

2006 Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers

YALSA has announced its 2006 annual recommended list of Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers. The list was released during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio, January 20-24.

Compiled by an 11-member committee, the 91 titles on the list were published late 2004 through 2005 and represent over 30 different publishers. Forty-six of the titles are non-fiction and forty-five are fiction.

The Quick Picks committee seeks books that teens, ages 12-18, will pick up on their own and read for pleasure. The list is geared to the teenager who, for whatever reason, does not like to read. The list is not intended for teenagers with reading disabilities, though some of the selected titles may be appropriate for those teens. Teen input is a vital aspect in the final decision of the committee. Committee members spend countless hours reading, selecting books to nominate, and working one-on-one with reluctant readers to gauge their interest in the books.

NONFICTION

- Cosmo Girl Quiz Book: Discover Your Personality.** Sterling, 2005. 1-58816-489-6.
- Happy Kitty Bunny Pony: A Saccharine Mouthful of Super Cute.** Abrams, 2005. 0-8109-9200-0.
- Mad about the '90s: The Best of the Decade.** DC Comics, 2005. 1-4012-0660-3.
- Seventeen Magazine's Traumarama!: Real Girls Share their Most Embarrassing Moments.** Hearst Books, 2005. 1-58816-517-5.
- Teen People Celebrity Beauty Guide: Star Secrets for Gorgeous Hair, Makeup, Skin and More!** Time, Inc., 2005. 1-932273-39-5.
- 50 Cent. **From Pieces to Weight: Once Upon a Time in Southside, Queens.** MTV/Pocket Books, 2005. 0-7434-8644-7.
- Arakawa, Hiromu. **Fullmetal Alchemist series:**
- Volume 1.** Viz, 2005. 1-59116-920-8.
 - Volume 2.** Viz, 2005. 1-59116-923-2.
 - Volume 3.** Viz, 2005. 1-59116-925-9.
 - Volume 4.** Viz, 2005. 1-59116-929-1.
- Baltin, Steve. **From the Inside: Linkin Park's Meteora.** Bradson Press, 2004. 0-9603574-1-6.
- Benton, Jim. **It's Happy Bunny: Life. Get One.** Scholastic, 2005. 0-439-69346-2.
- Benton, Jim. **It's Happy Bunny: Love Bites.** Scholastic, 2005. 0-439-69345-4.
- Buckley, James Jr. **Scholastic Book of Firsts.** Scholastic Reference, 2005. 0-439-67607-X.
- Caldwell, Ben. **Fantasy! Cartooning.** Sterling, 2005. 1-4027-1612-5.
- Caprio, Robert. **Are We There Yet: Tales from the Never-Ending Travels of WWE Superstars.** Simon & Schuster, 2005. 0-7434-9041-X.
- Carlson, Lori. **Red Hot Salsa: Bilingual Poems in Being Young and Latino in the United States.** Henry Holt, 2005. 0-8050-7616-6.

Davis, James. **Skateboarding is Not a Crime: 50 Years of Street Culture.** Firefly, 2004. 1-55407-001-5.

Edgar, Jim. **Bad Cat.** Workman, 2004. 0-7611-3619-3.

Finkel, Jon.
Greatest Stars of the NBA: Jason Kidd. Tokyopop, 2005. 1-59532-183-7.
Greatest Stars of the NBA: Kevin Garnett. Tokyopop, 2005. 1-59532-184-5.
Greatest Stars of the NBA: Shaquille O'Neal. Tokyopop, 2004. 1-59532-181-0.
Greatest Stars of the NBA: Tim Duncan. Tokyopop, 2004. 1-59532-182-9.

Flaherty, Mike. **American Chopper: At Full Throttle.** Meredith Books, 2004. 0-696-22165-9.

Foxworthy, Jeff. **Jeff Foxworthy's Redneck Dictionary: Words You Thought You Knew the Meaning of.** Villard, 2005. 1-4000-6465-1.

Ganz, Nicholas. **Graffiti World: Street Art from Five Continents.** Harry N. Abrams, 2004. 0-8109-4979-2.

