Popular Paperbacks for
Young Adults 2000

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The Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults committee, a committee of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) of the American Library Association, is pleased to announce its 2000 selections finalized at the association's Midwinter meeting held in San Antonio. This year's committee focused on the following four topics: Short Takes, Page Turners--Adult Novels for Teens, Romance--Passion and Heartbreak, and Self-Help.

The committee's Short Takes list contains 25 collections of short pieces of fiction and non-fiction; Page Turners--Adult Novels for Teens features 25 fast-paced novels that grab you from the first page and won't let you go until the end; Romance--Passion and Heartbreak focuses on 22 pieces of fiction that cover the diversity of romantic love and relationships; and Self-Help presents 20 popular non-fiction titles that help teens cope with their lives and answer FAQ's.

Lora Bruggeman, committee chair, notes that "We wanted to create lists that were helpful not only to librarians who work with teens, but to teens themselves."

The members of the 1999-2000 Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults committee are Lora Bruggeman, chair, Downers Grove, IL; Lauren Adams, Newton, MA; Jennifer Baltes, Bel Air, MD; Sarah Dentan, Berkeley, CA; Andy Howe, Albuquerque, NM; Shari Johnson, Pearl River, NY; Brenda Kilmer, Miami, FL; Cindy Lombardo, Orrville, OH; Barbra Meisenheimer, Vancouver, WA; Nancy Reich, Los Angeles, CA; Gail Richmond, San Diego, CA; Bill Stack,
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Short Takes

Life through Asian-American eyes.

From 'zine writers to rock groupies, young women meet the challenges of their lives.

Carroll, Rebecca. **Sugar in the Raw.** 1997 Crown, $12 ISBN 0517884976
African-American girls in their own words.

Another serving.

Featuring characters from Crutcher's novels.

Dines, Carol. **Talk to Me: Stories and a Novella.** 1999 Laurel Leaf, $4.50 ISBN 0440220262
Teenage angst ranging from morality to mortality.

Think fairy tales are full of beautiful, weak women and that strong handsome men come to the rescue? Think again!

Fairy tales with a grisly twist.
What's it like to be part of a biracial and/or bicultural family?

Jimenez, Francisco. The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child. 1997 University of New Mexico Press, $10.95 ISBN 0826317979
Growing up as a migrant farm worker.

Join In: Multiethnic Short Stories by Outstanding Writers for Young Adults. Ed. by Donald R. Gallo. 1995 Laurel Leaf, $5.50 ISBN 0440219574
Fitting in isn't easy.

Nobody ever promised Laura that life would be perfect.

From medieval times to the distant future, survival under every kind of stress and turmoil.

How did I get myself into this?

Some enchanted evenings…

Six teens face reality head on.

Spiders in the Hairdo: Modern Urban Legends. Ed. by David Holt and Bill Mooney. 1999
August House, $7.95 ISBN 0874835259 Have you heard the one about…

You go girl!

Thomas, Rob. **Doing Time: Notes from the Undergrad.**
1999 Aladdin, $4.99 ISBN 0689824149
The road to graduation is paved with good intentions.

**Trapped!: Cages of Mind and Body.** Ed. by Lois Duncan.
1999 Aladdin, $4.99 ISBN 0689830823
Tales of entrapment.

**Twelve Shots: Outstanding Short Stories about Guns.**
Ed. by Harry Mazer. 1998
Laurel Leaf, $4.99 ISBN 0440220025 What can a gun do for you?

Westall, Robert. **Demons and Shadows: the Ghostly Best Stories of Robert Westall.** 1997
Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, $6.95 ISBN 0374417016
Strange, supernatural, and unexpected.

**What If….?: Amazing Stories.** Ed. by Monica Hughes.
1998 Tundra, $6.95 ISBN 0887764584
Are you sure you want to know?

Get a job!

Running Press, $7.95 ISBN 0762403004 Just 55 words each!

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**Page Turners --Adult Novels for Teens**

Baldacci, David. **Absolute Power.** 1996 Warner, $7.50
ISBN 0446603589
Murder, honor, loyalty, and betrayal reach all the way to the Oval Office.

Blume, Judy. Summer Sisters. 1999 Dell, $7.50 ISBN 0440226430
Caitlin and Vix have shared their deepest secrets, can their lifelong friendship withstand a betrayal?

Regeane must decide how to survive as both woman and wolf in dangerous, decadent, decaying Rome.

Boy genius Ender is set off to battle school. Can he save the planet?

Where did ex- FBI agent Terry McCaleb's new heart come from and why was he the one to get it?

Discovery of a huge spaceship resting on the ocean floor is more than the scientists bargained for.

Can Lincoln Rhyme, a brilliant criminologist, stop the diabolical killer from committing more grisly crimes?

