

Short Stops

Short Stories Collections

J Fiction

[A Christmas carol and other Christmas stories](#)

by Dickens, Charles

J Fiction

A collection of four Christmas stories by the nineteenth-century English writer, including "The Story of the Goblins Who Stole a Sexton."

[A haunt of ghosts](#)

by Chambers, Aidan

J Fiction

A collection of ten ghost stories by authors including Aidan Chambers, Joan Aiken, and Edward Bulwer-Lytton. Edited by Aidan Chambers.

[A horse for all seasons](#)

by Welch, Sheila Kelly

J Fiction

Twelve realistic stories which revolve around horses and the seasons of the year.

[A midnight clear: stories for the Christmas season](#)

by Paterson, Katherine

J Fiction

1st edition. 12 stories for the Christmas season.

[A Newbery Christmas: fourteen stories of Christmas by Newbery Award-winning authors](#)

by Greenberg, Martin Harry and Waugh, Charles G.

J Fiction

Selected by Martin H. Greenberg and Charles G. Waugh ; introduction by Carol-Lynn Rossel Waugh. Christmastime and the Newbery Medal seem an almost irresistible combination. A portion of the royalties from this book will be donated to the American Library Association, administrators of the John Newbery Medal.

[A Newbery Halloween: a dozen scary stories by Newbery award-winning authors](#)

by Greenberg, Martin Harry and Waugh, Charles G.

J Fiction

Selected by Martin H. Greenberg and Charles G. Waugh ; introduction by Lloyd Alexander. A collection of short stories with a Halloween theme, by such Newbery Award-winning authors as E.L. Konigsburg, Beverly Cleary, Virginia Hamilton, and Paul Fleischman.

[A telling of the tales: five stories](#)

by Brooke, William J.

J Fiction

A retelling of five classic folk/fairy tales, including Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Paul Bunyan, John

Henry, and Jack and the Beanstalk, from a contemporary perspective.

[Baseball in April and other stories](#)

by Soto, Gary

J Fiction

*A collection of eleven short stories focusing on the everyday adventures of Hispanic young people growing up in Fresno, California.

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[Beware! R.L. Stine picks his favorite scary stories](#)

by Stine, R.L.

J Fiction

A selection of unsettling stories--one in graphic form along with two poems--by such authors as Ray Bradbury, William Sleator, Robert Service, Edward Gorey, Roald Dahl, Jane Yolen, and Mr. Stine himself. Selected and edited by R.L. Stine, of Goosebumps fame.

[Bruce Coville's book of monsters: tales to give you the creeps](#)

by Coville, Bruce

J FICTION

Thirteen thrilling monster stories, compiled and edited by Bruce Coville and illustrated by John Pierard.

[Camelot](#)

by Yolen, Jane

J Fiction

A collection of ten short stories and one song exploring the comic, tragic, and magical adventures of King Arthur, Merlin, and the other inhabitants of Camelot.

[Centerburg tales](#)

by McCloskey, Robert

J FICTION

Further adventures of Homer Price, including those in which a juke box sets the whole town singing against its will and in which a mad scientist develops weeds that overrun the town.

[Christmas with Anne and other holiday stories](#)

by Montgomery, L.M.

J Fiction

A collection of Christmas and New Year's tales in addition to chapters about Christmas taken from the Anne books, all of which present the spirit of giving. Selected and edited by Rea Wilmshurst.

[Dare to be scared: thirteen stories to chill and thrill](#)

by San Souci, Robert D.

J Fiction

In this creepy collection, award winning writer Robert San Souci draws on myths, legends, and folk tales to create thirteen completely new stories, all featuring boys and girls from 8 to 12 as leading characters.

[Dog people: native dog stories](#)

by Bruchac, Joseph

J Fiction

A series of stories, set in the northern New England ten thousand years ago, about the special

relationship between the Abenaki people and the dogs who were their faithful friends.

[Double dare to be scared: another thirteen chilling tales](#)

by San Souci, Robert D.

J Fiction

Robert D. San Souci, author of Dare to Be Scared, has spun another thirteen original tales to keep night-lights burning across the country. Black-and-white scratchboard illustrations by David Ouimet complement the macabre mood of the collection.

[Elisa Michaels, bigger & better](#)

by Hurwitz, Johanna

J Fiction

Now that Elisa's in second grade, she's taking charge of whatever comes her way -- from a baby-sitter who doesn't know how to change a diaper to an airplane trip without her parents. Of course, it's not easy taking charge when your big brother thinks you're too little and your little brother runs amok! With these delicious new episodes from the whirlwind life of Elisa Michaels, Johanna Hurwitz entertains us once again with a vivid portrayal of family life as seen from four feet tall.

[Every living thing](#)

by Rylant, Cynthia

J Fiction

Twelve stories in which animals change people's lives for the better.

[Faces in the dark: a book of scary stories](#)

by Powling, Chris

J Fiction

A collection of stories about ghosts and other spooky subjects, compiled by Chris Powling and illustrated by Peter Bailey.

[Fairy tales](#)

by Jones, Terry

J Fiction

A collection of thirty original fairy tales introducing such beings as the fly-by-night, the rainbow cat, and the wonderful cake-horse.

