

Scotts Valley Teen Advisory Board's Awesome Reads!

Books recommended by the Scotts Valley Teen Advisory Board

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[24 girls in 7 days](#)

by Bradley, Alex

YA Fiction BRA

Unlucky in love, teenager Jack Grammar cannot get a date to prom until his friends play a practical joke and place a personal ad in the school online newspaper on his behalf. Now Jack has 24 dates and just 7 days until prom.

[5th Wave](#)

Series Title: [5th Wave](#)

by Yancey, Richard

YA Fiction YAN

Cassie Sullivan, the survivor of an alien invasion, must rescue her young brother from the enemy with help from a boy who may be one of them.

[A Certain Slant of Light](#)

by Whitcomb, Laura

YA Fiction WHI

After benignly haunting a series of people for 130 years, Helen meets a teenage boy who can see her and together they unlock the mysteries of their pasts.

[A Great and Terrible Beauty](#)

by Bray, Libba

YA Fiction BRA

After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world.

[Accidental Love](#)

by Soto, Gary

YA Fiction SOT

After unexpectedly falling in love with a "nerdy" boy, fourteen-year-old Marisa works to change her life by transferring to another school, altering some of her behavior, and losing weight.

[Animal farm](#)

by Orwell, George

"Animal Farm" is the most famous by far of all twentieth-century political allegories. Its account of a group of barnyard animals who revolt against their vicious human master, only to submit to a tyranny erected by their own kind, can fairly be said to have become a universal drama. Taking as his starting point the betrayed promise of the Russian Revolution, Orwell lays out a vision that, in its bitter wisdom, gives us the clearest understanding we possess of the possible consequences of our social and

political acts.

[Aristolte and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe](#)

by Saenz, Benjamin Alire

YA Fiction SAE

Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before.

[Bleach](#)

Series Title: [Shonen jump graphic novel](#)

by Kubo, Tite

The noose is tightening around Ichigo. His inner Hollow can't wait to consume him, the sinister transfer student has him tapped for a mysterious job, and now powerful new enemies have landed in his hometown to destroy him.

[BLOODY JACK](#)

Series Title: [Bloody Jack Adventure](#)

by Meyer, L.A.

YA FICTION MEY

Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a 13-year-old orphan disguises herself as a boy and connives her way onto a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates.

[Boy Nobody](#)

by Zadoff, Allen

YA Fiction ZAD

He can't remember his past or his name. Trained by the mysterious Program to be an undercover assassin, all he cares about is the mission. For this particular mission, his name is Ben, and his target is the mayor of New York. But when Ben meets the mayor's gorgeous daughter Sam, he suddenly finds himself questioning the Program and his own identity

[Boy21](#)

by Quick, Matthew

YA Fiction QUI

Finley, an unnaturally quiet boy who is the only white player on his high school's varsity basketball team, lives in a dismal Pennsylvania town that is ruled by the Irish mob, and when his coach asks him to mentor a troubled African American student who has transferred there from an elite private school in California, he finds that they have a lot in common in spite of their apparent differences.

[Catcher in the Rye](#)

by Salinger, J.D.

YA Fiction SAL

The story of three days and nights spent in New York City by Holden Caulfield, a sensitive, intelligent 16-year-old, who confronts the "phony" values of the adult world.

[Chasing Brooklyn](#)

by Schroeder, Lisa

YA Fiction SCH

As teenagers Brooklyn and Nico work to help each other recover from the deaths of Brooklyn's boyfriend--Nico's brother Lucca--and their friend Gabe, the two begin to rediscover their passion for life, and a newly blossoming passion for one another.

[Crank](#)

by Hopkins, Ellen

YA Fiction HOP

Kristina Georgia Snow is the perfect daughter, gifted high school junior, quiet, never any trouble. But on a trip to visit her absentee father, Kristina disappears and Bree takes her place. Bree is the exact opposite of Kristina. Through a boy, Bree meets the monster: crank. And what begins as a wild ecstatic ride turns into a struggle through hell for her mind, her soul - her life.

[Crusher](#)

by Niall, Leonard

YA Fiction LEO

After his father is murdered, seventeen-year-old Finn Maguire, the prime suspect in the case, must race to clear his name and identify the true killer

[Dracula](#)

by Stoker, Bram

Fiction STO

Having discovered the double identity of the wealthy Transylvanian nobleman, Count Dracula, a small group of people vow to rid the world of the evil vampire.

