

Best Adult Books for Teenagers Addendum, Lum

Alexie, Sherman, 1966-. The absolutely true diary of a part-time Indian. 1st ed. New York : Little, Brown, 2007.

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Native American is the school mascot.

Polly, Matthew. American Shaolin : flying kicks, Buddhist monks, and the legend of iron crotch : an odyssey in the new China. New York : Gotham Books, c2007.

Matthew Polly recounts the experiences he had during the two years he spent living and studying in China, performing with the Shaolin monks, who taught Matthew important lessons about life and his place in the universe.

Kingsolver, Barbara. Animal, vegetable, miracle : a year of food life. New York : HarperCollins, c2007.

The author tells how she and her family relocated to southern Appalachia from Arizona in order to live a simpler life, grow their own food, and live among a community of local organic growers.

Picoult, Jodi, 1966-. Change of heart : a novel. 1st Atria Books hardcover ed. New York : Atria Books, 2008.

June Nealon's life is shattered when Shay Bourne murders her husband and daughter, but when her eleven-year-old, Claire, needs a heart transplant, Bourne decides that his only chance at redemption is to give Claire his heart after he is put to death, leaving June to decide if she wants to let the man who destroyed her life save her daughter's.

Carle, Megan. College cooking : feed yourself and your friends. Berkeley, CA : Ten Speed Press, c2007.

Contains over ninety recipes adapted especially for college students with limited cooking skills, very little equipment, and less money, including snacks, main courses, salads, and desserts, and provides an introduction to kitchen basics.

Lemire, Jeff. Essex County. Atlanta, GA : Top Shelf Productions, c2007.

A graphic novel in which Lester, a recently orphaned boy, is sent to his uncle's farm in Southwestern Ontario, where he befriends a damaged former hockey star and the two escape to a private fantasy world.

Hammond, Diane Coplin. Hannah's dream : a novel. 1st ed. New York : Harper, c2008.

Samson Brown is overjoyed when Neva Wilson is hired to replace him as caretaker to Hannah, the only elephant at the Max L. Biedelman Zoo, but while Sam and Neva work together to move Hannah to an elephant sanctuary, the zoo's director tries to revitalize his business by spotlighting Hannah as a star attraction.

Cohen, Tish, 1963-. Inside out girl : a novel. 1st ed. New York : Harper Perennial, c2008.

"Perfect Parent" magazine publisher Rachel Berman, the overprotective single mother of a rebellious teenage girl and twelve-year-old boy, finds her life turned upside down when she begins dating widowed lawyer Len Bean, the father of Olivia, a ten-year-old girl with an odd learning disability.

Beah, Ishmael, 1980-. A long way gone : memoirs of a boy soldier. 1st ed. New York : Farrar Straus and Giroux, 2007.

Ishmael Beah describes his experiences after he was driven from his home by war in Sierra Leone and picked up by the government army at the age of thirteen, serving as a soldier for three years before being removed from fighting by UNICEF and eventually moving to the United States.

Jones, Lloyd, 1955-. Mister Pip. Dial Press trade pbk. ed. New York : Dial, 2008, c2006.

On a remote tropical island where villages are overrun by rebel fighting, thirteen-year-old Matilda is introduced to the Dickens classic "Great Expectations" by her white school teacher and becomes enthralled with the story's main character.

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Oates, Joyce Carol, 1938-. The museum of Dr. Moses : tales of mystery and suspense. 1st ed. Orlando, FL : Harcourt, c2007.

A collection of ten short stories of mystery and suspense by American author Oates.

Bragg, Rick. The prince of Frogtown. 1st ed. New York : Alfred A. Knopf, c2008.

In a cloud of smoke -- The village -- Bob -- Fearless -- The bootlegger's rhythm -- Flying Jenny -- My fair Orvalene -- The hanging -- Chicken season -- What you're supposed to do -- At least a hundred dollars then -- Ross -- Dallas -- Ride -- One friend -- Amen -- The circle. Juxtaposed with vignettes about Bragg's stepson, this memoir has great perspective as the reader sees Bragg, the son of a dysfunctional father who grew up very poor, grapple with becoming the father of a modern-day mama's boy.

Grahl, Gary A. Skinny boy : a young man's battle and triumph over anorexia. Clearfield, UT : American Legacy Media, c2007.

The author, now a counselor, describes the beginning of his compulsive exercise and starvation in his teens and chronicles his battle with anorexia, discussing his hospitalizations and therapy.

Bashir, Halima, 1979-. Tears of the desert : a memoir of survival in Darfur. 1st ed. New York : One World Ballantine Books, c2008.

Recounts the author's experiences and observations of the genocide in Darfur, and her role as a physician treating girls who had been raped and mutilated, after tensions between Sudan's dictatorship and communities such as the Zaghawa tribe exploded.

Hillstrand, Andy. Time bandit : two brothers, the Bering Sea, and one of the world's deadliest jobs. 1st ed. New York : Ballantine Books, c2008.

The Hillstrand boys, natives of fishing village Homer, in Alaska, embark on fishing voyages in search of Alaskan king crabs, braving waves and heavy steel traps, and spend their free time in the off-season living life to its fullest.

Martinson, Lars, 1977-. Tōnoharu. Minneapolis : Pliant Press, 2008.

Daniel Wells, having taken a position as an assistant junior high school teacher in a small Japanese village, finds it difficult to adapt to his new surroundings.

Viswanathan, Padma, 1968-. The toss of a lemon. 1st U.S. ed. Orlando : Harcourt, c2008.

Spans the lifetime of a Brahmin woman who was married at the age of ten, widowed at eighteen, and lived her life according to the strict rules of her religion.

Taylor, Stuart, 1948-. Until proven innocent : political correctness and the shameful injustices of the Duke lacrosse rape case. New York : Thomas Dunne Books/St. Martin's Press, c2007.

An investigation of the Duke Lacrosse rape case in which three players were wrongly accused of raping an African-American woman, discussing the personal, legal, academic, political, and media aspects of the case and including interviews with the defendants.

Hemphill, Stephanie. Your own, Sylvia : a verse portrait of Sylvia Plath. 1st ed. New York : Knopf, c2007.

A series of poems that provide a chronological portrait of the life of Sylvia Plath, told in the voices of family members, friends, associates, and others who knew her.

Ackerman, Diane. The zookeeper's wife. 1st ed. New York : W. W. Norton, c2007.

Relates the story of Jan and Antonina Zabinski, Christian zookeepers at the Warsaw Zoo, who helped save the lives of approximately three hundred Polish Jews during World War II by housing and feeding them on zoo grounds and teaching them how to "pass" as Aryan.