[Fairy tales and fantastic stories](#)

by Jones, Terry

J Fiction

A collection of thirty original fairy tales and twenty-one fantastic stories introducing such beings as the fly-by-night, the rainbow cat, and the wonderful cake-horse, this combines two other books of tales by Terry Jones, both held by the Santa Cruz Public Library and in this bibliography. Fairy tales originally published: London : Pavilion, 1981. Fantastic stories originally published: London : Pavilion, 1992.

[Familiar and haunting: collected stories](#)

by Pearce, Philippa

J Fiction

A collection of thirty-seven stories previously published in magazines or books, including tales of animals, ghosts, and everyday life.

[Fantasy stories](#)

by Jones, Diana Wynne

An illustrated collection of 18 short stories and excerpts from longer works dealing with witches, fairies, magic, and fantasy worlds. Edited by Diana Wynne Jones, it includes works by the editor and by the Brothers Grimm, Jane Yolen, Norton Juster, Joan Aiken, Rudyard Kipling, C. S. Lewis, Isaac Asimov, Patricia Wrede, and many more.

[Favorite tales from Hans Christian Andersen](#)

by Andersen, Hans Christian

J Fiction

Nine of the Great Dane's tales: The Little Mermaid, The Ugly Duckling, The Steadfast Tin Soldier, The Nightingale, Thumbelina, Great Claus and Little Claus, The Emperor's New Clothes, The Fir Tree, and The Princess and the Pea. Selected and edited by Nancy Christensen Hall ; illustrated by Carolyn Ewing.

[Hello, Mrs. Piggie-Wiggle](#)

by MacDonald, Betty Bard

J FICTION

A woman with a magic way of curing children's bad habits tries her hand with a bully, a whisperer, and a slowpoke and formulates cures for a show-off and a crybaby.

[Herds of thunder, manes of gold: A collection of horse stories and poems](#)

by Coville, Bruce

J Fiction

A collection of seventeen stories, poems, and excerpts from books about horses, by well-known authors over several centuries. Edited by Bruce Coville.

[Here there be dragons](#)

by Yolen, Jane

J Fiction

A collection of both new and previously published stories and poems about dragons by Jane Yolen.

[How the whale became, and other stories](#)

by Hughes, Ted

J Fiction

A collection of creation stories explaining why owls hunt at night, why the dog was chosen to guard farm animals, why polar bears live at the North Pole, and how the elephant came to accept its unique and wonderful qualities. Illustrated by Jackie Morris.

[Imaginary lands](#)

by McKinley, Robin

J Fiction

Stories by nine authors well-known for science fiction and fantasy. Selected and edited by Robin McKinley.

[In a creepy, creepy place and other scary stories](#)

by Gorog, Judith

J Fiction

A collection of scary stories with unpredictable events and bizarre characters. Take out the trash -- Frankenflopper -- The scary place -- Gar -- My good angel.

[Just so stories](#)

by Kipling, Rudyard

J Fiction

A collection of the well-known stories, including "How the Whale Got His Throat," "The Elephant's Child," "How the Leopard got his spots," and "The Butterfly that Stamped."

[Just so stories for little children](#)

by Kipling, Rudyard

J Fiction

Twelve stories which tell how many things came to be, such as the alphabet, camel's hump, leopard's spots, and rhinoceros' skin.

[Leaping Beauty and other animal fairy tales](#)

by Maguire, Gregory

J Fiction

Who better to wreak havoc with eight beloved fairy tales than Gregory Maguire, the brilliant, funny, and nationally best-selling author of the adult novel Wicked as well as the hilarious middle-grade series The Hamlet Chronicles. Zany animals of all species run through these fractured tales with alarming speed and dexterity.

[Little mermaids and ugly ducklings](#)

by Andersen, Hans Christian

J Fiction

This spectacular collection gathers six of the most beloved Hans Christian Andersen stories, augmented by Genadii Spirin's delicate pencil and watercolor illustrations.

[Little wizard stories of Oz](#)

by Baum, L. Frank

J Fiction

Six tales present further the adventures of Dorothy and Toto, Ozma, Tiktok, Jack Pumpkinhead, the Tin Woodman, and other characters from the land of Oz.

[Local news](#)

by Soto, Gary

J Fiction

A collection of thirteen short stories about the everyday lives of Mexican American young people in California's Central Valley.

[Merlin dreams](#)

by Dickinson, Peter

J Fiction

Nine stories of blood, magic, and fabulous creatures, set in the framing device of dreams coming to the enchanted wizard Merlin as he lies imprisoned under a great stone.

[More rootabagas](#)

by Sandburg, Carl

J Fiction

A selection of Sandburg's fanciful, humorous short stories peopled with such characters as the Potato Face Blind Man, Susan Slackentwist, and Dippy the Wisp.

[Nothing to be afraid of](#)

by Mark, Jan

J Fiction

Seven short stories explore the grotesque and the humorous in everyday events.

[Rats on the range and other stories](#)

by Marshall, James

J Fiction

In eight animals stories the reader meets a rat family that vacations at a dude ranch, a pig who takes lessons in table manners, a mouse who keeps house for a tomcat, and a buzzard who leaves his money to the Society for Stray Cats--or does he?

[Rootabaga stories](#)

by Sandburg, Carl

J Fiction

A new edition of Sandburg's fanciful, humorous short stories peopled with such characters as the Potato Face Blind Man, the Blue Wind Boy, and many others.