[Eleanor and Park](#)

by Rowell, Rainbow

YA Fiction ROW

Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits--smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.

[Feed](#)

by Anderson , M.T

In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.

[Fight Club](#)

by Palahniuk, Chuck

Every weekend, in the basements and parking lots of bars across the country, young men with white-collar jobs and failed lives fight each other barehanded. It's the invention of Tyler Durden, and it's only the beginning of his plans for violent revenge on an empty consumer-culture world.

[Gadget Girl](#)

by Kamata, Suzanne

YA Fiction KAM

Aiko Cassidy, a fourteen-year-old with cerebral palsy, tired of posing for the sculptures that have made her mother famous, dreams of going to Japan to meet her father and become a great manga artist, but takes a life-changing trip to Paris instead

[Gifts](#)

by LeGuin, Ursula

YA Fiction LEG

When a young man in the Uplands blinds himself rather than use his gift of "unmaking"--a violent talent shared by members of his family--he upsets the precarious balance of power among rival, feuding families, each of which has a strange and deadly talent of its own.

[Guy in Real Life](#)

by Brezenoff, Steven

YA Fiction BRE

The lives of two Minnesota teenagers are intertwined through the world of role-playing games.

[I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have To Kill You](#)

by Carter, Ally

YA Fiction CAR

As a sophomore at a secret spy school and the daughter of a former CIA operative, Cammie is sheltered from "normal teenage life" until she meets a local boy while on a class surveillance mission.

[Identical](#)

by Hopkins, Ellen

YA Fiction HOP

Sixteen-year-old identical twin daughters of a district court judge and a candidate for the United States House of Representatives, Kaeleigh and Raeanne Gardella desperately struggle with secrets that have already torn them and their family apart.

[Impulse](#)

by Hopkins, Ellen

Three teens who meet at Reno, Nevada's Aspen Springs mental hospital after each has attempted suicide connect with each other in a way they never have with their parents or anyone else in their lives.

[Inexcusable](#)

by Lynch, Chris

YA Fiction LYN

High school senior and football player Keir sets out to enjoy himself on graduation night, but when he attempts to comfort a friend whose date has left her stranded, things go terribly wrong.

[Inkheart](#)

Series Title: [Inkworld](#)

by Funke, Cornelia Caroline.

J Fiction

Book #1: Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service.

[Invisible](#)

by Hautman, Pete

YA Fiction HAU

Doug and Andy are unlikely best friends--one a loner obsessed by his model trains, the other a popular student involved in football and theater--who grew up together and share a bond that nothing can sever.

[Just like that](#)

by Qualey, Marsha

A tragic accident ending with the death of two people her own age changes life forever for an eighteen-year-old woman.

[Life of Pi](#)

by Martell, Yann

Fiction MAR

The story of "Pi" Patel. Pi is a 16-year-old boy, raised in India in a family of zookeepers. His father wants to move the family and the animals to Canada, but a shipwreck strands Pi with a full-grown tiger.

[Love Lottery](#)

Series Title: [Truth or Dare](#)

by Hopkins, Cathy

YA Fiction HOP

Becca is playing a game of truth or dare when she kisses the first boy she sees, but later she feels maybe he might make a nice boyfriend.

[Love, Cajun Style](#)

by Becquets, Diane Les

YA Fiction BEC

Teenage Lucy learns about life and love with the help of her friends and saucy Tante Pearl over the course of one hot Louisiana summer before her senior year of high school.

[Mates, Dates, and Diamond Destiny](#)

Series Title: [#11, It's Nesta's time to shine!](#)

by Hopkins, Cathy

YA Fiction HOP

Nesta falls in love with William and gets involved in charity work, which opens her eyes to the problems of the world.

[Naruto](#)

Series Title: [Shonen Jump graphic novel](#)

by Kishimoto, Masashi

Growing up in a village of ninja, Uzumaki Naruto had no idea he was shunned because inside him was the spirit of the demon fox who destroyed their village over a decade ago! When his corrupt teacher Mizuki tricks him into stealing a secret scroll, Naruto learns the truth. But he's still determined to be the greatest ninja ever. But is determination enough against his powerful enemies and the forces inside him? Naruto must pass the difficult test to enter the Ninja Academy; deal with his rival, Konohamaru; and learn to get along with his new classmates, Sasuke and Sakura. Assigned to a three-person team, Naruto, Sasuke, and Sakura must survive a brutal test against their upper-level ninja instructor, Kakashi. Only two can pass -- will Naruto be one of them?