Grandberry, Omari. **O.** MTV Books, 2005. 1-4165-0328-5.

Haab, Sherri. **The Hip Handbag Book : 25 Easy-to-Make Totes, Purses and Bags.** Watson-Guptill, 2004. 0-8230-2263-3

Hart, Christopher. **Manhwa Mania: How to Draw Korean Comics.** Watson-Guptill, 2004. 0-8230-2976-X.

Hee-Joon, Son. **PHD: Phantasy Degree** Tokyopop, 2005.
Vol. 1, 1-59532-319-8.
Vol. 2, 1-59532-320-1.

Hess, Jared and Jerusha. **Napoleon Dynamite: The Complete Quote Book.** Simon Spotlight, 2005. 1-4169-1391-2.

Keys, Alicia. **Tears for Water: Songbook of Poems and Lyrics.** Penguin Putnam, 2004. 0-399-15257-1.

Kilpatrick, Nancy. **The Goth Bible: A Compendium for the Darkly Inclined.** St. Martin's Press, 2004. 0-312-30696-2.

Kirkman, Robert. **Invincible: The Ultimate Collection, Volume 1.** Image Comics, 2005. 1-58240-500-X.

Lane, Billy. **Chop Fiction: It's Not a Motorcycle, Baby, It's a Chopper.** Motorbooks, International, 2004. 0-7603-2011-X.

Lee, Lela. **Angry Little Girls.** Abrams, 2005. 0-8109-5868-6.

Loeb, Jeph. **Superman Batman :Public Enemies, Volume 1.** DC Comics, 2005. 1-4012-0220-9.

Miller, Steve and Baugh, Bryan **Scared! How to Draw Fantastic Horror Comic Characters.** Watson-Guptill, 2004. 0-8230-1664-1.

Oh, Minya. **Bling Bling: Hip Hop's Crown Jewels.** Wenner Books, 2005. 1-932958-02-9.

Ohba, Tsugumi. **Deathnote: Volume I: Boredom.** Viz, 2005. 1-4215-0168-6.

Palmer, Chris. **Streetball: All the Ballers, Moves, Slams and Shine.** Harperresource, 2004. 0-06-072444-7.

Perel, David. **Bat Boy Lives! The Weekly World News Guide to Politics, Culture, Celebrities, Alien Abductions, and the Mutant Freaks that Shape our World.** Sterling, 2005. 1-4027-2823-9.

Polhemus, Ted. **Hot bodies, Cool Styles.** Thames and Hudson, 2004. 0-500-28500-4.
Powell, Michael. **Superhero Handbook.** Sterling, 2005. 1-4027-2991-X.
Riley, Andy. **Return of the Bunny Suicides.** Penguin/Plume, 2005. 0-452-28623-9.
The RZA. **The Wu Tang Manual.** Riverhead, 2005. 1-59448-018-4.
Steffans, Karine. **Confessions of a Video Vixen.** Amistad, 2005. 0-06-084242-3.
Sugiyama, Rika. **Comics Artists-Asia: Manga Manhwa Manhua.** Harper Design International, 2004. 0-06-058924-8.
Wilson, Daniel **How to Survive a Robot Uprising: Defending Yourself Against the Coming Rebellion.** Bloomsbury, 2005. 1-58234-592-9.

