Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults 1998

The books on this list were originally written and marketed for adults, but provide a crossover for older teen readers to adult fiction.

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Adult Mysteries for Teens


Why does P.I. Carlotta Carlyle get a child's snapshot in the mail every Friday?

Barr, Nevada. *Firestorm*. Avon Books, $6.50

After a wildfire, Ranger Anna Pigeon emerges from her "shake and bake" and discovers a murdered body.

Black, Veronica. *Vow of Fidelity*. St. Martin's Press, $5.50

Sister Joan discovers that three of her former art school classmates have died in horrible accidents. A photograph indicates that Sister Joan may be the next.

Brennan, Carol. *Chill of Summer*. Berkley Publishing Group, $5.99

Emily Silver thinks that she will find peace and solitude in the house that once belonged to her grandmother when the lights go out and she finds herself under a frozen corpse.

Christie, Agatha. *And Then There Were None*. Berkley
Ten strangers, gathered together on an isolated island by a mysterious host, share their darkest secrets as, one-by-one, they die.

**Cornwell, Patricia. Postmortem.** Avon Books, $6.99
Using the latest advances in forensic research, medical examiner Kay Scarpetta sets out to unmask a maniac who wants her dead.

Fremont Jones trades in her conventional Boston life for a career as a "typeewriter" in turn-of-the-century San Francisco where she discovers her clients aren't always what they appear to be.

**Dereske, Jo. Miss Zukas and the Library Murders.** Avon Books, $5.99
The dead body is in fiction—that section of the library anyway. Now it's up to proper librarian Helma Zukas, and her not-so-proper friend Ruth, to track down the killer before they become the next victims.

**Evanovich, Janet. Two for the Dough.** Pocket Books, $5.50
Armed with plenty of attitude and her trusty .38, bounty hunter Stephanie Plum goes after bail jumper Kenny Mancuso. The place to find him is a funeral parlor.

**Feinstein, John. Winter Games.** St. Martin's Press, $5.99
The basketball talents of Rytis Buzelis lead to corruption and murder when college recruiters descend on quiet Shelter Island.

**Francis, Dick. Hot Money.** Fawcett Book Group, $5.99
Who killed the least likeable of wealthy gold trader Malcolm Pembroke's five ex-spouses?

Navajo Tribal policemen Lt. Joe Leaphorn and Officer Jim Chee plunge into the past to unearth the truth behind two
murders at a sacred Indian ruin.

A volatile mix of "good kids," a stay-at-home mom, one outspoken principal, and sexual harassment lead to murder in the perfect suburb.

Hired to investigate the murder of a female bar owner, Kat Colorado goes undercover as the new bartender and uncovers more dirt with every drink order.

**King, Laurie. Beekeeper's Apprentice.** Bantam Books, Inc., $5.99  
Fifteen-year-old Mary Russell convinces Sherlock Holmes she is his perfect partner.

The main suspect in a series of children's murders is a renowned woman painter convicted of strangling a little girl eighteen years earlier.

**Lackey, Mercedes. Sacred Ground.** Tor Books, $5.99  
Native American activists are blamed for violence when fragments of human bone and Indian artifacts are found on the site of a new shopping mall.

**Lawrence, Martha C. Murder in Scorpio.** St. Martin's Press, $5.50  
Will P.I. Elizabeth Chase's psychic ability to sense people's auras and see clues help her find out why a woman died?

**McCrumb, Sharyn. Paying the Piper.** Ballantine Books, $5.99  
People are slowly dying at a dig on an isolated Scottish island. Who's the killer?

**Mystery Cats.** Edited by Lilian Jackson Braun NAL/Dutton, $5.99  
This murderously entertaining collection assembles sixteen purr-fect tales of crime and cats by today's best mystery writers including Lilian Jackson Braun, Patricia Moyes, and
Margaret Maron.

**Parker, Robert B.** *Early Autumn.* Dell Publishing Co., Inc., $6.50
When Private detective Spenser is hired to "protect" fifteen-year-old Paul, both get more than they bargained for.

