprepared for Marley!

Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter by AdelineYen Mah

YA PB NFC & Bio

Adeline was treated badly by her cruel stepmother, with the silent consent of her father. She eventually was able to triumph with her father's notice and support.

A Wreath for Emmett Till by Marilyn Nelson

YA 811.54

"I was nine years old when Emmett Till was lynched in 1955. His name and history have been a part of most of my life," writes the author of this searing poetry collection about Till's brutal, racially-motivated murder.

Cool Salsa: Bilingual Poems on Growing up Latino in the United States by Lori Sanders

YA PB NFC

These thirty-six poems from famous and unfamiliar poets illustrate the difficulties of being young and Latino in America.

Chew On This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food by Eric Schlosser

YA 394.12 SCH

This revealing exploration of the fast food industry is full of shocking and fascinating information. You'll never look at fast food the same way again!

I Lie For a Living: Greatest Spies of All Times by Antony Shugaar

YA PB NFC

Enter the world of spies, femme fatales, spycatchers and other citizens of the secret world of espionage!



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