



Clean Teen Reads

Books that won't make you blush!

The following books are located in the YA (Teen) section unless noted*, alphabetical by author's last name.

Abbott, Hailey. ***The Bridesmaid***

Having vowed as children to never marry after witnessing many disastrous weddings and obnoxious brides in their parents' wedding planning business, fifteen-year-old Abby is dismayed when her older sister Carol suddenly gets engaged and turns into "Bridezilla."

Acampora, Paul. ***Defining Dulcie***

When sixteen-year-old Dulcie's father dies, her mother makes a decision to move them to California, where Dulcie makes an equally radical decision to steal her dad's old truck and head back home.

Auch, Mary Jane. ***Ashes of Roses***

Sixteen-year-old Margaret Rose Nolan, newly arrived from Ireland, finds work at New York City's Triangle Shirtwaist Factory shortly before the 1911 fire in which 146 employees died.

Bauer, Joan. ***Backwater***

While compiling a genealogy of her family of successful attorneys, sixteen-year-old history buff Ivy Breedlove treks into the mountain wilderness to interview a reclusive aunt with whom she identifies and who in turn helps her to truly know herself and her family.

Blackwood, Gary. ***The Shakespeare Stealer***

A young orphan boy is ordered by his master to infiltrate Shakespeare's acting troupe in order to steal the script of "Hamlet," but he discovers instead the meaning of friendship and loyalty.

Bruchac, Joseph. ***Code Talker***

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

Card, Orson Scott. ***Ender's Game****

The Hugo and Nebula Award-winning classic is now available in an author's definitive edition. The alien Buggers threaten humanity with extinction, and Earth's ultimate savior may be one small boy. Andrew "Ender" Wiggins thinks he is only playing computer games, but he is really commanding Earth's last great fleet. ***ADULT FICTION**

Cushman, Karen. ***Catherine, Called Birdy***

The thirteen-year-old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.

Creech, Sharon. ***Ruby Holler***

Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage but their lives change forever when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.

Farmer, Nancy. ***The House of the Scorpion***

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patrón, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

Hamilton, Bethany. ***Soul Surfer: a True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board****

Bethany Hamilton, a teenage surfer lost her arm in a shark attack off the coast of Kauai, Hawaii. Not even the loss of her arm keeps her from returning to surfing, the sport she loves.

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Hale, Shannon. ***Book of a Thousand Days***

Fifteen-year-old Dashti, sworn to obey her sixteen-year-old mistress, the Lady Saren, shares Saren's years of punishment locked in a tower, then brings her safely to the lands of her true love, where both must hide who they are as they work as kitchen maids.

Hobbs, Will. ***Leaving Protection***

Sixteen-year-old Robbie Daniels, happy to get a job aboard a troller fishing for king salmon off southeastern Alaska, finds himself in danger when he discovers that his mysterious captain is searching for long-buried Russian plaques that lay claim to Alaska and the Northwest.

Horowitz, Anthony. ***Stormbreaker***

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

Ives, Dave. ***Scrib***

In 1863, a sixteen-year-old boy nicknamed Scrib travels around the West making his living writing and delivering letters, an occupation that leads to him nearly getting killed, being jailed as a criminal, joining up with the notorious Crazy James Kincaid, and delivering a letter from President Abraham Lincoln to a Paiute Indian.

Lubar, David. ***Dunk***

While hoping to work as the clown in an amusement park dunk tank on the New Jersey shore the summer before his junior year in high school, Chad faces his best friend's serious illness, hassles with police, and the girl that got away.

Meyer, L.A. ***Bloody Jack: Being an Account of the Curious Adventures of Mary "Jacky" Faber, Ship's Boy***

Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a thirteen-year-old orphan disguises herself as a boy and connives her way onto a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates.

Miller, Kirsten. ***Kiki Strike: Inside the Shadow City***

Life becomes more interesting for Ananka Fishbein when, at the age of twelve, she discovers an underground room in the park across from her New York City apartment and meets a mysterious girl called Kiki Strike who claims that she, too, wants to explore the subterranean world.

Oppel, Kenneth. ***Airborn***

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.

Schindler, Nina. ***An Order of Amelie, Hold the Fries***

A series of humorous and sarcastic letters, emails, scratchings on take-out containers, newspaper clippings and other inventive exchanges between two teenagers trace a romance. Each page spread is devoted to one message.

Shaw, Tucker. ***Flavor of the Week***

Cyril, an overweight boy who is good friends with Rose but wishes he could be more, helps his best friend Nick woo her with culinary masterpieces which Cyril himself secretly creates. Includes delicious recipes from the story!

Spinelli, Jerry. ***Stargirl***

In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. ***Flipped***

In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.

Vaugh, Brian K. ***Runaways (YA graphic novel series)****

Six teens run away from home and vow to turn the tables on their evil legacy after discovering their parents are villains.

***YA GRAPHIC RUNAWAYS**

Westerfeld, Scott. ***Uglies***

In Tally's world, a 16th birthday brings an operation, transforming one from a repellent Ugly to an attractive Pretty. Turning Pretty is all Tally has ever wanted. Her friend Shay would rather risk life on the outside. When Shay runs away, Tally must make a terrible choice.



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