**Peters, Elizabeth.** *Crocodile on the Sandbank.* Mysterious Press, $5.99
Victorian heiress Amelia Peabody heads for Cairo, accompanied by a girl with a tarnished past. Little does she know a homicidal mummy awaits.

**Prowell, Sandra West.** *When Wallflowers Die.* Bantam Books, Inc., $5.99
A twenty-seven-year-old unsolved murder shows P.I. Phoebe Seigel that politics is a dirty, dangerous, and deadly game.

**Scottoline, Lisa.** *Everywhere That Mary Went.* HarperCollins Publishers, Inc., $5.50
Mary DiNunzio fights for her life when crank phone calls fall into a sinister pattern.

**Smith, Julie.** *Tourist Trap.* Ivy Books, $4.99
On Easter morning attorney Rebecca Schwartz finds a corpse crucified on a large cross.

**Feel Good Books**

Teenage life can be difficult. The books on this list are heartwarming, encouraging, funny, and uplifting.

**Aldrich, Bess Streeter.** *A Lantern in Her Hand.* Viking Penguin, $4.99
As early Nebraska settlers, Abbie and Will Deal faced drought, fire, and death, but survived and raised a wonderful family.

**Barrie, Barbara.** *Adam Zigzag.* Bantam Doubleday Dell, $3.99
Adam's dyslexia almost gets the best of him before he finally
finds the right help.

**Bauer, Joan.** *Squashed.* Dell Publishing Co., $3.99
Ellie battles pumpkin thieves to save her beloved Big Max.

**Canfield, Jack.** *Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul.* Health Communications, Inc., $12.95
Stories to inspire and uplift—just what the doctor ordered! (NF)

**Gilbreth, Frank B.** *Cheaper by the Dozen.* Bantam Doubleday Dell Books for Young Readers, $5.50
Twelve red-haired siblings and their efficiency expert parents share hilarious family fun. (NF)

**Godfrey, Martyn.** *Please Remove Your Elbow from My Ear.* Avon Books, $3.99
No one quite believes it when the DT Dregs form a hockey team—it even surprises the team members.

**Hayes, Daniel.** *No Effect.* Avon Books, $3.99
Going out for wrestling will be a great way to get girls—or so Tyler and Lymie hope.

**Herriott, James.** *All Creatures Great and Small.* Bantam Books, Inc., $7.50
A first person account of a young veterinarian starting his career in Yorkshire, England sixty years ago. (NF)

**Howe, James.** *The New Nick Kramer, or My Life as a Babysitter.* Hyperion Paperbacks for Children, $4.50
Nick hopes the way to a girl's heart is through sharing a class in childcare—if he fails, it means dancing in a tutu at halftime!

**Johnson, LouAnne.** *Dangerous Minds.* St. Martin's Press, Inc., $5.99
Tough and caring, LouAnne Johnson is the sort of teacher all students deserve. (NF)

**Keller, Beverly.** *The Amazon Papers.* Harcourt Brace and Co., $5.00
While her mother is off on a cruise, Iris stumbles from one near disaster to another trying to babysit two young cousins and snag a boyfriend.

**Koertge, Ron. The Harmony Arms.** Avon Books, $3.99
Gabriel learns to appreciate his father's eccentricity when he comes to know the residents of the Harmony Arms.

**McBride, James. The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother.** Berkley Publishing Co., $12.00
Ode to an extraordinary mother who raised twelve successful children. (NF)

**Montgomery, L.M. Anne of Green Gables.** Bantam Books, Inc., $2.95
Instead of the orphan boy they expect, the Cuthberts are sent a skinny red-haired girl with a talent for getting into trouble.

**Murphy, Barbara Beasley. Fly Like an Eagle.** Dell Publishing, Co., $3.99
When Ace's dad drags him west to "find their roots," the long, boring summer Ace anticipates turns out to be anything but.

**Spinelli, Jerry. Crash.** Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., $4.99
Crash Coogan sees himself as a star, but can he let that light shine for someone else?

**Trembath, Don. The Tuesday Cafe.** Orca Book Publishers, $6.95
Assigned an essay as part of his punishment for setting a fire at school, Harper becomes an unlikely member of the Tuesday Cafe.

