Young Adult Books

The following list contains a selection of books to satisfy the wide variety of reading levels and interests of 7th and 8th grade readers. Many of these titles address the issues of adolescence and are for mature readers. Most of the authors listed have written other books at this level. The books on this list are in the department’s Young Adult (JY) collection unless otherwise indicated.

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The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle.

Bray, Libba  
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Off Course.

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Day Zero.

Fischer, Nancy  
The Speed of Falling Objects.

Fountain, Ele  
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Golding, William  
Lord of the Flies: A Novel.

Griffin, Paul  
Skyjacked.

Higgins, Jack  
Sure Fire.

Hobbs, Will  
Take Me to the River.

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Warcross.

McCaughrean, Geraldine  
Where the World Ends.

Neal, Elizabeth  
Heat Wave.

Nijkamp, Marieke  
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Perkins, Lynne Rae  
As Easy As Falling off the Face of the Earth.

Schrefer, Eliot  
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Sim, Tara  
Scavenge the Stars.

Walters, Eric  
Fourth Dimension.

White, Robb  
Deathwatch.

Wynne-Jones, Tim  
The Starlight Claim.

**Biographies, Autobiographies, & Memoirs**

Anderson, Laurie Halse  
Shout: A Poetry Memoir. TEEN

Beals, Melba  
Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High. JY B B366

Burch, Jennings Michael  
They Cage the Animals at Night. JY 362.732 B947

Codell, Esmé  
Educating Esmé: Diary of a Teacher's First Year. 372.11 C669

Grimes, Nikki  
Ordinary Hazards: A Memoir. JY B G862

Hamilton, Bethany  
Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board. JB H219

Hickam, Homer H.  
Rocket Boys: A Memoir. B H627

Hofstetter, Steve  
Ginger Kid: Mostly True Tales from a Former Nerd. JY B H713

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Brave Face: A Memoir. See Catalog

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Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen. JY B J54

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Every Falling Star: How I Survived and Escaped North Korea. JY B L481

McCreary, Michael  
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Dessen, Sarah Saint Anything: A Novel.
Ducie, Joe The Rig.
Giles, L.R. Overturned.
Jensen, Cordelia Every Shiny Thing.
Lange, Erin Jade Rebel, Bully, Geek, Pariah.
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