

# Library Corner

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## Top 10 young adult books of 2015

As we are about to say good-bye to another year, we take time to look back at the Top 10 books for young adults which have left their mark on readers and librarians alike.

This list was compiled from multiple sources: School Library Journal, Good Reads, Barnes and Noble and NPR. I felt these resources would provide a well-rounded opinion by offering titles memorable to all readers. So here we go.

1. *All the Bright Places* – Jennifer Niven

Finch and Violet meet each other through unusual circumstances. Once they meet they go on a number of adventures together. As they both work through the struggles in their own lives, things begin to take an unexpected turn. This heartbreaking love story begs for a happy ending.

2. *Saint Anything* – Sara Dessen

Sydney is used to living in the shadow of her brother Peyton. However when a drunk driving accident places Peyton in jail, Sydney is free to live her life as she chooses. Out from under her normal shadow she is allowed to pursue new friendships, and even her first romance.

3. *Everything Everything* – Nicola Yoon

Madeline has been a prisoner in her own home for 18 years due to a rare genetic disorder that leaves her without a functional immune system. When a boy moves into the neighboring house, her self-regimented world gets turned upside down, and she starts to realize all the things she has gone without.

4. *Carry On* – Rainbow Rowell

Simon Snow, first introduced in Rainbow Rowell's *Fangirl* (2013), gets his own novel involving all the quests and adventures he goes on in order to fulfill the prophesy about him changing the world of magic. However Simon realizes that things are so cut and dry when he begins to have romantic feelings for his nemesis. Who knew being a hero was so complicated?

5. *More Happy Than Not* – Adam Silvera

16 year old Aaron Soto grew up in the poverty stricken Bronx and lives in a one parent household. Life isn't exactly easy for him, and things only get more complicated when he discovers

his surprising attraction to a guy his age named Thomas. How Aaron sorts through all the complicated emotions of being 16, and growing up in a less than desirable environment, will keep readers engaged in this book.

6. *All American Boys* – Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely

On a fateful day, Rashad, a black teen, gets assaulted by a white police officer. Quinn, the nephew of the officer in question, witnessed the event and is friends with Rashad. These two young adults get thrown into the chaos of a town gripped by the event and the actions and thoughts they take to help bring about lasting change.

7. *Bone Gap* – Laura Ruby

Based on our culture's heavy focus on physical beauty, this book centers on Finn and Roza, the town sweetheart and Finn's older brothers girlfriend. Roza gets abducted and Finn takes it upon himself to find her. The story centers on the Greek Persephone myth.

8. *Shadowshaper* – Daniel Jose Older

Sierra Santiago is a curious girl who is motivated to investigate some of the weird things going on in her neighborhood. As she investigates these mysteries, Sierra begins to understand some of the secrets surrounding her own family and what they mean for her.

9. *Future Perfect* – Jen Larsen

Ashley Perkins is a smart, funny, and ambitious Latina girl...who also happens to be overweight. Ashley's grandmother is unable to see past this physical feature and on her birthday offer her gifts in exchange for weight-loss. This strategy comes to a head on her 17th birthday when her grandmother offers to pay her college tuition if she goes under the knife for weight-loss surgery.

10. *Nimona* – Noelle Stevenson

This anti-heroes graphic novel features a young shapeshifter, Nimona, who plays sidekick to supervillain Ballister Blackheart. Their mission is to expose the "good guys" at the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroes as the frauds that they are. But as small acts of civil disobedience become vicious battles, clues start to appear that things are what they seem in the case of Nimona.

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