[NEW BOY](#)

by Houston, Julian

YA Fiction HOU

As the first black student in an elite Connecticut boarding school in the late 1950s, Rob Garrett is witness to the persecution of another student with bad acne who is also Jewish, while his friends back home are planning actions against segregation in the South.

[Nineteen minutes](#)

by Picoult, Jodi

"In Sterling, New Hampshire, 17-year-old high school student Peter Houghton has endured years of verbal and physical abuse at the hands of classmates. His best friend, Josie Cormier, succumbed to peer pressure and now hangs out with the popular crowd that often instigates the harassment. One final incident of bullying sends Peter over the edge and leads him to commit an act of violence that forever changes the lives of Sterling's residents. Even those who were not inside the school that morning find their lives in an upheaval, including Alex Cormier. The superior court judge assigned to the Houghton case, Alex - whose daughter, Josie, witnessed the events that unfolded - must decide whether or not to step down?"--From source other than the Library of Congress.

[Nothing](#)

by Teller, Janne

YA Fiction TEL

When thirteen-year-old Pierre Anthon leaves school to sit in a plum tree and train for becoming part of nothing, his seventh grade classmates set out on a desperate quest for the meaning of life.

[Okay For Now](#)

by Schmidt, Gary D.

YA Fiction SCH

While Doug struggles to be more than the thug that his teachers and the police think him to be, he finds an unlikely ally in Lil Spicer, as they explore Audubon's art.

[PIRATES!](#)

by Rees, Celia

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

In 1722, after arriving with her brother at the family's Jamaican plantation where she is to be married off, 16-year-old Nancy Kington escapes with her slave friend, Minerva Sharpe, and together they become pirates traveling the world in search of treasure.

[Piratica](#)

Series Title: [Piratica](#)

by Lee, Tanith

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

The daughter of the Pirate Queen regains her memory after 6 years of amnesia, and escapes boarding school to a life of adventure!

[Please Ignore Vera Dietz](#)

by A. S., King

YA Fiction KIN

When her best friend, whom she secretly loves, betrays her and then dies under mysterious

circumstances, high school senior Vera Dietz struggles with secrets that could help clear his name.

[Psyche In a Dress](#)

by Block, Francesca Lia

YA Fiction BLO

A young woman, Psyche, searches for her lost love and questions her true self in a modern retelling of Greek myths.

[Rats Saw God](#)

by Thomas, Rob

YA Fiction THO

Steve, a high school senior, has only one hope of graduating on time--writing a 100-page paper.

[Road of the Dead](#)

by Brooks, Kevin

YA Fiction BRO

Two brothers, sons of an incarcerated gypsy, leave London and travel to an isolated and desolate village, in search of the brutal killer of their sister.

[Romeo's Ex](#)

by Fiedler, Lisa

YA Fiction FIE

In a story based on the Shakespeare play, sixteen-year-old Roseline, who is studying to be a healer, becomes romantically entangled with the Montague family even as her beloved young cousin, Juliet Capulet, defies the family feud to secretly marry Romeo.

[Sex Kittens and Horn Dawgs Fall In Love](#)

by Wood, Maryrose

YA Fiction WOO

A group of girls calling themselves the Sex Kittens and their male counterparts, the Horn Dogs, face love, karate, and science experiments in an unstructured private school setting in New York City.

[Shelter](#)

Series Title: [Mickey Bolitar](#)

by Coben, Harlan

YA Fiction COB #1

After tragic events tear Mickey Bolitar away from his parents, he is forced to live with his estranged Uncle Myron and switch high schools, where he finds both friends and enemies, but when his new girlfriend, Ashley, vanishes, he follows her trail into a seedy underworld that reveals she is not what she seems to be.

[Shift](#)

by Bradbury, Jennifer

YA Fiction

When best friends Chris and Win go on a cross country bicycle trek the summer after graduating and only one returns, the FBI wants to know what happened.

[Ship Breaker](#)

by Bacigalupi, Paolo

YA Fiction BAC

In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl.

[Speak](#)

by Anderson, Laurie Halse

YA Fiction AND

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect of Melinda's freshman year in high school.