**Webster, Jean. Daddy Long-legs.** Puffin Books, $3.99
A mysterious stranger sends orphan Jerusha Abbott to college; requiring only that she write him monthly letters.

**Wyss, Thelma Hatch. Here at the Scenic Vu Motel.** HarperCollins Children's Books, $3.95
Study hard and have fun are the only rules for seven small
town students boarded at a motel during the school week.

**Facing Nature Head On**

These books show the connection between people and the natural environment, illustrating the struggle for both humans and nature to survive.

**Aebi, Tania.** *Maiden Voyage*. Ballantine Books, Inc., $5.95
Share the adventure of a lifetime—the first American woman and the youngest person ever to travel around the globe by sailboat—alone. (NF)

**Brandenburg, Jim.** *To the Top of the World: Adventures With Arctic Wolves on Ellesmere Island*. Walker and Company, $6.95
Brandenburg enters the beautiful, wild, and free world of Arctic wolves. (NF)

**Callahan, Steven.** *Adrift: Seventy-six Days Lost at Sea*. Ballantine Books, Inc., $11.00
When his sailboat sinks in the Atlantic, Steven Callahan drifts alone in a five-foot inflatable raft. (NF)

**DeFelice, Cynthia.** *Lostman's River*. Avon Books, $4.50
Fighting greedy profiteers, Tyler MacCauley's trust in a stranger may spell doom for Lostman's River and its wildlife.

**Doyle, Brian.** *Spud Sweetgrass*. Groundwood Books, $3.95
Who is dumping grease into the Ottawa River and polluting Spud's favorite beach?

**George, Jean Craighead.** *Julie of the Wolves*. HarperCollins Children's Books, $4.95
Forced to marry at thirteen, Julie/Miyax, runs away from her Eskimo village and is adopted by a wolf pack.

**George, Jean Craighead.** *The Talking Earth*. HarperCollins Children's Books, $3.95
Billie Wind, a young Seminole Indian, is sent into the Florida Everglades alone to search for her roots.
Hobbs, Will. *Downriver*. Bantam Doubleday Dell, $4.50
Eight delinquent teens on a Discovery Unlimited outing escape their guide and battle each other and the Colorado River.

Klass, David. *California Blue*. Scholastic, Inc., $4.50
John's discovery of a new species of butterfly threatens the future of a mill town and sets him against his dying father.

Seven Australian teens return from a camping trip to discover their country has been invaded and their families imprisoned.

How will sixteen-year-old Ann Burden survive as the only person left in the world following a nuclear accident?

O'Dell, Scott. *Black Star, Bright Dawn*. Fawcett Book Group, $4.50
A blinding, whiteout snowstorm, a belligerent bull moose, and splintering ice are only a few obstacles a teenage Eskimo girl faces in the Iditarod race—1,000 miles of agony between Nome and Anchorage.

A plane crash leaves Brian Robeson stranded in the Canadian wilderness.

Paulsen, Gary. *Voyage of the Frog*. Dell Publishing Co., $4.50
David battles a savage storm after scattering his dead uncle's ashes at sea.

Rostkowski, Margaret I. *Moon Dancer*. Harcourt Brace and Co., $5.00
Using a 100-year-old journal, four young adults piece together an ancient mystery in a remote Utah canyon.
A flash flood traps weekend hikers in the Zion Narrows.

Since "The Flash" destroyed modern civilization, Tomcat and a group of other orphans steer an old steamboat up and down a toxic Mississippi River.

An orphan finds treasure beyond his wildest dreams in the wilderness of the Limberlost.

Can Sam and the Weirdo keep bear hunters out of the Powhatan Swamp?

White, Robb. *Deathwatch*. Dell Publishing Co., $4.50
Stripped naked Ben fights both the sadistic hunter Madec and forty miles of the cruel summer desert.

**Teens from Other Times: Historical Fiction**

Historical fiction was selected as a topic because young adults remain interested in what it was like to be a teen in other times.

A Welsh serf dreams of being a storyteller, but after his tongue is cut out his life takes a different direction.