FICTION

Adoff, Jaime. **Jimi and Me.** Hyperion/Jump at the Sun, 2005. 0-7868-5214-3.
Black, Holly. **Valiant: a Modern Tale of Faerie.** Simon & Schuster, 2005. 0-689-86822-7.
Bradley, Alex. **24 Girls in 7 Days.** Dutton, 2005. 0-525-47369-6.
Brown, Tracy. **Criminal Minded.** St. Martin's Griffin. 0-312-33646-2.
Burke, Morgan.
 The Party Room Trilogy. Simon Pulse, 2005.
 Get It Started 0-689-87225-9.
 After Hours 0-689-87226-7.
 Last Call 0-689-87227-5.
Cary, Kate. **Bloodline.** Razorbill, 2005. 1-59514-012-3.
Castellucci, Cecil. **Boy Proof.** Candlewick, 2005. 0-7636-2333-4.
Clugston, Chynna. **Queen Bee.** Scholastic Graphix, 2005. 0-439-70987-3.
Coy, John. **Crackback.** Scholastic, 2005. 0-439-69733-6.
Dean, Zoey. **Blonde Ambition.** Little, Brown, 2004. 0-316-73474-8.
Delaney, Joseph. **Revenge of the Witch: Book One: The Last Apprentice.** Greenwillow, 2005. 0-06-076618-2.
De la Pena, Matt. **Ball Don't Lie.** Delacorte, 2005. 0-385-73232-5.
Deuker, Carl. **Runner.** Houghton Mifflin, 2005. 0-618-54298-1.
Flake, Sharon. **Bang!** Hyperion/Jump at the Sun, 2005. 0-7868-1844-1.
Flanagan, John. **Ranger's Apprentice: Book One: The Ruins of Gorlan.** Philomel/Putnam, 2005. 0-399-24454-9.
Friedman, Aimee. **South Beach.** Scholastic, 2005. 0-439-70678-5.
Goobie, Beth. **Something Girl.** Orca Soundings, 2005. 1-55143-347-8.
Grant, Vicki. **Dead-End Job.** Orca Soundings, 2005. 1-55143-378-8.
Green, John. **Looking for Alaska.** Dutton, 2005. 0-525-47506-0.
Hiaasen, Carl. **Flush.** Random House, 2005. 0-375-92182-6.
Horowitz, Anthony. **Raven's Gate.** Scholastic, 2005. 0-439-67995-8.
Horowitz, Anthony. **Scorpia.** Philomel, 2005. 0-399-24151-5.
Klass, David. **Dark Angel.** Farrar, Straus & Giroux. 0-374-39950-6.
Krovatin, Christopher. **Heavy Metal and You.** Scholastic, 2005. 0-439-73648-X.
Lockhart, E. **The Boyfriend List : 15 Guys, 11 Shrink Appointments, 4 Ceramic Frogs, and Me, Ruby Oliver.** Random House, 2005. 0-385-73206-6.
Mac, Carrie. **Charmed.** Orca Soundings, 2004. 1-55143-321-4.
Mayer, Melody. **The Nannies.** Delacorte, 2005. 0-385-73283-X.

Meyer, Adam. **The Last Domino**. Penguin Putnam, 2005. 0-399-24332-1.
Meyer, Stephenie. **Twilight**. Little Brown, 2005. 0-316-16017-2.
Newman, Leslea. **Jailbait**. Delacorte, 2005. 0-385-90230-1.
Olin, Sean. **Killing Britney**. Simon Pulse, 2005. 0-689-87778-1.
Patterson, James. **Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment**. Little, Brown, 2005. 0-316-15556-X.
Rose, Malcolm **Traces: Framed!** Kingfisher, 2005. 0-7534-5829-2.
Traces: Lost Bullet. Kingfisher, 2005. 0-7534-5830-6.
Traces: Roll Call. Kingfisher, 2005. 0-7534-5923-X.
Shan, Darren. **Lord Loss**. Little, Brown, 2005. 0-316-11499-5.
Shaw, Susan. **The Boy from the Basement**. Dutton, 2004. 0-525-47223-1.
Shusterman, Neal. **Dread Locks: Dark Fusion, Book One**. Dutton, 2005. 0-525-47554-0.
Shusterman, Neal. **Red Rider's Hood: Dark Fusion, Book Two**. Dutton, 2005. 0-525-47562-1.
Sloan, Brian. **A Really Nice Prom Mess**. Simon & Schuster, 2005. 0-689-87438-3.
Sorrells, Walter. **Fake ID: The Hunted: Book One**. Dutton Sleuth, 2005. 0-525-47514-1.
Standiford, Natalie.
The Dating Game: Breaking Up is Really, Really Hard to do. Little, Brown, 2005. 0-316-11041-8.
The Dating Game: The Dating Game. Little Brown, 2005. 0-316-11040-X.
Stone, Jeff.
The Five Ancestors: Monkey. Random House, 2005. 0-375-83073-1.
The Five Ancestors: Tiger. Random House, 2005. 0-375-83071-5.
Tiernan, Cate.
Balefire: A Chalice of Wind. Penguin Razorbill, 2005. 1-59514-045-X.
Balefire: A Circle of Ashes. Penguin Razorbill, 2005. 1-59514-046-8.
Volponi, Paul. **Black and White**. Penguin Viking, 2005. 0-670-06006-2.
Whyman, Matt. **Boy Kills Man**. Harper Tempest, 2005. 0-06-074664-5.
Williams, Lori Aurelia. **Broken China**. Simon & Schuster, 2005. 0-689-86878-2.