[Starcrossed](#)

by Collison, Linda

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

A girl runs away to a ship from boarding school after her father's death, finding herself caught in piratical adventures.

[Steelheart](#)

by Sanderson, Brandon

YA Fiction SAN

At age eight, David watched as his father was killed by an Epic, a human with superhuman powers, and now, ten years later, he joins the Reckoners-the only people who are trying to kill the Epics and end their tyranny

[Stormbreaker](#)

Series Title: [Alex Rider Adventures](#)

by Horowitz, Anthony

YA Fiction

Book #1: After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

[Sure Fire](#)

by Higgins, Jack

YA Fiction HIG

Resentful of having to go and live with their estranged father after the death of their mother, fifteen-year-old twins, Rich and Jade, soon find they have more complicated problems when their father is kidnapped and their attempts to rescue him involve them in a dangerous international plot to control the world's oil.

[Surrender](#)

by Hartnett, Sonya

YA Fiction HAR

As he is dying, a twenty-year-old man known as Gabriel recounts his troubled childhood and his strange relationship with a dangerous counterpart named Finnigan.

[The 10pm Question](#)

by DeGoldi, Kate

YA Fiction DEG

Twelve-year-old Frankie Parsons has a quirky family, a wonderful best friend, and a head full of

worrying questions that he shares with his mother each night, but when free-spirited Sydney arrives at school with questions of her own, Frankie is forced to face the ultimate ten p.m. question.

[The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian](#)

by Alexie, Sherman

YA Fiction ALE

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

[The Beginning of Everything](#)

by Schneider, Robin

YA Fiction SCH

Star athlete and prom king Ezra Faulkner's life is irreparably transformed by a tragic accident and the arrival of eccentric new girl Cassidy Thorpe.

[The Book Thief](#)

by Zusak, Markus

YA FICTION ZUS

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

[The Center of the World](#)

by Steinhofel, Andreas

YA Fiction STE

As he works through his often difficult relationships with his single mother, distant twin sister, his first boyfriend, and an odd assortment of friends, a teenage boy learns about the wounds and healing brought by love.

[The Chill](#)

by MacDonald, Ross

Mystery MAC

Lew Archer knows he shouldn't have taken the case, but Alex Kincaid seemed so desperate. Kincaid's loving new bride Dolly has just inexplicably walked out on him, leaving Kincaid more than a little fearful for her sanity and her safety. So Archer reluctantly agreed to help Kincaid find his wife. But what he finds instead is enough to send a chill down anyone's spine-- a new fresh corpse and evidence linking Dolly not only to this murder but to a series of others dating back to before she was even born.

[The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time](#)

by Haddon, Mark

YA Fiction HAD

Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.

[The Devil Does Exist](#)

Series Title: [Volume 1, The Devil Does Exist](#)

by Mitsuba, Takanashi

YA GN FICTION MIT

Shy high school girl Kayano is teased by the school's most notorious student, Edogawa Takeru, the devilishly handsome son of the principal. Things go from bad to worse when Kayano learns that her mother is engaged to the school principal.

[The Eye of Minds](#)

Series Title: [Mortality Doctrine](#)

by Dashner, James

YA Fiction DAS

Michael is a skilled internet gamer in a world of advanced technology. When a cyber-terrorist begins to threaten players, Michael is called upon to seek him and his secrets out.

[The Fault in Our Stars](#)

by Green, John

YA FICTION GRE

Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life.

[The field guide](#)

Series Title: [The Spiderwick chronicles](#)

by DiTerlizzi, Tony

When the Grace children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences.

[The Great Gatsby](#)

by Fitzgerald, F. Scott

Fiction FIT

The timeless story of Jay Gatsby and his love for Daisy Buchanan. Gatsby lives in the New York suburb of West Egg, where those with "new money" reside. Gatsby's mansion is right across the bay from the home of his wartime love, Daisy Buchanan, pictured always in white. Gatsby seeks to keep his illusion of Daisy as perfect alive. He uses his money, gained through illegal means, to do so, and uses his neighbor, Nick Carraway, to try to reach Daisy. The love of money as the root of evil is a pervading theme.

[The Hunger Games](#)

Series Title: [Hunger Games Trilogy](#)

by Collins, Suzanne

YA Fiction COL

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

[The lion, the witch and the wardrobe](#)

Series Title: [The Chronicles of Narnia](#)

by Lewis, C.S.

Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia

and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

[The outsiders](#)

by Hinton, S.E.

