

Adventure Fiction for Teens

The Lost Island of Tamarind

Nadia Aguiar (YA AGUIAR)

Maya and Simon are shipwrecked on the mysterious island of Tamarind following a terrible storm that claimed their parents. Now they've got to face slavers, killer vines, pirates, and more! (Grades 6-8)

Forest of the Pygmies

Isabel Allende YA ALLENDE

A writing assignment about Kenya leads to the discovery of a world of corruption, slavery, poaching and a mysterious clan of Pygmies. (Grades 7-10)

Ship Breaker

Paolo Bacigalupi (YA BACIGALUPI)

Nailer works searching shipwrecks in a dystopian United States. Unfortunately for him, his 'lucky strike' may prove more dangerous than the hazardous work he's used to... (Grades 8+)

Gallagher Girls [Series]

Ally Carter (YA CARTER)

Ally is a CIA legacy and attends the premier school in the world...for spies. (Grades 7-10)

Warrior Heir

Cinda Williams Chima (YA CHIMA)

Jack thinks he's just a regular guy...until he discovers he's a warrior who must fight to the death to settle an ancient blood feud. (Grades 6-9)

Airman

Eoin Colfer (YA COLFER)

Conor discovers a conspiracy to overthrow the king, but is branded a traitor & imprisoned. With his flying machine, he must escape. (Grades 6-9)

The Thief Lord

Cornelia Funke (YA FUNKE)

They were orphans scraping by on the streets of Venice—until they met the "Thief Lord" and his ragtag army of child thieves. (Grades 6-8)

Tunnels [Series]

Roderick Gordon (YA GORDON)

Young archaeologist Will discovers a vast underground labyrinth beneath the city of London that may hold the key to ancient secrets...along with deadly creatures. (Grades 6-9)

Black Book of Secrets

F.E. Higgins (YA HIGGINS)

Ludlow is apprenticed to record confessions of the people of Pagus Parvus, where resentments are many and trust is scarce. (Grades 6-9)

Sure Fire

Jack Higgins (YA HIGGINS)

First, Dad was kidnapped. Then they were trapped in a plot to control the world's oil. (Grades 6-9)

Young James Bond [Series]

Charles Higson (YA HIGSON)

James Bond: a successful superspy who was always great with ladies. Yeah, right! (Grades 7-9)

Alex Rider [Series]

Anthony Horowitz (YA HOROWITZ)

Alex must use his prowess to outsmart the terrorists who want him and every child in England dead. (Grades 6-9)

The Tiger Saga [Series]

Colleen Houck (YA HOUCK)

She thought she would be spending her summer in the usual way...but now, she's in India trying to undo an ancient curse for a giant tiger. (Grades 7+)

13 Little Blue Envelopes

Maureen Johnson (YA JOHNSON)

One envelope contains \$1,000, and the others lead to adventures that span Europe! (Grades 8-10)

Tom Tin [Series]

Iain Lawrence (YA LAWRENCE)

Cannibals...headhunters...killer pirates! The South Seas are a minefield for sailors! (Grades 6-8)

Lorien Legacies [Series]

Pittacus Lore (YA LORE)

Nine alien teens are hiding on Earth, protected so that they can only be killed in numerical order. Three are dead; John happens to be number four! (Grades 7+)

Pendragon [Series]

D.J. MacHale (YA MACHALE)

It's not just the Earth that's at stake, but fantastic worlds in alternate dimensions risk falling under the iron fist of Saint Dane. (Grades 6-9)

Life of Pi

Yan Martel (YA MARTEL)

Pi finds himself adrift in the Pacific Ocean, with only a tiger as his companion. Appetizers anyone? (Grades 9+)

The White Darkness

Geraldine McGaughrean (YA MCGAUGHREAN)

Symone must survive not only the Antarctic tundra, but also an insane uncle who will sacrifice anyone to get what he wants. (Grades 7+)

Shackleton's Stowaway

Victoria McKernan (YA MCKERNAN)

Perce's plan to stowaway on the 1914 Shackleton Antarctic expedition leads to the greatest survival adventure of all time. True story! (Grades 6-9)

Bloody Jack [Series]

L.A. Meyer (YA MEYER)

It's so obvious — what else could a starving London orphan do but disguise herself as a boy and go off to fight pirates?! (Grades 6-8)

Kiki Strike [Series]

Kirsten Miller (YA MILLER)

In a hidden subterranean world in New York City, Ananka meets a mysterious girl named Kiki. (Grades 6-8)

CHERUB [Series]

Robert Muchamore (YA MUCHAMORE)

CHERUB agents are really just regular teens. Sort of. They're also trained professionals handling high-risk covert operations. (Grades 6-8)

Trash

Andy Mulligan (YA MULLIGAN)

Raphael, Gordo, and Rat eke out their existences in a third-world trash dump. Then they discover a bag that forces them into an adventure of shadowy political corruption and intrigue. (Grades 7-10)

Keys to the Kingdom [Series]

Garth Nix (YA NIX)

7 days. 7 keys. 7 sins & virtues. A mysterious world of fantastical secrets lies beneath... (Grades 6-8)

Maximum Ride [Series]

James Patterson (YA PATTERSON)

Will their avian DNA & will to survive save them and the world from evil? (Grades 7+)

Brian's Saga [Series]

Gary Paulsen (YA PAULSEN)

Your plane crashes, leaving you alone to survive in the wilderness, with only your hatchet and your wits. (Grades 8-12)

Nation

Terry Pratchett (YA PRATCHETT)

It's up to Mau to rebuild his island kingdom and lead his people to survival after a deadly tsunami nearly wipes out their entire existence. (Grades 7-10)

The Kane Chronicles [Series]

Rick Riordan (YA RIORDAN)

The Egyptian gods of chaos have been unleashed, and their globe-hopping Egyptologist father is nowhere to be found. It's up to Carter and Sadie to save the world! (Grades 6-8)

Escape From Furnace [Series]

Alexander Gordon Smith (YA SMITH)

"Beneath Heaven is Hell. Beneath Hell is Furnace." Alex is incarcerated there...for life. (Grades 9+)

L.Q. [Series]

Roland Smith (YA SMITH)

Q and Angela have the opportunity to tour with their rock star parents. Things get complicated when they find themselves pursued cross-country by terrorists and secret agents. (Grades 5-8)

First Light

Rebecca Stead (YA STEAD)

Peter's mother has been hiding a secret from him all his life. In Greenland, the adventure of a lifetime begins! (Grades 6-8)

Five Ancestors [Series]

Jeff Stone (YA STONE)

Brothers must rely on the ancient arts of the warrior monks to set wrongs right. (Grades 6-9)

Alfred Kropp [Series]

Richard Yancey (YA YANCEY)

He's the last person you'd pick to save the world. With the most powerful weapon ever, he must unravel an ancient mystery. (Grades 8-10)