



Suggested Reading for Teens

6th – 8th Grade

[Kino and the king](#); Angeli, Jen

Kino Kahele is transported to 1825, just five years after the missionaries arrived in Hawaii.

[The Islands at the End of the World](#); Aslan, Austin

Stranded in Honolulu when a strange cloud causes a worldwide electronics failure, sixteen-year-old Leilani and her father must make their way home to Hilo amid escalating perils.

[Kamehameha: The Rise of a King](#); Eyre, David Kawika

Historical fiction based on Hawaiian sources and years of research. The stories shed new light on Kamehameha's upbringing and his lifelong quest to unify the Hawaiian Islands

[A map to the sun](#); Leong, Sloane

A Map to the Sun is a gripping YA graphic novel about five principle players in a struggling girls' basketball team on Oahu.

[One boy no water](#); Parker, Lehua

Adopted as a baby by a family in Hawaii, water-allergic Zader discovers that he is actually the descendant of an age-old predator from the sea and must come to grips with this reality.

[Night of the Howling Dogs](#); Salisbury, Graham

In 1975, eleven Boy Scouts, their leaders, and some new friends camping at Halape, Hawaii, find their survival skills put to the test when a massive earthquake strikes, followed by a tsunami.

[Plants and animals of Hawaii](#); Scott, Susan

This book about plants and animal of Hawai'i was written to inspire more people to become active in the fight to save Hawai'i native species.

[Natural Hawaii: an inquisitive kid's guide](#); Rozier, Dana

Featuring an abundance of uncommon facts and colorful photographs, this field guide explores Hawaii's volcanoes, plants, and animals with an undertone of basic science.



9th – 12th Grade

[My name is Loa: a story of exile, adventure, and romance on the island of Moloka'i](#);

Buckingham, Dorothea N.

Set in the year 1898, this fictional tale tells the story of Loa, a 15-year-old Hawaiian boy who is diagnosed with leprosy and banished to Kalaupapa. Courage, love and youthful adventure are central themes to this heartfelt novel you'll never forget.

['Aumākua: Heroes of Hawai'i](#);

Carvalho, Chris
Did you know there are superheroes in Hawaii? Mana comics celebrates the unique island culture with a team of diverse heroes called 'aumākua. 'Aumākua is a Hawaiian word, meaning protectors, ancestral spirits, family or personal gods"

[Obake files:ghostly encounters in supernatural Hawai'i](#); Grant, Glen

A collection of articles and stories regarding native and imported folktales and mythology in Hawaii.

[Juniors](#); Hemmings, Kauai Hart

Seventeen-year-old Lea Lane must navigate a complex web of friendships and relationships after she and her mother move into the guest cottage of the fabulously wealthy West family in Honolulu.

[Written in the sky](#); Kaopio, Matthew

Matthew Kaopio's "Written in the Sky" is a compelling, personal novel that tells the story of a homeless boy living in Ala Moana Beach Park.

[Blue skin of the sea](#); Salisbury, Graham

Growing up in Hawaii between 1953 and 1966, Sonny tries to come to terms with his feelings for his fisherman father and the vast sea that dominates his life.

[Da word](#); Tonouchi, Lee A.

A collection of humorous and poignant short stories written entirely in Pidgin.

[Puhala and the Temple of Refuge](#); Wright, H. W.

Seven centuries before the arrival of the European explorers, Puhala fights to save himself and his Hawaiian village. Can Puhala and his friends stop the evil Matu before they attack? Will his parents, the village and King Kiamana ever forgive him for breaking what is forbidden?