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CosmoGirl Quiz Book: All About You. \$5.95 Sterling/Hearst, 2004. 1-58816-381-4.

Dr. Ernest Drake's Dragonology. \$18.99. Candlewick, 2003. 0-7363-2329-6.

The Homer Book. \$9.95. Harper Collins/Perennial, 2004. 0-06-073884-7.

Ripley's Believe It or Not. \$25.95. Mint Publishing/Ripley, 2004. 1-893951-73-1.

So What? The Good, the Mad and the Ugly: The Official Metallica Illustrated Chronicles. \$29.95. Broadway Books, 2004. 0-7679-1881-9.

YM's The Best of Say Anything. \$6.95. Random House/Bantam, 2004. 0-553-37601-2.

Abbott, Hailey. **Summer Boys.** \$8.99. Scholastic, 2004. 0-439-54020-8.

Brisick, Jamie. **Have Board, Will Travel.** \$19.95. Harper Entertainment, 2004. 0-06-056359-1.

Burnham, Niki. **Royally Jacked.** \$5.99. Simon and Schuster/Simon Pulse, 2004. 0-689-86668-2.

Coker, Cheo Hodari. **Unbelievable: The Life, Death and Afterlife of the Notorious B.I.G.** \$19.95. Three Rivers Press, 2004. 0-609-80835-4

Choyce, Lesley. **Thunderbowl.** \$7.95. Orca, 2004. 1-55143-277-3

Davidson, Dana. **Jason and Kyra.** \$16.99. Hyperion/Jump at the Sun, 2004. 0-7868-1851-4

De La Cruz, Melissa. **The Au Pairs.** \$14.95. Simon and Schuster, 2004. 0-68-987066-3

Ehrenhaft, Daniel. **Ten Things To Do Before I Die.** \$15.95. Random House/Delacorte, 2004. 0-385-73007-1

Flake, Sharon. **Who Am I Without Him? A Short Story Collection About Girls and the Boys in Their Lives.** \$15.99. Hyperion, 2004. 0-7868-0693-1

Flinn, Alex. **Nothing to Lose.** \$15.99. Harper Tempest, 2004. 0-06-051751-4

Giles, Gail. **Playing in Traffic.** \$16.95. Roaring Brook, 2004. 1-59643-005-2

Gottlieb, Andrew. **In the Paint: Tattoos of the NBA and the Stories Behind Them.** \$16.95. Hyperion, 2003. 0-7868-8868-7

Grandits, John. **Technically, It's Not My Fault: Concrete Poems.** \$15.95/\$18.95. Clarion, 2004. 0-618-42833-X hc 0-618-80361-7 pb.

Hareas, John. **NBA's Greatest.** \$30. DK, 2003. 0-7894-9977-0

Harrison, Lisi. **The Clique.** \$7.99. Little, Brown, 2004. 0-316-70129-7

Hartinger, Brent. **Last Chance Texaco.** \$15.99. Harper Collins, 2004. 0-06-050912-0

Heimberg, Jason and Justin Heimberg. **The Official Movie Plot Generator: 27,000 Hilarious Movie Plot Combinations.** \$16.45. Brothers Heimberg Publishing, 2004. 0-9740439-1-5

Heneghan, James. **Hit Squad.** \$7.95. Orca, 2003. 1-55143-269-2

Hirano, Kohta. **Hellsing series.** \$13.95 ea. Dark Horse Comics, 2003-2004.
Volume 1: 1-59307-056-X
Volume 2: 1-59307-057-8
Volume 3: 1-59307-202-3
Volume 4: 1-59307-259-7