[Seven strange & ghostly tales](#)

by Jacques, Brian

J Fiction

A collection of seven creepy stories. ch. 1. The fate of Thomas P. Kanne -- ch. 2. James and the vampires -- ch. 3. Allie Alma -- ch. 4. The lies of Henry Mawdsley -- ch. 5. Bridgey -- ch. 6. The sad history of Gilly Bodkin -- ch. 7. R.S.B. limited.

[Sherwood : original stories from the world of Robin Hood](#)

by Yolen, Jane

J Fiction

Huzzah! Welcome to Sherwood Forest, home to Robin Hood and his merry men. Here you will find eight all new tales--some as tall as the trees--from some of today's most respected names in fantasy. Jane Yolen wrote some and selected and edited the rest. These are stories that will delight both the most casual and the most ardent of Robin Hood fans.

[Snarf attack, underfoodle, and the secret of life: the Riot brothers tell all](#)

by Amato, Mary

J Fiction

Orville and Wilbur Riot have no shortage of daily adventures. Sometimes they are undercover detectives; other times they are inventors of contraptions and games. Having trouble keeping up with Orville and Wilbur? Follow Riot Brother Rule #4: Run, do not walk, whenever possible.

[Sports shorts: an anthology of sports stories](#)

by Bruchach, Joseph

J Fiction

A collection of eight sports stories, featuring both boys and girls, edited by Joseph Bruchac.

[Stories for children](#)

by Singer, Isaac Bashevis

J Fiction

Thirty-six stories by the Nobel Prize winner, including some of his most famous such as "Zlateh the Goat," "Mazel and Shlimazel," and "The Fools of Chelm and the Stupid Carp."

[Sword of the samurai : adventure stories from Japan](#)

by Kimmel, Eric A.

J Fiction

Seven short stories about samurai warriors, their way of life, courage, wit, and foolishness.

[Tales from Gold Mountain: stories of the Chinese in the New World](#)

by Yee, Paul

J Fiction

A collection of eight stories reflecting the gritty optimism of the Chinese who overcame prejudice and adversity to build a unique place for themselves in North America.

[Teller of tales](#)

by Brooke, William J.

1st ed. The Emperor's clothes are news -- Rumpelstiltskin by any other name -- Gold in Locks -- Little Well-Read Riding Hood -- Teller's tale -- Tale of tellers.

[The Artemis Fowl files](#)

by Colfer, Eoin

J Fiction

Two original short stories, plus puzzles, interviews with characters, and other writings that unlock secrets of the Artemis Fowl books, which feature a twelve-year-old evil genius and his dealings with fairies and other magical beings.

[The book of dragons](#)

by Hague, Michael

J Fiction

A collection of short stories featuring dragons, by such authors as Italo Calvino, Kenneth Grahame, Elizabeth Coatsworth, J.R.R. Tolkien, and C.S. Lewis. Selected and illustrated by Michael Hague.

[The clothes horse and other stories](#)

by Ahlberg, Allan and Ahlberg, Janet

J FICTION

In six brief, whimsical stories, the acclaimed team of Janet and Allan Ahlberg shows what happens when everyday expressions are taken literally. A giant collects a pot of boys named Jack in--what else?--"The Jack Pot". And what is a "Clothes Horse?"--a horse made of clothing, of course! Full-color illustrations throughout.

[The complete tales of Winnie-the-Pooh](#)

by Milne, A.A.

J Fiction

Includes the text of both "Winnie-the-Pooh" and "The House at Pooh Corner."

[The dark-thirty: Southern tales of the supernatural](#)

by McKissack, Patricia C.

J Fiction

A collection of ghost stories with African American themes, designed to be told during the Dark Thirty--the half hour before sunset--when ghosts seem all too believable. Illustrated in black-and-white by J. Brian Pinkney.

[The door in the hedge](#)

by McKinley, Robin

J Fiction

A master storyteller spins two new fairy tales and retells two cherished classics--each featuring princesses and magic--in this single volume. The stolen princess -- The princess and the frog -- The hunting of the hind -- The twelve dancing princesses.

[The duke who outlawed jelly beans and other stories](#)

by Valentine, Johnny

J Fiction

A collection of five fairy tales about children with gay parents. The title story is one of five original and enchanting fairy tales that make up this collection, beautifully illustrated with paintings and drawings, which "Horn Book" called "one of the outstanding children's books of the season." Full color. Illustrated by Lynette Schmidt.

[The enchanter's spell: five famous tales](#)

by Spirin, Genadii

J Fiction

An illustrated collection of five fairy tales by Alexander Pushkin, Hans Christian Andersen, E.T.A. Hoffman, George MacDonald, and Miguel de Cervantes. Compiled and illustrated by Gennadii Spirin. According to Publisher's Weekly, Spirin's beautiful artwork is as enchanting as the stories. "A glittering collection, timeless and beautiful. All ages."

[The foundling and other tales of Prydain](#)

by Alexander, Lloyd

J Fiction

Eight short stories dealing with events that preceded the birth of Taran, the Assistant Pig-Keeper and key figure in the author's five works on the Kingdom of Prydain. Revised and expanded edition.

[The gift of the magi and other stories](#)

Series Title: [Books of wonder](#)

by Henry, O.