Orphan Susannah and slave Bethlehem journey north on foot in hope of finding a better life.

Berry, James. *Ajeemah and His Son*. HarperCollins Children's Books, $4.50
Captured by slavers, a father and son are sold to different...
plantations in Jamaica.

**Bosse, Malcolm.** *Examination.* Farrar, Straus & Giroux, Inc. $7.95
Street smart versus book smart, two brothers join forces in 16th century China.

**Cushman, Catherine.** *Catherine, Called Birdy.*
HarperCollins Children's Books, $4.95
Fourteen-year-old Birdy reveals the intimate details of her life as the daughter of a medieval lord.

**Fleischman, Paul.** *Bull Run.* HarperCollins Children's Books, $4.95
Hear the varied voices of the Civil War.

**Greene, Bette.** *Summer of My German Soldier.* Dell Publishing Co., Inc., 4.99
A Jewish girl becomes friends with a German prisoner of war in Arkansas during World War II.

**Gregory, Kristiana.** *Earthquake at Dawn.* Harcourt Brace and Co., $5.00
A photographer and her assistant experience the 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

**Hauggaard, Erik.** *The Samurai's Tale.* Houghton Mifflin Co., $6.95
Stripped of his nobility, an orphan fights to regain his status while adhering to the rigorous samurai code.

**Holland, Isabelle.** *Behind the Lines.* Scholastic Inc., $3.99
The New York draft riots of 1863 cause complications for an Irish Catholic girl.

**Hotze, Sollace.** *A Circle Unbroken.* Houghton Mifflin Co., $5.95
Raised as the daughter of a Sioux chief, Rachel is returned to her family against her will.

**Konigsburg, E.L.** *The Second Mrs. Giaconda.* Simon and Schuster Children's, $5.95
Why did Leonardo da Vinci paint the Mona Lisa?

**Laksy, Kathryn.** *Beyond the Burning Time.* Scholastic, Inc., $4.50
A young girl struggles to save her mother from execution during the Salem witch trials.

**Lester, Julius.** *This Strange New Feeling.* Scholastic, Inc., $3.99
Slavery. Freedom. Love. Three couples tell their stories.

**Levitin, Sonia.** *Escape From Egypt.* Puffin Books, $4.99
The forbidden attraction between Jesse and Jennat is tested as they follow Moses across the Red Sea and into the desert.

**Meyer, Carolyn.** *White Lilacs.* Gulliver, $5.00
In 1921 a black Texas community is threatened when whites decide to take their land.

**Myers, Walter Dean.** *Fallen Angels.* Scholastic, Inc., $4.99
After graduating from high school in 1967, Richie enlists in the Army and is sent to Vietnam.

**Paterson, Katherine.** *Lyddie.* Puffin Books, $4.99
Lyddie's desire for better working conditions in the mills threatens her job.

**Pullman, Philip.** *The Ruby in the Smoke.* Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers, $4.99
Sally's search for a mysterious ruby and its connection to her father's death leads her through the frightening underworld of Victorian London.

**Rinaldi, Ann.** *In My Father's House.* Scholastic, Inc. $4.99
The first battle of the Civil War took place on Oscie McLean's Manassas farm and ended in her father's parlor at Appomattox Court House.

**Salisbury, Graham.** *Under the Blood-Red Sun.* Bantam Doubleday Dell, $4.50
A Hawaiian-born boy of Japanese descent must help his family survive when his father and grandfather are arrested.
after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

**Talbert, Marc.** *Heart of the Jaguar*. Simon and Schuster Children's, $4.50
The bravery of a young Mayan approaching manhood seals his destiny.

**Walsh, Jill Paton.** *Parcel of Patterns*. Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, Inc., $3.95
The people of a small English village in 1665 make the ultimate sacrifice to keep a dreadful disease from spreading.

**White, Ellen Emerson.** *The Road Home*. Scholastic, Inc., $4.99
A Vietnam War combat nurse returns home to family and friends who have not changed as much as she has.

**Wisler, G. Clifton.** *Red Cap*. Puffin Books, $3.99
A Union drummer boy is imprisoned in the notorious Andersonville Prison during the Civil War.