Hobbs, Valerie. **Letting Go of Bobby James, or How I Found My Self of Steam.** \$16. Farrar, Strauss and Giroux/Frances Foster, 2004. 0-374-34384-5

Hopkins, Cathy. **Truth or Dare series.** \$5.99 ea. Simon and Schuster, 2004.
The Princess of Pop. 0-689-87002-7
Teen Queens and Has-Beens. 0-689-87129-5
White Lies and Barefaced Truths. 0-689-87003-5

Hopkins, Ellen. **Crank.** \$6.99. Simon and Schuster, 2004. 0-689-86519-8

Horowitz, Anthony. **Eagle Strike.** \$17.99. Penguin/Philomel, 2003. 0-399-23979-0

Hrdlitschka, Shelley. **Kat's Fall.** \$7.95. Orca, 2004. 1-55143-312-5

Jacobs, Thomas. **They Broke the Law; You Be the Judge: True Cases of Teen Crime.** \$15.95. Free Spirit, 2003. 1-57542-134-8

Johns, Geoff. **Teen Titans: A Kid's Game.** \$9.95. DC Comics, 2004. 1-4012-0308-6

Jones, Patrick. **Things Change.** \$16.95. Walker, 2004. 0-8027-8901-3

Kenner, Rob and Pitts, George. **VX: 10 Years of Vibe Photography.** \$40. Abrams/Vibe Books, 2003. 0-8109-4546-0

Klancher, Lee. **Monster Garage: How to Customize Damn Near Everything.** \$19.95. Motorbooks International/ MBI Publishing, 2003. 0-7603-1748-8

Kool Moe Dee. **There's a God on the Mic: The True 50 Greatest MCs.** \$24.95. Thunder's Mouth Press, 2003. 1-56025-5331

Leiker, Ken. **Unscripted.** \$45. Simon and Schuster, 2003. 0-7434-7761-8

Lynch, Clam. **Ruby Gloom's Keys to Happiness.** \$12.95. Abrams, 2004. 0-8109-5036-7

Mackler, Carolyn. **Vegan Virgin Valentine.** \$16.99. Candlewick, 2004. 0-7636-2155-2

Manning, Sarra. **Guitar Girl.** \$15.99. Dutton, 2004. 0-525-47234-7

McGrath, Jeremy. **Wide Open: A Life in Supercross.** \$23.95. Harper Entertainment, 2004. 0-06-053727-2

McManners, Hugh. **Ultimate Special Forces.** \$30. DK, 2003. 0-7894-9973-8

Miller, Timothy and Steve Milton. **Nascar Now.** \$19.95. Firefly, 2004. 1-55297-829-X

Milner-Halls, Kelly. **Albino Animals.** \$18.95/\$8.95. Darby Creek, 2004. 1-58196-012-3
hc 1-58196-019-0 pb

Minter, J. **The Insiders.** \$8.95. Bloomsbury, 2004. 1-58234-895-2

Morgan, David Lee. **LeBron James: The Rise of a Star.** \$14.95. Gray, 2003. 1-886228-74-4

Myers, Walter Dean. **Shooter.** \$15.99. Harper Collins/Amistad, 2004. 0-06-029519-8

Myracle, Lauren. **TTYL.** \$15.95. Abrams/Amulet, 2004. 0-8109-4821-4

Nagatomo, Haruno. **Draw Your Own Manga: All the Basics.** \$20. Kodansha America, 2004. 4-7700-2951-9

Nash, Naomi. **You are So Cursed**. \$5.99. Dorchester/Leisure, 2004. 0-8439-5310-1

Naylor, Caroline. **Beauty Trix for Cool Chix: Easy-to-Make Lotions, Potions, and Spells to Bring Out a Beautiful You**. \$9.95. Watson-Guptill, 2003. 0-8230-6957-5

Nelson, Blake. **Rock Star, Superstar**. \$16.99. Viking, 2004. 0-670-05933-1

O'Connell, Tyne. **Pulling Princes**. \$16.95. Bloomsbury USA, 2004. 1-58234-957-6

Oppell, Kenneth. **Airborn**. \$16.99/\$17.89 Harper Collins, 2004. 0-06-053180-0 trade 0-06-053181-9 lib bind.