J FICTION

An illustrated collection of fourteen short stories reflecting various aspects of American life at the turn of the nineteenth into the twentieth century. Writing under the famous pseudonym O. Henry, William Sydney Porter breathed life into characters, creating moments that touch readers with their sensitivity and humanity.

[The girl with the green ear: Stories about magic in nature](#)

by Mahy, Margaret

J Fiction

A collection of nine stories in which characters encounter talking plants, a pine-tree man, a

merry-go-round with flying horses, mystical midnight birds, and a cake-eating tree.

[The haunted house: a collection of original stories](#)

by

J Fiction

Somewhere a puppy cries / Mary K. Whittington -- The paperdoll ghost / Anna Grossnickle Hines -- Biscuits of glory / Bruce Coville -- The gourmet ghost / Janet E. Gill -- And the lights flickered / Barbara Diamond Goldin -- Night wolves / Jane Yolen -- The train room / Gary Hines.

[The heart is big enough: five stories](#)

by Rosen, Michael J.

J Fiction

In each story a child overcomes a difficult situation such as a physical disability, parental divorce, or aging grandparent.

[The jungle book](#)

by Kipling, Rudyard

J Fiction

Selected stories from Kipling's two "Jungle Books" chronicle the adventures of Mowgli, the boy reared by a pack of wolves in an Indian jungle. Also includes "Rikki-Tikki-Tavi."

[The mysterious stranger and other stories](#)

by Twain, Mark

J FICTION

The celebrated jumping frog of Calaveras County [1865] -- The facts concerning the recent carnival of crime in Connecticut [1876] -- The stolen white elephant [1882] -- Luck [1891] -- The 1,000,000 pound bank-note [1893] -- The man that corrupted Hadlebury [1899] -- The five boons of life [1902] -- Was it heaven? or hell? [1902] -- The mysterious stranger [1916]

[The power of light: eight stories for Hanukkah](#)

by Singer, Isaac Bashevis

J Fiction

A Hanukkah evening in my parents' house -- The extinguished lights -- The parakeet named Dreidel -- Menasche and Rachel -- The squire -- The power of light -- Hershele and Hanukkah -- Hanukkah in the poorhouse.

[The Random House book of bedtime stories](#)

by [no author]

J Fiction

A collection of original and traditional stories, including "The Selfish Giant," "The Golden Goose," and "The Tale of Peter Rabbit." Illustrated by Jane Dyer; only author or editor provided is "Random House (firm)."

[The Ribbajack & other curious yarns](#)

by Jacques, Brian

J Fiction

A collection of six short stories which feature a variety of monstrous creatures by the author of the Redwall series. The Ribbajack -- A smile and a wave -- The All Ireland Champion versus the Nye Add -- The mystery of Huma D'este -- Miggy Mags and the Malabar Sailor -- Rosie's pet.

[The Stinky Cheese Man and other fairly stupid tales](#)

by Scieszka, Jon and Smith, Lane

J Fiction

Madcap revisions of familiar fairy tales.

[The swan's stories](#)

by Alderson, Brian and Andersen, Hans Christian

J Fiction

A collection of Andersen's stories, including "The Steadfast Tin Soldier," "The Fir Tree," and "The Money Pig," as well as many lesser-known Andersen tales featuring animated inanimate objects. The swan acts as a narrator, taking readers from one story to another. Selected and translated by Brian Alderson; illustrated by Chris Riddell.

[Things that go bump in the night: a collection of original stories](#)

by

J Fiction

A collection of original stories about the noises, dreams, and shadows of the night that frighten and beguile the imagination. Jacket of book recommends "grades 5 and up."

[True cat stories in basic vocabulary](#)

Series Title: [Basic Vocabulary](#)

by Dolch, Marguerite P.

J FICTION

Twenty-one true stories illustrating some of the peculiar characteristics of cats.

[Twelve tales](#)

by Andersen, Hans Christian and Blegvad, Erik

J Fiction

A new selection of some well-known and some lesser-known Hans Christian Andersen tales, chosen, translated from the Danish, and illustrated by a Dane whose grandfather knew Andersen. Critics differ on whether this is a good or bad thing for young readers or others who may know other versions and illustrations. Selected, translated, and illustrated by Erik Blegvad.

[Unbearable! more bizarre stories](#)

by Jennings, Paul

J Fiction

First published in 1990, winner of the 1993 Young Australians Best Book Award (Victoria). Collection of eight humorous stories by well-known children's writer whose other publications include 'Uncanny', winner of the 1989 Young Australians Best Book Award (Victoria) and 'Unmentionable', winner of the 1992 Kids Own Australian Literature Award (NSW). Stories from this series form the basis of popular television series 'Round the Twist'.

[Uncovered! weird, weird stories](#)

by Jennings, Paul

J Fiction

For ever -- Too many rabbits -- A mouthful -- Listen ear -- Picked bones -- Just like me -- Wet blanket -- Backward step -- Pubic Hare.

[Undone! more mad endings](#)

by Jennings, Paul

J Fiction

A collection of eight stories about the scary, the supernatural, or the unusual, including a mysterious bottle whose contents let you read people's minds and homemade granola that turns a boy into an apple tree.

[Unexpected magic: collected stories](#)

by Jones, Diana Wynne

J Fiction

A collection of sixteen stories including "The Plague of Peacocks," "Aunt Bea's Day Out," "The Fat Wizard," "No One," and "Everard's Ride."

