Reading and Writing Links

Reading Recommendations

Alex Awards
Ten books written for adults that have been selected by the Young Adult Library Association (YALSA) of the American Library Association for their teen appeal.

Best Fiction for Young Adults 2013
Chosen by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) of the American Library Association. (View the Top Ten list)

Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2013
A list of nonfiction and fiction graphic novels chosen as the year's best by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) of the American Library Association. (View the Top Ten list)

Guys Read
A site by author Jon Scieszka with lots of recommended titles for guys.

Michael Printz Award
Awarded by the Young Adult Library Services Association of the American Library Association for the year's best young adult book. Medal and honor books listed.

No Flying, No Tights
Reviews of graphic novels organized by audience and genre. Includes anime and manga reviews.

Novel Novice
Features include reading recommendations, upcoming books, and author interviews. Created by Sara Gundell.

Oregon Readers Choice Awards
Founded in 2010 for Oregon students in grades 4-12. Includes Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions.

Oregon Young Adult Network Book Raves
Lists of best books selected each year by the librarians of the Oregon Young Adult Network.

Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults 2013
Books chosen in four categories: Boarding Schools to Summer Camps, Gowns, Greasepaint and Guitars, I'm New Here Myself, and More Books that Won't Make You Blush. Chosen by YALSA.

Reading Rants
A site for reviews and an interactive blog where readers can respond to reviews and write their own. "Slacker Fiction," "Deadheads and Mosh-pits," and "Gen-X Files" are among many "out of the ordinary teen book lists" compiled by New York City young adult librarian Jennifer Hubert.

TeenReads.com
Lots of book reviews and author interviews and profiles as well as an opportunity to share your thoughts about what you're reading through the site's Word of Mouth page.

Writing Opportunities

5X5
This pocket-sized quarterly literary magazine accepts a variety of art and writing submissions from writers/artists in high school and older.

The Claremont Review

This Canadian magazine is published twice a year and accepts submissions from writers ages 13-19 from anywhere in the English speaking world.

Online Slam
Submit poetry and stories and receive feedback to this online site of Cicada, a print magazine for teens. Cicada warns that all criticisms are posted, so only the tough-skinned should take part. Cicada also accepts manuscripts for consideration for print publication. Go to Submission Guidelines.

Hanging Loose Magazine
Begun in 1966, this literary magazine started a special section devoted to high school writers in 1968 and has since published three anthologies of its published works by teen writers. Hanging Loose accepts poetry and short stories from high school students. See Special Guidelines for High School Writers.

Teen Ink
Writers between the ages of 13-19 can contribute to this monthly magazine "written by teens, for teens." Work may be published in the print magazine and/or online.

Teenlit.com
Submit book reviews and other original work for online publication, home writing skills at the Writers Workshop and join a teen writers discussion group.

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