

### How Not to Spend Your Senior Year

Cameron Dokey

For the first time, Jo's made friends and is having a great time at her new school. Then Dad tells her they're in the Witness Protection Program and they have to pretend to be dead. Leaving school is one thing—coming back as a “ghost” is something else again. (*Romance, Ghosts*)

### Fat Boy Swim

Catherine Forde

14-year-old Jimmy, abused by classmates for his weight, makes a deal with a plainspoken coach nicknamed “G.I. Joe.” Jimmy will anonymously bake all the desserts for a school fundraiser, if G. I. Joe will teach him to swim. (*Self-Esteem, Humor, Family Problems*) Audiobook available.

### Son of the Mob: Hollywood Hustle

Gordon Korman

Vince is enjoying college in California until his East Coast relatives turn up—just when a union boss is kidnapped. Is it business as usual for the Luca crime family? (*Humor, Family Problems, Film School*) Prequel: Son of the Mob.

### Pulling Princes

Tyne O'Connell

Angling for popularity at her exclusive English boarding school, Californian Calypso invents a fake boyfriend. Then she realizes that her wit and skill at fencing may be enough to attract the attention of a real-life handsome prince. (*Humor, Romance*) Sequel: Stealing Princes.

### I Was a Non-Blonde Cheerleader

Kieran Scott

As a brunette on the all-blonde cheerleading squad at her new Florida high school, Annisa tries to fit in with her popular teammates without losing the friendship of Bethany, the only other non-blonde at the school. (*Humor, Cliques, Social Pressure*)

## Intrigues

### Down the Rabbit Hole

Peter Abrahams

Like her idol Sherlock Holmes, eighth-grader Ingrid Levin-Hill uses her brain to solve a murder case in her hometown of Echo Falls. (*Mystery, Humor, Theater*) Audiobook available.

### Finding Miracles

Julia Alvarez

Milly is intrigued by Pablo, a new student from a Central American country, with whom she seems to share a bond. Then she learns that she was adopted—when Mom and Dad were visiting that same country 15 years ago. Now Milly wants the whole story. (*Adoption, Central America, Revolution*) Audiobook available.

### Bucking the Sarge

Christopher Paul Curtis

Luther keeps a sense of humor while running the Happy Neighbor Group Home for Men, one of his cold-hearted mother's many get-rich schemes, all the while dreaming of going to college and becoming a philosopher. (*Humor, Fraud, Friendship*) Audiobook available.

### Flush

Carl Hiaasen

With Dad jailed for sinking a floating casino, Noah and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of the boat was emptying its bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home. (*Florida, Humor*) Audiobook available.

### Scorpia

Anthony Horowitz

Told that his deceased father was an assassin for a criminal organization, teen spy Alex goes to Italy to investigate, and is pulled into a plot to kill English schoolchildren. (*Terrorism*) Audiobook available. Series: Alex Rider Adventure.

### Heck Superhero

Martine Leavitt

Locked out of their apartment when Mom goes off her meds, Heck is stuck on the streets. He hates to ask for help, because he'd rather give help, like the cartoon superhero in the comics he creates. (*Mental Illness, Art*)

### Pirates!

Celia Rees

In 1722, girls were forced to marry at their family's whim, no matter how creepy the guy. 16-year-old Nancy and Minerva, her slave friend, escape from Jamaica and become pirates, one step ahead of Nancy's vicious fiance. (*Friendship, Pirates*)

### Uglies

Scott Westerfeld

In the near future, nobody has to be an Ugly past their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. That's when you get the operation that scrapes your face, stretches your bones, and implants new teeth and hair. Now you're a Pretty! Sequel: Pretties

## Non-Fiction

### Mean Chicks, Cliques, and Dirty Tricks: A Real Girl's Guide to Getting Through the Day with Smarts and Style

Erika Karras

Teen girls share advice for understanding how girls get mean, the forms their meanness can take, and what can be done to stop it.

### The Games Do Count: America's Best and Brightest on the Power of Sports

Brian Kilmeade

Presenting more than 30 personal stories, this is an inspiring and surprising look at how sports have influenced America's best and brightest — from presidents and CEOs to movie stars and pop icons.

### Red Ridin' in the Hood and Other Cuentos

Patricia Santo Marcantonio

Well-known tales retold from a Hispanic American perspective take on deeper meanings.

### Guys Write for Guys Read

Jon Scieszka, ed.

Guys visiting [www.guysread.com](http://www.guysread.com) picked the best comics, advice, poems, stories, and fast memoirs for this collection.

### Teen Knitting Club: Chill Out and Knit

Jennifer Wenger

Knit one and purl two in this book of basic instructions, solutions to knotty knitting problems, and ideas for starting a teen knitting club.

### Venus & Serena: Serving from the Hip, Ten Rules for Living, Loving, and Winning

Venus and Serena Williams

These tennis superstars deal with pressure, studying, dating, and money—just like you. Learn how they keep it together.

## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

## TEEN BOOKLIST



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# Summer 2006: at the Timberland Regional Library

Run, howl, and read with the wolves this summer—at your Timberland library. Stop by your Timberland library, where you'll find info about teen activities and events, plus plenty of books, magazines, and audiobooks to take back to your den and enjoy.