[Unreal! Eight Surprising Stories](#)

by Jennings, Paul

J FICTION

Two weird, chilling, and wacky story collections from the inimitable Paul Jennings. "Jennings has found the perfect formula for the scary and supernatural sprinkled with just the right touch of humor. . . . Don't miss out on the fun here".--School Library Journal, starred review.

[Up the chimney down and other stories](#)

by Aiken, Joan

J Fiction

The last chimney cuckoo -- Miss Hotting's legacy -- The gift-giving -- The dog on the roof -- The missing heir -- Up the chimney down -- Christmas at Troy -- The midnight rose -- The happiest sheep in London -- The fire dogs -- Potter's gray.

[What do fish have to do with anything? and other stories](#)

by Avi

J Fiction

Award-winning author Avi creates seven portraits of life in the middle-school years. Always with a surprise built in, an angle unseen, these are stories that step just beyond the edge of the every day. Illustrations by Tracy Mitchell.

[Who do you think you are? Stories of friends and enemies](#)

by McCampbell, Darlene Z. and Rochman, Hazel

J FICTION

This critically acclaimed collection of sixteen stories about friendship, selected by Hazel Rochman and Darlene Z. McCampbell, features stories by such diverse and distinguished authors as Ray Bradbury, John Updike, Gish Jen, Sandra Cisneros, Toni Cade Bambara, Tobias Wolff, Carson McCullers, Louise Erdrich, and Maya Angelou.

[Young mutants](#)

by Asimov, Isaac and Greenberg, Martin Harry and Waugh, Charles G.

J Fiction

A collection of short stories by a variety of authors about children with one common characteristic--they are all mutants. Edited by Isaac Asimov, Martin Greenberg, and Charles Waugh.

YA Fiction

[145th Street: short stories](#)

by Meyers, Walter Dean

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Ten stories portray life on a block in Harlem. "A salty, wrenchingly honest collection of stories set on one block of 145th Street. ... Some of these stories are private, and some are the ones behind the headlines. In each one, characters jump off the page and pull readers right into the mix on 1-4-5."

Quote taken from the paperback edition.

[21 proms](#)

by Ehrenhaft, Daniel and Levithan, David

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

In a collaboration that brings together an impressive array of 21 authors, David Levithan and Daniel Ehrenhaft have produced a collection worthy of exploration. Ranging from sad to funny to truly disastrous, these memorable stories mark that oh-so-important right of passage for many teenagers.

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[A knot in the grain and other stories](#)

by McKinley, Robin

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

A collection of five stories set in the land of Damar. Damar, here, is a generic land where princes, witches, and magic reign; characters tend to be symbolic and happenings allegorical.

[All Hallow's Eve: 13 stories](#)

by Vande Velde, Vivian

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Presents thirteen tales of Halloween horrors, including ghosts, vampires, and pranks gone awry.

[Aphrodite's blessings: love stories from the Greek myths](#)

by McLaren, Clemence

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Atalanta, Andromeda, and Psyche, three female characters in Greek mythology, tell the stories of their marriages. Includes information on love and marriage in ancient Greece.

[Athletic shorts: six short stories](#)

by Crutcher, Chris

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

A collection of short stories featuring characters from earlier books by Chris Crutcher. Foreword -- A brief moment in the life of Angus Bethune. -- The pin. -- The other pin. -- Goin' fishin'. -- Telephone man. -- In the time I get.

[Being dead: stories](#)

by Vande Velde, Vivian

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Now in paperback: Vande's ALA Best Book for Young Adults featuring a collection of unnerving tales that explores the world of the dead--and the undead.

[Believeing is seeing](#)

by Jones, Diana Wynne

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Believing is seeing, as the title of this outstanding collection of fantasies proclaims. And reading is seeing more than you've ever imagined when in the masterful hands of acclaimed author Diana Wynne Jones. Here are seven tales -- seven doorways to bizarre, yet strangely familiar worlds -- to transport one and all.

[Billy Budd, sailor and selected tales](#)

Series Title: [Penguin Classics](#)

by Melville, Herman

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

If Melville had never written Moby Dick, his place in world literature would be assured by his short tales. Bartleby the scrivener -- The Piazza -- The encantadas -- The bell-tower -- Benito Cereno -- The paradise of bachelors and the tartarus of maids -- Billy Budd, Sailor.

[But that's another story: famous authors introduce popular genres](#)

by Asher, Sandy

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Includes short stories of various genres, author interviews, and an introduction to each genre. Edited by Sandy Asher.

[Cat in glass, and other tales of the unnatural](#)

by Etchemendy, Nancy

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

This gripping collection includes eight tales of the weird and otherworldly from the first two-time winner of the Bram Stoker Award in the children's category--for "Bigger Than Death" in 1998 and for "The Power of Un" in 2000.

[Curses, Inc., and other stories](#)

Series Title: ["Jane Yolen books."](#)

by Vande Velde, Vivian

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Vande Veldes spellbinding short stories are filled with magic and mayhem. In this collection of ten stunning tales, boys and girls learn firsthand just what magical spells, enchantments, and curses can "really" do.