A random burglary turns the lives of high-powered attorney Claire Chapman and her husband Tom upside down.

Did Elaine Wilkens jump to her death or was she pushed by
Gabaldon, Diana. **Outlander**. 1992 Dell, $7.50 ISBN 0440212561
Strong-willed Claire Randall leads a double life with a husband in one century and a lover in another.

Why are Dr. Harper's patients dying?

Can Nathan outwit both the police and a hitman in order to stay alive?

Mark Sway is really in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Anita Blake is the best vampire hunter in town and has the scars to prove it.

Bess Grady expected sunshine and balmy breezes, but got everyone's worst nightmare.

After 14 years of being beaten, Rose Daniels wakes up one morning and leaves her abusive husband, a psychopathic cop who obsessively trails her.

Lanier, Virginia. **Blind Bloodhound Justice**. 1999
HarperCollins, $6.50 ISBN 0061099716
Follow detective Jo Beth Sidden and her bloodhounds on the seemingly dead trail of a 30-year-old murder/kidnapping.

Patterson, James. **Along Came a Spider**. 1993 Warner,
Detective Alex Cross hunts a schizophrenic psychopathic kidnapper.

Ricardo Arias is found dead, the gun still wedged in his mouth. Is it suicide?

This chicken soup may not be good for the soul.

Three witches unmask the murderer in the wacky opera house.

A beast in New York's Museum of Natural History haunts the halls and preys on good and bad guys alike.

Why are killer bats on the loose in New York City?

A beautiful British spy aka detective writer is out for revenge in Savannah.

If your parents died, could you live on your own and pretend to the world that they were still alive?

**Romance**

Why settle for anything less than love?
Cuban-American Maggie has a crush on handsome basketball player Zach. Does he love her, does he not?

Love on the run in Texas in 1883.

Brownley, Margaret. **Buttons and Beaus.** 1997 Topaz, $5.99 ISBN 0451407180
Amanda Blackwell's Cycling School in 19th century New York is threatened! Can architect Damian Newcastle save the day?

Dreams of love can crash and burn and come true.

What is the secret haunting handsome, widowed Max DeWinter?

Mary Rose's four adopted brothers can't protect her from Lord Harrison Stanford MacDonald.

Vivian must choose between her werewolf world and her love for a human.

Lane, Dakota. **Johnny Voodoo.** 1998 Bantam, $4.50 ISBN 0440219981
When Deirdre and Johnny look at each other, they're almost like one person.

A Cinderella story of a girl, cursed with obedience, risks losing her prince in order to save his life.

Peer advisor Becca calms prom jitters, but doesn't have a date of her own.

Once Kyle's bandages come off his eyes, will he still care for Carley after seeing her disfigured face?

Zel held prisoner in her mother's protective clutches meets her prince.

Plummer, Louise. **The Unlikely Romance of Kate Bjorkman**. 1997 Laurel Leaf, $4.50 ISBN 0440227046
While writing a romance novel, Kate unexpectedly stars in a real-life one.

The Duke of Ashburton, believing he has a fatal illness, joins a family of traveling actors.

In 1798, Rebecca meets Shawnee chief Tecumseh, but must choose between the family homestead and the man she loves.

Irish glassmaker Maggie Concannon is strong and independent. Can gallery owner Rogan Sweeney melt her fiery exterior?

Rodowsky, Colby. **Lucy Peale**. 1994 Farrar, Straus, and
Giroux, $3.95 ISBN 0374446598  
Lucy, a pregnant runaway, finds her soul mate on the Ocean City boardwalk.

Danger and romance stalk a young English governess working in an isolated French chateau.

Rugby star David and sophisticated Theo grapple with their intense attraction for each other. Do they dare act on their feelings?

Kerry is in embroiled in love and danger when she falls for a vampire.

**Self-Help**

Tyra shows you how to look and feel good.

Everything you want to know about your sexual behavior, and physical and emotional health.

Jokes, cartoons, and practical tips help girls be friends with their bodies.

Tools for teens.
A good nuts and bolts guide for guys.

Growing up and liking it.

Go out on a limb.

**The Girls' Book of Wisdom: Empowering Inspirational Quotes from over 400 fabulous females.** Ed. by Catherine Dee. 1999 Little, Brown, $8.95 ISBN 0316179566
What the famous had to say.

Got a question?

Support in a difficult time.

She kicked it and you can too.

Knowledge is power.

Kennedy tells it all.

Celebrate the transition.

Discover your passions and pursue your dreams.

Who wants to be a millionaire?

Miss Manners mooove over!

Hungry?

Teenage girls tell their stories.

Wann, Marilyn. *Fat!So?: Because You Don't Have to Apologize for Your Size*! 1998 Ten Speed Press, $12.95 ISBN 0898159954
Happy, healthy, and gorgeous at any size.

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