Top 10 Best Books for Young Adults 1997

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**FAR NORTH** by Will Hobbs
Two boys, stranded in the wilderness, endure a brutal winter and attacks by bears, wolves and moose.

**A GIRL NAMED DISASTER** by Nancy Farmer
When her family arranges her marriage to a cruel man with three lives, Nhamo escapes by canoe.

**GOLDEN COMPASS** by Philip Pullman
Friends, witches and armored polar bears help Lyra fight the evil forces that are stealing children for horrible experiments.

**NATHAN'S RUN** by John Gilstrap
Nathan is running for his life after escaping from a juvenile detention center.

**ONE MORE RIVER TO CROSS: AN AFRICAN AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM** by Walter Dean Myers
Well known and not so well known African Americans’ lives are celebrated through photographs.

**RATS SAW GOD** by Rob Thomas
Troubled teen Steve York reflects on his life and his relationship with his famous father.

**THE UNITED STATES OF POETRY** by Josual Blum, Bob Holman and Mark Pellington
Meet all kinds of poets from Nobel Laureate winners to rappers through their photos and poems.

**WHO KILLED MR. CHIPPENDALE? A MYSTERY IN POEMS** by Mel Glenn
A high school English teacher's murder is solved in a series of poems.

**WRESTLING STURBRIDGE** by Rich Wallace
Living in Sturbridge, Pennsylvania, where wrestling is king, high-school senior Benny must compete against his best friend for a spot on the team.

**FRAGMENTS** by Binjamin Wilkomirski
Found wandering near Aushwitz at the end of the war, a small boy had no language or knowledge of who he was. Here, he shares his fragmented memories of surviving as a toddler.

Best Books were selected by a committee of the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association.

The complete list of 1997 Best Books can be found in *ALA's Guide to Best Reading 1997*, an interdepartmental project of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), divisions of the American Library Association, and *Booklist*, a publication of the American Library Association.

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