[Destination unexpected: short stories](#)

by Gallo, Donald R.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Whether they're leaving the country or just walking around the block, the characters in these stories experience things along the way that change the way they look at the world, and at themselves. As distinct as they are compelling, these ten tales of intriguing teenage journeys are spun by ten outstanding authors. Edited by Donald R. Gallo.

[Dirty laundry: stories about family secrets](#)

by Fraustino, Lisa Rowe

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

A collection of eleven short stories by various authors dealing with situations which a family or family member tries to keep secret because of an underlying problem. edited by Lisa Rowe Fraustino.

[Don't cramp my style: stories about that time of the month](#)

by Fraustino, Lisa Rowe

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Whether your cycle is regular or random, you prefer chocolate or chips, you break out or stay zit-free, your period is an indelible fact of life.... Finally, a book that forgets "Aunt Flow" and "the curse" and deals with that time of the month head-on. This is a must-have collection for young women everywhere! Edited by Lisa Rowe Fraustino.

[Finding our way](#)

by Saldaña, René

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

These stories take the reader to meet mochos, cholos, Mr. and Mrs. Special, Manny with his mysterious phone calls, and Chuy, who seems determined to get kicked out of school. Each distinct voice shares secret thoughts that draw the reader into daily dramas of love, danger, loyalty, and pride. In the final story, a shocking tragedy reverberates through the barrio.

[Firebirds: an anthology of original fantasy and science fiction](#)

by November, Sharyn

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Presents award-winning science fiction and fantasy stories, including a comic-book-style adaptation of a traditional ballad, all by authors connected with Firebird Books. Edited by Sharyn November.

[From one experience to another: award-winning authors share real-life experiences through fiction](#)

by Weiss, Helen S. and Weiss, M. Jerry

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

A collection of fifteen short stories in which writers including Avi, Jay Bennett, Gordon Korman, Joan Lowery Nixon, and Suzanne Fisher Staples draw upon their own childhood experiences. Compiled and edited by M. Jerry and Helen S. Weiss.

[Girl goddess #9: nine stories](#)

by Block, Francesca Lia

YA Fiction

This collection of stories is feminist in a quiet way; each story celebrates the heroism with which the central female characters meet life's challenges.

[Gothic! ten original dark tales](#)

by Noyes, Deborah

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Drawing on dark fantasy as well as horror and wild humor, ten contemporary authors--including Neil Gaiman, Garth Nix, Vivian Vande Velde, Gregory Maguire, Joan Aiken, and Barry Yourgrau--pay homage to the gothic tale in original stories of the supernatural and the surreal. Edited by Deborah Noyes.

[Great ghost stories](#)

by Moser, Barry

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

A collection of ghost stories by such authors as H. G. Wells, Madeleine L'Engle, and Bram Stoker. Selected and illustrated by Barry Moser.

[Half-human](#)

by Coville, Bruce

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

A collection of stories about such creatures as mermaids and centaurs, who are part-human and part-animal or part-plant, and their struggles to understand their true identity. Edited and compiled by Bruce Coville; photo illustrations by Mark Tauss.

[Here there be ghosts](#)

by Yolen, Jane

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

An illustrated collection of short stories and poems about ghosts. Illustrated by David Wilgus.

[How do I love thee: three stories](#)

by McDaniel, Lurlene

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

A collection of three stories in which teenagers facing life-threatening illnesses find that love can make all things bearable.

[How they met, and other stories](#)

by Levithan, David

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

A collection of eighteen stories describing the surprises, sacrifices, doubts, pain, and joy of falling in love.

[Island boyz: short stories](#)

by Salisbury, Graham

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

"In this rich collection, Salisbury's love for Hawaii and its encircling sea shines through every story. ... Graham Salisbury knows better than anyone what makes an island boy take chances. Or how it feels to test the waters, to test the limits, and what it's like when a beloved older brother comes home from war, never to be the same. "From the Hardcover edition.

[Leaving home](#)

by McCampbell, Darlene Z.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

An international anthology that reflects the thoughts and feelings of young people as they make their own ways into the world. Leaving home for the first time is a rite of passage. Fifteen of the most respected authors of our time contribute their perspectives to this masterfully crafted anthology. Selected by Hazel Rochman and Darlene Z. McCampbell.

[Love and sex: ten stories of truth](#)

by Cart, Michael

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

While this collection of short stories share a common theme with markedly frank, contemporary narrative, the perspectives differ, moving in a continuum from conservative to unconventional. Edited by Michael Cart.

[M is for magic](#)

by Gaiman, Neil

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Eleven stories and one poem that involve strange and fantastical events. Illustrations by Teddy Kristiansen.

[Necessary noise: stories about our families as they really are](#)

by Cart, Michael

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

These are stories of today's families--fractured, blended, at risk, nontraditional, and some that are even still nuclear. Renowned author and noted anthologist Michael Cart asked the most celebrated young adult authors the question "What does 'family' mean today?" Edited by Michael Cart; illustrated by Charlotte Noruzi.

[Night terrors: stories of shadow and substance](#)

by Duncan, Lois

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Eleven original tales of terror written by authors who write for young adults such as Joan Aiken, Chris Lynch, and Joan Lowery Nixon. Edited by Lois Duncan.

[Nightmare hour](#)

by Stine, R.L.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

A collection of scary stories in which the author spins a web of horror and reveals the secret behind each tale.

