

Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice 2016
9-12th grade
Annotated Title List

1. **The 5th Wave** by Rick Yancey, 480 pgs.
Aliens have invaded Earth successfully. No one saw it coming, and humanity didn't have a chance to prepare for the attack that came in four well-planned parts. All that remains to come now is the fifth wave, the final stage of the invasion that will wipe out the few remaining humans. Among the survivors are Cassie, a girl who is barely surviving as she searches for her little brother, and Zombie, a former athlete who is now training as part of the last resistance against the aliens. IL: UG - BL: 4.6 - AR Pts: 17.0 [Science fiction, alien invasion, survivalist]
Hardcover. Putnam Juvenile. 2013. 9780399162411. \$18.99
Paperback. Penguin. 2013. 9780141345833. \$13.69
EBook and audio CD available.

2. **Eleanor & Park** by Rainbow Rowell, 328 pgs.
When Park moves towards the bus window to make room for the new girl Eleanor, it's not a gesture of friendship, just one of decency; no one else will let her sit because of her red hair, imperfect figure, and lack of fashion sense. Not that Park is one to talk – he's a misfit as well and only wants to avoid attention in high school. In a way, they're perfect for one another, and the bus ride they share each day leads to a relationship that is stronger than either of them could have imagined. IL: UG - BL: 3.8 - AR Pts: 11.0 [Romance, misfits, realistic fiction, bullying and abuse]
Hardcover. St. Martin's Press. 2013. 9781250012579. \$18.99
Paperback. Orion. 2013. 9781409120544. \$13.69
EBook and Audio CD available.

3. **Fangirl** by Rainbow Rowell, 448 pgs.
Fandom has always been Cath's way of coping with change and tragedy in her life; she writes fanfiction for the popular Simon Snow book series and loves the community that comes with it. Now, away from home for the first time at college and separated from her father and twin sister, Cath is forced outside of her box by new roommates and professors. She struggles with her insecurity and new experiences while trying not to lose her identity as a fangirl. IL: UG - BL: 3.9 - AR Pts: 15.0 [Light and funny, realistic fiction, female main character]
Hardcover. St. Martin's Press. 2013. 9781250030955. \$18.99
Paperback. Macmillan Children's Books. 2014. 9781447263227. \$11.98
EBook and audio CD available.

4. **The Living** by Matt de la Peña, 320 pgs.
What should have been an easy and enjoyable summer job on a cruise ship turns into a catastrophe for Shy Espinoza. It becomes a challenge of survival after natural disaster and disease outbreak cause the ship to wreck and throw society into chaos. The story evolves into a conspiracy plot when Shy finds himself on an island with time to ponder the mysterious passenger who gave him a strange message before committing suicide. IL: UG - BL: 5.0 - AR Pts: 11.0 [Natural disaster, adventure, political conspiracy, disease outbreak, survival, Hispanic main character]
Hardcover. Delacorte Press. 2013. 9780385741200. \$17.99
Paperback. Ember. 2015. 9780385741217. \$9.99
EBook and audio CD available.
5. **The Naturals** by Jennifer Lynn Barnes, 304 pgs.
Cassie's profiling ability has attracted the attention of the FBI who place her with a team of other talented teenagers in order to help solve cold cases. Though she hopes to get a chance to investigate her mother's murder, Cassie doesn't expect to become the target of an active serial killer. IL: UG - BL: 5.0 - AR Pts: 9.0 [Female main character, FBI, gifted teens, serial killers, crime solving]
Hardcover. Disney-Hyperion. 2013. 9781423168232. \$17.99
Paperback. Quercus. 2013. 9781780876825. \$11.98
EBook and audio CD available.
6. **Orleans** by Sherri Smith, 336 pgs.
Years into the future, the walled and quarantined Orleans is all that's left of the Gulf Coast which was destroyed by brutal hurricanes and an unchecked disease outbreak that forces its inhabitants to band together based on blood type. Daniel, a curious scientist, ventures beyond the wall to discover the reality of what lies beyond the wall and meets Fen, a teenager desperate to escape to the outside in time to save a newborn baby from the disease. IL: UG - BL: 4.8 - AR Pts: 11.0 [Futuristic New Orleans, hurricanes, disease outbreak, female main character, survival]
Hardcover. Putnum Juvenile. 2013. 9780399252945. \$17.99
Paperback. Speak. 2014. 9780147509963. \$9.99
EBook available.
7. **Reclaimed** by Sarah Guillory, 296 pgs.
Twins Luke and Ian McAlister are new to the small town of Solitude, while Jenna Oliver has lived there since birth and is doing everything she can to escape it. In a story full of family struggles, secrets, and guilt the three form a love triangle that forces the truth to come out. No AR yet. [Louisiana author, fast-paced mystery romance, amnesia, small town]
Paperback. Spencer Hill Press. 2013. 9781937053888. \$9.95
EBook available.

8. **Steelheart** by Brandon Sanderson, 400 pgs.
The Reckoners are committed to ridding the world of Epics, the super villains who appeared and turned society into the dystopia it is today, so of course David wants to be one of them. David has a wealth of knowledge on the abilities and weaknesses of all the Epics, especially one called Steelheart, who killed his father. He is sure he can convince the reckoners to help him take revenge. IL: MG+ - BL: 5.0 - AR Pts: 16.0 [Dystopia, some humor, superheroes, good vs. evil]
Hardcover. Delacorte Press. 2013. 9780385743563. \$18.99
Paperback. Ember. 2014. 9780385743570. \$9.99
EBook and audio CD available.
9. **War Brothers** by Sharon McKay, illustrated by Daniel Lafrance, 176 pgs.
After he is abducted from his Ugandan boarding school and forced to become a child soldier in the Lord's Resistance Army, Jacob's only comfort and the hope that helps him survive is the thought that recording his experiences will help others in his situation. He trusts that, if he can only share his story and bring attention to the horror and violence that he witnesses and is forced to commit, the world will send help to stop those who use children to carry out their crimes. IL: UG - BL: 2.8 - AR Pts: 1.0 [Graphic novel, violence, LRA Uganda, child soldiers]
Hardcover. Annick Press. 2013. 9781554514892. \$27.95
Paperback. Annick Press. 2013. 9781554514885. \$18.95
EBook available.
10. **Winger** by Andrew Smith, illustrated by Sam Bosma, 448 pgs.
Life at a boarding school for teenagers from wealthy families, especially one that welcomes attention-starved troublemakers, isn't easy for any kid. Ryan Dean West has the added difficulty of being two years younger than most of his classmates. Having the intelligence to skip grades doesn't guarantee maturity, but Ryan Dean finds more than a little humor in his situation even as he struggles to fit in with his rugby team, win the attention of an older girl, and understand the hate behind prejudices. IL: UG - BL: 5.3 - AR Pts: 14.0 [Boarding school, sports: rugby, some humor, graphic novel elements, coming of age, realistic fiction]
Hardcover. Simon & Schuster. 2013. 9781442444928. \$16.99
Paperback. Simon & Schuster. 2014. 9781442444935. \$11.99
EBook and audio CD available.