

Recommended Resources

Visit the library. It's free.

Browse the following sites which have information about the latest books for Young Adults

www.insideadog.com.au/

www.persnicketyarn.com/p/reviews.html

www.yarr-a.com/

www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/teenagers/

www.teenreads.com/

www.yalsa.ala.org/thehub/

yabookreviewer.wordpress.com/category/this-month-in-books/

www.yabookscentral.com/

www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/genre/14/14-plus-readers.html

yalitlovers.oklibshare.org/

www.goodreads.com/list/tag/teen

and don't forget to check us out!

www.cbca.org.au/

www.cbcatas.org

www.cbcatas.blogspot.com.au/



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Reading and Teens

**Books...if you're going to be anything,
they are vital in life.**

Roald Dahl



Tips for parents of teens

- ☆ If your teenagers read for pleasure, congratulations
- ☆ If not, keep encouraging them
- ☆ Don't worry if you think they are reading books which are too easy for them
- ☆ Be a role model. It's not enough to have books in your house – you need to read yourself, widely and with enjoyment
- ☆ Let them choose their own books or, if you choose, make choices based on their interests or hobbies
- ☆ Let them read different forms: paper books and ebooks, comics and graphic novels, information books, newspapers, magazines and games
- ☆ Many teens prefer to read information books rather than stories
- ☆ Keep the praise to a minimum. Teens need to know that they're reading for their pleasure – not for your approval
- ☆ Home reading should be about reading for pleasure but it can also be reading for life – bills, car registration, tax and insurance forms, medicine labels, online user agreements, GPS instructions, etc
- ☆ Don't expect them to like to read the same things that you did at their age. Young Adult books have changed
- ☆ Be open-minded about their choice of books. Explain what troubles you about certain types of reading materials only after you've read them yourself
- ☆ Talk to your teens about the books they've enjoyed

What are teens reading?

- ☆ Books for teenagers often focus on first experiences and growing up or rites of passage. They include many firsts – first loves, first kisses, first painful experiences with loss and death
- ☆ Many teenagers want honest stories to which they can relate, stories that deal with the intense and sometimes messy steps of becoming an adult. Many enjoy reading information books rather than stories
- ☆ Many adults read one genre only e.g. mysteries, biographies, thrillers. Young Adult books often cross several genres in the one story
- ☆ Reading fashions change like clothing does. Your teen may try lots of genres before settling on one or more
- ☆ Current Young Adult trends include: contemporary realism, dystopian, post-apocalyptic, science fiction, steampunk, fantasy, paranormal thrillers, gothic romance, historical fiction and much more