YA Fiction HIN

The struggle of three brothers to stay together after their parent's death and their quest for identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society.

[The Pox Party / Taken From Accounts by \[Octavius Nothing's\] Own Hand and Other Sundry Sources](#)

Series Title: [The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation](#)

by Anderson, M.T

YA Fiction AND

Various diaries, letters, and other manuscripts chronicle the experiences of Octavian, a young African American, from birth to age sixteen, as he is brought up as part of a science experiment in the years leading up to and during the Revolutionary War.

[The Spectacular Now!](#)

by Tharp, Tim

YA Fiction THA

In the last months of high school, charismatic eighteen-year-old Sutter Keely lives in the present, staying drunk or high most of the time, but that could change when starts working to boost the self-confidence of a classmate, Aimee.

[The tale of Despereaux](#)

by DiCamillo, Kate

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

[There is No Dog](#)

by Rosoff, Meg

YA Fiction ROS

In this story, God is a teenage boy named Bob and he created the Earth in six days. Unfortunately, Bob is a typical teenage boy, meaning that he is lazy, careless, self-obsessed, sex-mad, and about to meet a girl and fall in love.

[Thirteen reasons why](#)

by Asher, Jay

When high school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, he spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death.

[This is All: The Pillow Book of Cordelia Kenn](#)

by Chambers, Aidan

YA Fiction CHA

[Thwonk](#)

by Bauer, Joan

YA Fiction BAU

A cupid doll comes to life and offers romantic assistance to A.J., a teenage photographer suffering from unrequited love

[Twilight](#)

Series Title: [Twilight](#)

by Meyer, Stephenie

When seventeen-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not wholly human.

[We Were Liars](#)

by Lockhart, E.

YA Fiction LOC

Spending the summers on her family's private island off the coast of Massachusetts with her cousins and a special boy named Gat, teenaged Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer. Each summer the wealthy, seemingly perfect Sinclair family meets on their private island. Cadence, Johnny, Mirren, and Gat are a unit, especially during "summer 15," marking their fifteenth year on Beechwood-- the summer that Cady and Gat fall in love. Cady became involved in a mysterious accident, in which she sustained a blow to the head, and now suffers from debilitating migraines and memory loss. When she returns to Beechwood during summer 17 issues of guilt and blame, love and truth all come into play.

[What My Mother Doesn't Know](#)

Series Title: [What My Mother Doesn't Know #1](#)

by Sones, Sonya

YA Fiction SON

Sophie describes her relationships with a series of boys as she searches for Mr. Right.

[Where Things Come Back](#)

by Whaley, John Corey

YA Fiction WHA

Seventeen-year-old Cullen's summer in Lily, Arkansas, is marked by his cousin's death by overdose, an alleged spotting of a woodpecker thought to be extinct, failed romances, and his younger brother's sudden disappearance.

[White Oleander](#)

by Fitch, Janet

YA Fiction FIT

Astrid is the only child of a single mother, Ingrid, a brilliant, obsessed poet. Astrid worships her mother and cherishes their private world full of ritual and mystery -- but their idyll is shattered when Ingrid falls apart over a lover. Deranged by rejection, she murders the man, and is sentenced to life in prison. White Oleander is the unforgettable story of Astrid's journey through a series of foster homes and her efforts to find a place herself in impossible circumstances. Each home is its own universe, with a new set of laws and lessons to be learned. With determination and humor, Astrid confronts the challenges

of loneliness and poverty, and strives to learn who a motherless child in an indifferent world can become.

[Wild Roses](#)

by Caletti, Deb

YA Fiction CAL

In Washington State, seventeen-year-old Cassie learns about the good and bad sides of both love and genius while living with her mother and brilliant, yet disturbed, violinist stepfather and falling in love with a gifted young musician.

[Winger](#)

by Smith, Andrew

YA Fiction SMI

Two years younger than his classmates at a prestigious boarding school, fourteen-year-old Ryan Dean West grapples with living in the dorm for troublemakers, falling for his female best friend who thinks of him as just a kid, and playing wing on the Varsity rugby team with some of his frightening new dorm-mates.

[You & You & You](#)

by Nilsson, Per

YA Fiction NIL

Young Anon, who marches to the beat of a different drummer in galoshes to protect himself from radiation, touches the lives of all around him, resulting in disillusionment, loss, love, and more than a few surprises.