Looking for good books? Visit the Timberland TeenZone at [www.trlib.org/teens.htm](http://www.trlib.org/teens.htm) where you'll find book reviews by Timberland teens, more booklists, and links to teen sites.

Pick up a Reading Log, so you can list what you're reading and listening to. You can also share good books with the rest of the pack by filling out online book raves. In July or August, turn in your Reading Log for your one-time prize packet. And keep on reading!

This summer, Timberland Regional Library is participating in a pet food and supplies drive to benefit local animal shelters and organizations. To donate, please look for the marked boxes and bins at your Timberland library.



## Creature Feature

**Middle and high school teens will find plenty of good books on this list:**

### **Animal, Human—or Something Else**

#### **The Angel Factory**

**Terence Blacker**

When Thomas hacks into his father's computer, he finds out that he's adopted. Then he learns that his parents are angels, sent to earth to save humanity from itself. (*Family Problems, Angels, Friendship*) Audiobook available.

#### **Fire Bringer**

**David Clement-Davies**

In ancient Scotland, a tyrannical new lord of the deer plans complete dominion over the animal world, but deer lore promises a hero, who has a unique bond with all creatures, including man, and who will free the herd forever. (*Deer, Scotland, Norse Invasion*)

#### **Into the Wild**

**Erin Hunter**

When Rusty, an ordinary housecat, becomes ThunderClan's new apprentice, he realizes that his past life has not prepared him for the hardships he now faces and so must work extra hard to prove he can be a true warrior. (*Cats, Heroes*) Series: Warriors.

#### **Origin: The True Story of Wolverine**

**Bill Jemas**

James escapes from a life of privilege and tragedy into the Canadian wilderness. Renamed Logan, his life changes again when he transforms into Wolverine, X-Man extraordinaire. (*Superhero Comics*) Series: X-Men.

#### **Maximum Ride**

**James Patterson**

After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose. (*Science Fiction, Genetic Engineering*) Audiobook available.

#### **Fruits Basket**

**Natsuki Takaya**

Tohru Honda is an orphaned teenager who comes to live with the Sohma family in exchange for housekeeping duties, but she soon comes to know the family secret. They are possessed by the spirits of the Chinese zodiac. (*Manga, Family Problems*)

#### **Switchers**

**Kate Thompson**

Tess can switch into the form of any animal she likes—as long as she leads a solitary life. Another teen switcher named Kevin convinces her to join him in his quest to save the Northern Hemisphere from being destroyed. (*Fantasy, Shape Shifters*) Audiobook available. Sequels: Midnight's Choice, Wild Blood.

### **Creepy and Weird**

#### **The Sea of Trolls**

**Nancy Farmer**

Jack and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen. Now Jack must set off on a quest to Jotunheim, home of the trolls. Audiobook available. (*Adventure, Pirates, Norse Mythology*)

#### **Twilight**

**Stephanie Meyer**

17-year-old Bella leaves sunny Phoenix to live with her father in rain-soaked Forks, Washington. At school, she meets Edward: handsome, mysterious, and very possibly not entirely human. (*Romance, Vampires*)

#### **The Will of the Empress**

**Tamora Pierce**

18-year-old Sandry is visiting Namorn, to check up on her landholdings and to see her devious cousin, Empress Berenene. Suddenly she needs help from her childhood friends and fellow mages: Daja, Tris, and Briar. Can Sandry bridge the distance that has grown between them? (*Magic, Friendship*)

#### **The Wee Free Men**

**Terry Pratchett**

They're six inches high, and they're blue. The Wee Free Men team up with Tiffany, a young witch in training, to rescue her baby brother, and to ward off an invasion by the sinister forces of Fairyland. (*Fairies*) Sequel: A Hat Full of Sky.

#### **The Lightning Thief**

**Rick Riordan**

Mom sends Percy (full name, Perseus) to Camp Half-Blood, a summer camp for demigods. That's where Percy learns that his father is Poseidon, God of the Sea. Soon he's teaming up with other demigod teens to prevent a major war between the Greek gods. (*Humor, Greek Mythology*) Audiobook available. Series: Percy Jackson and the Olympians.

#### **The Amulet of Samarkand**

**Jonathan Stroud**

Nathaniel, a magician's apprentice, summons up the djinni Bartimaeus and commands him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Lovelace. (*J-Fiction, Magic, Humor*) Audiobook available. Sequels: The Golem's Eye, Ptolemy's Gate

#### **Peeps**

**Scott Westerfeld**

A deadly parasite has invaded Cal's body. Now he must track down all of the girlfriends he has unknowingly infected—before they are transformed into vampires. (*Epidemics, Vampires*)

### **Girls, Boys, and Pants**

#### **Boy2Girl**

**Terence Blacker**

After the death of his mother, Sam comes to live with his London relatives. Matt tests his loudmouth cousin's nerve by daring him to dress as a girl for his first week at school—and "Samantha" continues the joke with uproarious results! (*Gender Roles, Humor, School Stories*)

#### **Girls in Pants: The Third Summer of the Sisterhood**

**Ann Brashares**

Lena, Carmen, Bridget, and Tibby graduate from high school. Their last summer before college brims with laughter, tears, ice cream, family, and, as always, that pair of magical pants. (*Humor, Friendship*) Audiobook available. Prequels: Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, Second Summer of the Sisterhood.