[Odder than ever](#)

by Coville, Bruce

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

A collection of nine short stories featuring a ghost, a goblin, a giant, and other unusual creatures. Companion title: Oddly enough.

[Oddly enough](#)

by Coville, Bruce

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

A collection of nine short stories featuring an angel, unicorn, vampire, werewolf, and other unusual creatures. Companion title: Odder than ever.

[On the fringe](#)

by Gallo, Donald R.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Offering insights into popularity and peer pressure, nonconformity and persecution, acceptance and hate, these riveting, provocative tales will leave readers thinking and start them talking. Edited by Donald R. Gallo.

[One hot second: stories about desire](#)

by Young, Cathy

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

A collection of eleven stories by award-winning authors that explore the many varieties of teenage desire, including first crushes, first kisses, and first times. Edited by Cathy Young.

[Past perfect, present tense](#)

by Peck, Richard

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

This new collection contains 13 of Peck's stories, including all of his previously published tales and two brand-new ones. Peck also includes entertaining notes about the stories, an informative introduction about the genre, and tips on how to write short stories.

[Places I never meant to be: original stories by censored writers](#)

by Blume, Judy

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

A collection of short stories accompanied by short essays on censorship by twelve authors whose works have been challenged in the past. Edited and introduced by Judy Blume.

[Red spikes](#)

by Lanagan, Margo

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

"Margo Lanagan's stories take place in worlds not quite our own, and yet each one illuminates what it is to be human. ... If you think you don't like short fiction, that a story can't have the depth or impact of a novel, then you haven't read Margo Lanagan." Promotional blurb quoted from the hardcover edition.

[Shattered: stories of children and war](#)

by Armstrong, Jennifer

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

"A bullet is fired. A bomb explodes. A life is shattered. We tend to think of war in terms of battlegrounds and armies, but the United Nations reports that armed conflicts now kill and maim more children than soldiers. Collected here by acclaimed author Jennifer Armstrong are twelve stories that explore the complex ways young people are affected by war." Quoted from book jacket. Edited by Jennifer Armstrong.

[Sixteen: stories about that sweet and bitter birthday](#)

by McCafferty, Megan

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Megan McCafferty has compiled a collection of short stories that captures all of the angst, drama, and wonder of that oddly important milestone age. Other featured authors include Meg Cabot ("The Princess Diaries"), Emma Forrest, and Julianna Baggott ("Girl Talk"). Compiled and edited, with a foreword and a final story, by Megan McCafferty.

[Soul searching: thirteen stories about faith and belief](#)

by Fraustino, Lisa Rowe

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

"We must fight the tendency to reduce the world's cultures to sound bites and remember that all religions in all countries are composed of real people," writes editor Lisa Rowe Fraustino in her introduction to Soul Searching, an inspired collection of short stories and the answer to the prayers of anyone looking for a book that ponders faith. Thirteen stirring narratives by acclaimed authors.

[Stay true: short stories for strong girls](#)

by Singer, Marilyn

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

A collection of short stories by various authors, including Andrea Davis Pinkney, M.E. Kerr, and Anne

Mazer, about adolescent girls coming of age. Edited by Marilyn Singer with brief "about the authors" feature.

[Such a pretty face: short stories about beauty](#)

by Angel, Ann

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

This timely, discussion-provoking collection, edited by Ann Angel, asks young readers to think about what is truly beautiful. With stories by such acclaimed writers as Louise Hawes, Lauren Myracle, and Jacqueline Woodson, this collection examines attitudes towards beauty in stories that haunt, amuse, stir, and fascinate.

[Supernatural stories](#)

by Mayne, William

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

A collection of classic and contemporary stories featuring supernatural themes. Expect the unexpected in these wonderfully weird stories by an impressive selection of writers, including Ray Bradbury, Truman Capote, and Thomas Hardy. From folktales about phantoms to macabre modern-day stories, this anthology is sure to send shivers down your spine! Chosen by William Mayne; illustrated by Martin Salisbury.

[Talk to me: stories and a novella](#)

by Dines, Carol

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

"Buoyant, poignant, absorbingly real, Carol Dines writes with humor and unflinching insight in six stories and a novella that capture many voices, among them Lise, 15, whose Dad's marriages mean too many mothers; Wes, who escapes the eyes of his small town for the glories of Paris; Pete, a decent kid who learns that locker-room talk can have painful repercussions; and Holly, who brings her own special meaning to the term "boy crazy." From the Hardcover edition.

[The color of absence: 12 stories about loss and hope](#)

by Howe, James

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

This collection of 12 stories by some of today's most celebrated authors of teen fiction explores the many facets of loss, the common thread they share, and of the hope born through change. Edited by James Howe.

[The complete short stories](#)

by Lawrence, D.H.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

In the judgment of many, Lawrence's expansive genius found its happiest expression within disciplined limits, for in his short stories and short novels his powers are never weakened by the repetitions which mar some of his longer works. As a short-story writer, Lawrence at his best was unexcelled.

[The lottery and other stories](#)

by Jackson, Shirley

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

"The Lottery," one of the most terrifying stories written in this century, created a sensation when it was first published in "The New Yorker;" "Power and haunting," and "nights of unrest" were typical reader responses. This collection, the only one to appear during Shirley Jackson's lifetime, unites "The

Lottery" with twenty-four equally unusual stories. Together they demonstrate Jack son's remarkable range--from the hilarious to the truly horrible--and power as a storyteller.

