

An Early Look at Best Teen Titles of 2026



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Fiction for Younger Teens

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker *PHOENIX*

162p. Dial Books (Penguin Random House) 2026 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-593-85986-5

Debbink, Andrea *I WITNESSED THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY OF 1963*

Illus. by Crystal Jayme 204p. HarperAlley (HarperCollins) 2026 \$24.99 ISBN 978-0-06-324725-3; \$15.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-324724-6

Faruqi, Saadia *SOME OF US ARE BRAVE*

324p. Quill Tree Books (HarperCollins) 2026 \$19.99 ISBN 978-0-06-338953-3

Feuti, Norm *A KID LIKE ME*

263p. HarperAlley (HarperCollins) 2026 \$24.99 ISBN 978-0-06-335411-1; \$15.99 ISBN 978-0-06-335410-4

Gill, David Macinnis *THREE SISTERS*

263p. Greenwillow Books (HarperCollins) 2026 \$19.99 ISBN 978-0-06-229019-9

Jones, Dani ***MY SISTER, THE FREAK***

220p. HarperAlley (HarperCollins) 2026 \$24.99 ISBN 978-0-06-334325-2; \$15.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-334326-9

Miller, Chanel ***THE MOON WITHOUT STARS***

244p. Philomel (Penguin Random House) 2026 \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-593-62455-5

Nijkamp, Marieke ***CLOCK HANDS***

Illus. by Sylvia Bi 282p. Greenwillow Books (HarperCollins) 2026 \$24.99 ISBN 978-0-06-302714-5; \$15.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-06-302713-8

Nino, Myra Rose ***LOVELY RECIPE***

234p. Random House Graphic (Penguin Random House) 2026 ISBN 978-0-593-18059-4; \$18.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-593-18058-7

Pennypacker, Sara ***THE LIONS' RUN***

267p. Balzer + Bray 2026 \$18.99 ISBN 978-1-250-39281-7

Rutter, Bethany ***SLOW BURN***

203p. Candlewick Press 2026 \$19.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-4383-3; \$12.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-5362-5164-7

Nonfiction for Teens

Couch, Christina ***INNOVATIVE OCTOPUSES, HALF-BRAINED BIRDS, AND MORE ANIMALS WITH MAGNIFICENT MINDS*** Illus. by Daniel Duncan 160p. MIT Kids Press 2025 \$17.99 ISBN 978-1-5362-2972-1

Manley, Cutis ***CHASING ERUPTIONS***

Illus. by Katherine Roy 149p. Clarion Books (HarperCollins) 2026 \$19.99 ISBN 978-0-06-338629-7

Robinson, James *WHALE EYES*

Illus. by Brian Rea 292p. Penguin Workshop (Penguin Random House) 2025 \$18.99 ISBN 978-0-593-52395-7

Fiction for Older Teens

Bernet, Katie *BETH IS DEAD*

386p. Sarah Barley Books (Simon & Schuster) 2026 \$19.99 ISBN 978-1-665988698

Chong, Samantha *PRODIGAL TIGER*

352p. G. P. Putnam's Sons (Penguin Random House) 2026 \$19.99 978-0-593-86010-6

de la Cruz, Melissa *SIBYLLINE*

290p. G. P. Putnam's Sons 2026 \$20.00 ISBN 979-8-217-00261-0

Kon, Adeline *JUST BETWEEN US*

311p. Dial Books (Penguin Random House) 2026 \$25.99 ISBN 978-0-593-69695-8; \$17.99 ISBN 978-0-593-69696-5

Lessore, Nathanael *KING OF NOTHING*

308p. Little, Brown & Co. 2026 \$19.99 ISBN 978-0-316-58857-7; \$12.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-0-316-58856-0

McCarthy, Cory *POSTSCRIPT*

220p. Dutton Books (Penguin Random House) 2026 \$19.99 ISBN 978-0-593-61824-0

Meyer, Marissa & Tamara Moss *THE ESCAPE GAME*

403p. G. P. Putnam's Sons (Penguin Random House) 2026 \$22.99 ISBN 979-8-217-00612-0

Moore, Bryce *DEATH IN THE DARK*

336p. Sourcebooks Fire 2026 \$12.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1728293363

Peterfreund, Diana ***ELLEN POE: THE FORGOTTEN LORE***

211p. Running Press Teens (Hachette Book Group) 2026 \$19.99 (PBL) ISBN 979-8-89414-330-9; \$12.99 (pbk) ISBN 979-8-89414-168-8

Rubin, Lance ***16 FOREVER***

359p. HarperCollins 2026 \$19.99 ISBN 978-0-06-333036-8

Thomas, Emily ***A SMILE LIKE YOURS***

305p. Kids Can Press 2026 \$18.99 (pbk) ISBN 978-1-5253-1145-1

Abbreviations Note: (pbk) – paperback edition



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