



The Hero's Journey

Tales of teens on heroic quests, from ancient times to the future.

Ship Breaker

by Paolo Bacigalupi

YA BACIGALUPI

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.

Going Bovine

by Libba Bray

YA BRAY

Cameron Smith is a disaffected sixteen year-old who, after being diagnosed with Creutzfeldt Jakob's (aka mad cow) disease, sets off on a road trip with a death-obsessed video gaming dwarf he meets in the hospital in an attempt to find a cure.

A Great and Terrible Beauty

by Libba Bray

YA BRAY

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.

Graceling

by Kristin Cashore

YA CASHORE

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace, the Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

City of Bones

by Cassandra Clare

YA CLARE

Suddenly able to see demons and the Darkhunters who are dedicated to returning them to their own dimension, fifteen-year-old Clary Fray is drawn into this bizzare world when her mother disappears and Clary herself is almost killed by a monster. [First in a series]

The Hunger Games

by Suzanne Collins

YA COLLINS

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. [First in a series]

The Maze Runner

by James Dashner

JFIC DASHNER

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape. [First in a series]

The Odyssey: a Graphic Novel

by Gareth Hinds

YA HINDS [Graphic Novels]

Retells, in graphic novel format, Homer's epic tale of Odysseus, the ancient Greek hero who encounters witches and other obstacles on his journey home after fighting in the Trojan War.

Tiger's Curse

by Colleen Houck

YA HOUCK

Seventeen-year-old Oregon teenager Kelsey forms a bond with a circus tiger who is actually one of two brothers, Indian princes Ren and Kishan, who were cursed to live as tigers for eternity, and she travels with him to India where the tiger's curse may be broken once and for all. [First in a series]

The Knife of Never Letting Go

by Patrick Ness

YA NESS

Pursued by power-hungry Prentiss and mad minister Aaron, young Todd and Viola set out across New World searching for answers about his colony's true past and seeking a way to warn the ship bringing hopeful settlers from Old World. [First in a series]

Eragon

by Christopher Paolini

JFIC PAOLINI

In Aagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters. [First in a series]

Trickster's Choice

by Tamora Pierce

YA PIERCE

Alianne must call forth her mother's courage and her father's wit in order to survive on the Copper Isles in a royal court rife with political intrigue and murderous conspiracy.

The Golden Compass

by **Philip Pullman**

JFIC PULLMAN

Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North. [First in a series]

The Lightning Thief

by **Rick Riordan**

JFIC RIORDAN

After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. [First in a series]

The Red Pyramid

by **Rick Riordan**

JFIC RIORDAN

After their father's research experiment at the British Museum unleashes the Egyptian god Set, Carter and Sadie Kane embark on a dangerous journey across the globe--a quest which brings them ever closer to the truth about their family, and their links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs. [First in a series]

Peak

by **Roland Smith**

YA SMITH

A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.