[The new Young Oxford book of ghost stories](#)

by Pepper, Dennis

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

*Dennis Pepper collected and edited this book of stories about all kinds of ghosts. Following in the tracks of the bestselling *The Young Oxford Book of Ghost Stories* and *The Young Oxford Book of Nasty Endings*, this thrilling collection is guaranteed to enthrall both children and adults. The 26 tales are drawn primarily from the early twentieth century, when the ghost story tradition was at its prime, but the book also includes contributions from contemporary authors who develop and extend the genre. Short stories by the likes of Shamus Frazer and Shirley Jackson are complemented with original contributions from such authors as Francis Beckett and Dennis Hamley, specially commissioned for this edition.*

[The restless dead: ten original stories of the supernatural](#)

by Noyes, Deborah

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Deborah Noyes, the anthologist of the award-winning "Gothic!" collects even more hair-raising tales in this companion collection, featuring scary stories by such contemporary masters of horror and suspense as M.T. Anderson, Holly Black, and Chris Wooding.

[The young Oxford book of nasty endings](#)

by Pepper, Dennis

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

"This is a collection of stories which all have a big surprise at the end. You'll meet sinister landladies, weird sweetshops, evil statuettes, deadly coffins, poisonous hats, awful slitherings, murderous monks, and real lions in the nursery. But watch out for the ending--it could be nasty." [quote taken from book jacket.] Previously published stories compiled by Dennis Pepper.

[Thicker than water: coming-of-age stories by Irish and Irish-American writers](#)

by Snell, Gordon

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Twelve lively and beguiling stories explore coming-of-age in Ireland today. The perfect collection for teens who are eager to discover "How the Irish Saved Civilization" and who read or saw Angela's Ashes.. Stories tell of a love so strong it makes the stars shine in daylight; how Catholic and Protestant hostilities burn away a new romance; a waitressing job in Texas that offers a glimpse of the harsh "dream" of immigrant life. In Emma Donoghue's title story, Mammy's second wedding brings out the bloody truth between sisters. Maeve Binchy and Ita Daly tell of old secrets cast off at last, and Chris Lynch shows how a young couple's journey to an abortion clinic in Liverpool leads to a painful awakening of deepest feelings. Selected and with an introduction by Gordon Snell; features an "about the editor" piece by Chris Lynch.

[Three famous short novels](#)

by Faulkner, William

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Three different ways to approach Faulkner, each of them representative of his work as a whole. Spotted horses -- Old man -- The Bear.

[Tomorrowland: 10 stories about the future](#)

by Cart, Michael

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

A collection of ten stories about the future, by such authors as Lois Lowry, Katherine Paterson, and Jon Scieszka, compiled by Michael Cart.

[Trapped! cages of mind and body](#)

by Duncan, Lois

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

A collection of new stories by different writers and in various genres in each of which a young protagonist is trapped in some way, whether emotionally, physically, or mentally. Edited by Lois Duncan

[Truly grim tales](#)

by Galloway, Priscilla

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

A guilt-ridden prince with a foot fetish seeking his glass-slippered dance partner and a beauty contest winner as Snow White's murderous stepmother are featured in two of the original "grim" plots in this young adult collection loosely based on eight traditional fairy tales.

[Twelve impossible things before breakfast: stories](#)

by Yolen, Jane

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

In these twelve modern myths and tales for the young and the young at heart, Jane Yolen transforms the impossible into the familiar and real. Among the outlandish wonders are an Alice grown tough in Wonderland, a dear--but dead--mother's homecoming, a bridge that longs for a goat-eating troll, and a mutiny among Peter Pan's troops.

[Ultimate sports: short stories by outstanding writers for young adults](#)

by Gallo, Donald R.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

A collection of sixteen short stories about teenage athletes written by well-known authors in the field, including award-winning novelists Robert Lipsyte and Chris Crutcher. Edited by Donald R. Gallo.

[Una isla como tu : historias del barrio](#)

by Ortiz Cofer, Judith

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Twelve stories about young people caught between their Puerto Rican heritage and their American surroundings.

[Waifs and strays](#)

by De Lint, Charles

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Chiefly a collection of previously published (1986-2001) stories. Charles de Lint's remarkable novels and short stories have always been, at heart, about what lies beneath the surface; the ancient patterns we still follow today; and, most of all, the possibility of growth, change, kindness, magic, and love. In a very real sense, they are coming-of-age stories-and his work has always included memorable teenage characters. [quote from book jacket]

[When nobody's home: thirteen tales for tonight](#)

by Gorog, Judith

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Presents thirteen scary stories about babysitting.

[Working days: stories about teenagers and work](#)

by Mazer, Anne

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Fifteen stories relate the experiences of teenagers working for many different reasons in a variety of jobs. Edited, with an introduction by, Anne Mazer.

[Young warriors: stories of strength](#)

by Pierce, Tamora

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Fifteen original short stories by various authors relate the exploits of teenage warriors who defeat their enemies with cunning and skill as they strive to fulfill their destinies. Edited by Tamora Pierce

[Zebra and other stories](#)

by Potok, Chaim

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

*A collection of stories about six different young people who each experience a life-changing event.
Zebra -- B.B. -- Moon -- Isabel -- Nava --Max.*