Parker, Daniel and Lee Miller. **Watching Alice series**. \$7.99 ea. Penguin/Razorbill, 2004
Break the Surface 1-59514-001-8
Walk On Water 1-59514-002-6

Perez, Marlene. **Unexpected Development**. \$16.95. Roaring Brook, 2004. 1-59643-006-0

Rabb, M.E. **The Missing Persons series**. \$5.99 ea. Penguin/Speak, 2004.
The Chocolate Lover 0-14-250042-9
The Rose Queen 0-14-250041-0
The Unsuspecting Gourmet 0-14-250044-5
The Venetian Policeman 0-14-250043-7.

Riley, Andy. **The Book of Bunny Suicides**. \$10. Penguin/Plume, 2004. 0-452-28518-6

Rohrer, Russ. **Ten Days in the Dirt: Spectacle of Off-Road Motorcycling**. \$19.95. Motorbooks International, 2004. 0-7603-1803-4

Rothbart, Davy. **Found: The Best Lost, Tossed and Forgotten Items from Around the World**. \$14. Simon and Schuster/Fireside, 2004. 0-7432-5114-8

Seate, Mike. **Choppers: Heavy Metal**. \$40. Motorbooks International, 2004.

Shaw, Maria. **Maria Shaw's Star Gazer: Your Soul Searching, Dream Seeking, Make Something Happen Guide to the Future**. \$17.95. Llewellyn, 2003. 0-7387-0422-9

Shaw, Tucker. **Confessions of a Backup Dancer**. \$8.99. Simon and Schuster/Aladdin, 2004. 0-689-87075-2

Sleator, William. **The Boy Who Couldn't Die**. \$16.95. Abrams/Amulet, 2004. 0-81094-824-9

Sones, Sonya. **One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies.** \$15.95. Simon and Schuster, 2004. 0-689-84169-8

Stephens, J.B. **The Big Empty series.** \$6.99 ea. Penguin/Razorbill, 2004.

The Big Empty 1-59514-006-9

Paradise City. 1-59514-007-7

Stolarz, Laurie F. **Blue is for Nightmares.** \$8.99. Llewellyn, 2003. 0-73-870391-5

Strasser, Todd. **Can't Get There From Here.** \$15.95. Simon and Schuster, 2004. 0-8118-4033-6

Sweeney, Joyce. **Takedown.** \$15.95. Marshall Cavendish, 2004. 0-7614-5175-7

Takaya, Natsuki. **Fruits Basket series.** \$9.99 ea. Tokyopop, 2004.

Volume 1 1-59182-603-9

Volume 2. 1-59182-604-7

Volume 3. 1-59182-605-5

Volume 4. 1-59182-606-3

Volume 5. 1-59182-607-1

Thomson, Celia. **The Nine Lives of Chloe King series.** \$6.99 ea. Simon and Schuster/Simon Pulse, 2004.

The Fallen 0-689-86658-5

The Stolen 0-689-86659-3

Thorley, Joe. **Avril Lavigne: The Unofficial Book.** \$14.95. Virgin Publishing, 2003
1-85227-0497

Vizzini, Ned. **Be More Chill.** \$16.95. Hyperion/Miramax, 2004. 0-7868-0995-7

Walters, Eric. **Overdrive.** \$7.95. Orca, 2004. 1-55143-318-4

Westerfeld, Scott. **The Secret Hour.** \$15.99. Harper Collins/Eos, 2004. 0-06-051951-7

Weyn, Suzanne. **Bar Code Tattoo.** \$5.99. Scholastic, 2004. 0-43-939562-3

Whedon, Joss. **Fray.** \$19.95. Dark Horse Comics, 2003. 1-56971-751-6

Woods, Brenda. **Emako Blue.** \$15.99. Penguin Putnam, 2004. 0-399-24006-3

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Behind You.** \$15.99. Penguin Putnam, 2004. 0-399-23988-X