



## **Top 15 Good Books for Young Adults**

Welcome to Barnes and Noble's list of the top good books for young adults. They've taken some fiction and non-fiction books into the mix to give you a better idea of what a YA reader might like to get their hands on.

### **1. Dream Caster by Najeev Raj Nadarajah – Fantasy**

Alright, I am taking a risk here by putting this up in number one, but I think it is worth it. Dream Caster really is a great book despite being very new. This book is about a young man in a post apocalyptic world where most of the world has been destroyed except for his small settlement. But his settlement is quickly destroyed when a new comer enters and he moves to a new safe haven with the newcomer, discovers himself and the ability to make his dreams come to life to fight the opposite powers who have destroyed our current world.

### **2. Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins – Fiction**

This 3 book series is sure to get your blood moving as the characters are likable and the plot is unique and interesting. If you haven't seen the movie yet, make sure you start on the books. North America is destroyed and ran from one city that reinforces its control by hosting games in which the younger members of each territory must fight to survive. A little *Battle Royale* , but it is still worth your time to read this one.

### **3. Divergent by Veronica Roth – Fiction**

This is a great follow-up for *The Hunger Games* and it is fast becoming a must read. The main characters have the same depth and like ability as *The Hunger Games* while throwing a dystopian plot into the mix that you can't help but carried away in. In this book factions are working together to rebuild after an apocalypse and the main characters must choose where they belong. In the category of good books for young adults this one gives any of them a run for their money. Check it out.

### **4. The Giver Quartet by Lois Lowry – Fiction**

Most people have read *The Giver*, but I didn't know until recently was this book was party of a 4 book series. So if your young one has read the first one and liked it, then the next 3 are the way to go. Although they aren't as highly acclaimed as the first, they are pretty well received.

### **5. The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton – Fiction**

Nothing feels more like teenage problems than the outsiders. Two groups of boys with problems within and between groups causes fights, arguing, and drama. This one is maybe more for the boys, but the girls may like it as well.

## **6. The Infernal Devices and Immortal Instruments by Cassandra Clare – Fiction**

This sequel-prequel series of 9 books. It is a series of good books for young adults. Immortal Instruments was written first and should be read in that way (although it doesn't matter that much). if you are interested in good vs evil, demons vs hunters, etc. this will be for you. It gave me a *Constantine* like feel in that there is a world within our world we don't know about. I'd recommend watching the movie first since it is coming out in 2013 and the movie always ruins the book so read the book after. Both are highly read and highly rated making them perfect additions to any YA readers library.

## **7. Confessions on an Economic Hitman by John Perkins – Non-Fiction**

I think it is important for young readers to also think about the world around them. This book was written by a consultant at Boston Consulting Group (a world famous consulting company) that had him go around getting countries to make bad decisions that benefited the United States. It is a book that will make a young reader think about the larger problems in the world. You can dialogue with them about how wealthy countries can help or hinder poorer countries. This is one for thinking and discussion. It is worth them reading.

## **8. Bomb: The Race to Build – and Steal- the World's Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin – Non-Fiction**

This book is aimed specifically at the young adult audience and will definitely get them interested in one of the world's biggest diplomatic measures to date. It'll give them a feeling of how the world got the most destructive weapon in the world and what it has meant from then until now.

## **9. Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different by Karen Blumenthal – Non-Fiction**

Learning about Steve Jobs is a great idea for any young person wanting to set goals, find their dreams, and realize being themselves is the best. Steve jobs set standards of what it means to be different when he saved Apple and started a chain of products that revolutionized our lives. Letting your young reader know what they can do and expect to be in their lives gives them some great motivation to be different and accept being different.

### **10. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie – Non-Fiction**

Young adults often find themselves in situations where they are an outcast and must fit in. What if you were forced outside by your culture in a society where you are looked down upon? In this book a young Indian both goes to an all Caucasian school and feels what it is like to be the outsider. This is a book any young adult can relate to and can relate to as their emotional turmoil goes up and down.

### **11. *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman – Fiction**

The movie was great and the book can only be better, at least that is what I said. And it was better! This 3 book series is sure to keep you wondering what will happen next the the young protagonist in a world where she is sent to become another experiment. The world of having a pet companion is both unique and adorable. A good young adult book, but not up to the par of the some of the others.

### **12. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky – Fiction**

One more book where the protagonist is hiding his true colors and just trying to fit in a be ignored by his peers. Something many students wish they could do to avoid bullying, teasing, and uncomfortable situations. He must change from a person who sits on the sidelines watching to one who engages with others. A good books for any young adult.

### **13. *Harry Potter* by J. K. Rowling – Fiction**