

YALSA'S 2023 TOP TEN Quick Picks for Teen Readers



YALSA, the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association, has selected the year's best titles for teen readers looking for something quick and easy to read. The following list of books are available in the Hawaii State Public Library System and list may be found at: <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/2023-quick-picks-reluctant-young-adult-readers>. Some titles may be available in e-formats. Check the catalog or ask a librarian for assistance.

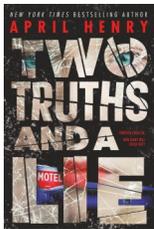
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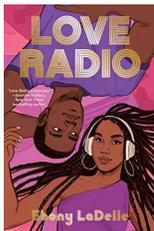
Crowder, Melanie
Jumper
YA Crowder
Gr. 10 and up
Nineteen-year-old Blair Scott's dream of being accepted into the Forest Service's class of jumpers is complicated by a fierce fire season and a medical condition that endangers her life. Together with her best friend Jason, Blair treads the line between risk-taking and reckless and learns what it means to survive.



Fulton, Victoria and Faith McClaren
Horror Hotel
YA Fulton
Gr. 8 and up
No one loves a haunted place the night before Halloween more than a group of ghost hunters. The group of four thinks filming at the notorious Hearst Hotel in Los Angeles will be the secret to reaching one million subscribers to their YouTube channel, but soon discover unexpected secrets.



Henry, April
Two Truths and a Lie
YA Henry
Gr. 9 and up
When a high school acting group gets trapped in a creepy motel during a blizzard, what starts as a silly game of two truths and a lie quickly turns deadly.



LaDelle, Ebony
Love Radio
YA LaDelle
Gr. 9 and up
Prince is a romantic but hasn't got time for love unless it's helping callers to his radio show. Dani is focused on her plan to move to New York and become a famous author. When these two meet they agree to give each three dates to see where it leads.



McLaughlin, Kate
Daughter
YA McLaughlin
Gr. 9 and up
Scarlet has no idea that her boring life and her paranoid mother are protecting her from her true identity. She is the daughter of notorious serial killer Jeff Lake, and he is willing to spill the secrets of his murder victims--but only to her.



McManus, Karen
You'll Be the Death of Me
YA McManus
Gr. 8 and up
Estranged friends, Ivy, Mateo, and Cal skip school to relive 'the best day ever' from middle school. After finding a dead classmate, they become more than witnesses and realize their former friends have secrets of their own.



Noone, Gabby
Live, Laugh, Kidnap
YA Noone
Gr. 8 and up
Genesis (lives on a commune), Holly (staying for the summer), and Zoe (saving money to leave with her girlfriend) have one thing in common: distrust towards Hope Harvest Ministries. When an accidental encounter leads them to kidnap the teenage son of Hope's leaders, they see a way out of town.

Graphic Novels



Christmas, Johnnie
Swim Team
J GN Swim Team or J GN Christmas
Gr. 4 and up
Bree's move to Florida introduces her not only to a group of new friends, but to an opportunity to overcome her fear of swimming in this beautifully written full-color graphic novel.



Page, Tyler
Button Pusher
YA GN Button Pusher, YA GN Page, or YA GN 741.5973 Pa
Gr. 5 and up
Through illustrations and humor, Page recounts his childhood from his ADHD diagnosis to high school graduation using the history and evolution of the neurodivergence to explain in detail this common experience.

Non Fiction/Biography



Ogle, Rex
Punching Bag
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Gr. 7 and up
In this autobiographical follow up to his first book, *Free Lunch*, we follow Rex as he struggles through his teen years in a home full of domestic violence, mental illness, and substance abuse. Imagining his deceased sister as a guardian angel, Rex endeavors to shield his younger brother and survive.

"2023 Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers", American Library Association, February 1, 2023.

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