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Adventure Novels for Teens

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Science Fiction

***Ship Breaker* - Bacigalupi, Paolo (T)**

Sequel: *The Drowned Cities*

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 or rescue the girl.

***Being* - Brooks, Kevin (T)**

After having a routine exam that turns out to be anything but routine, Robert learns about the mechanical parts and plastic casings that make up his being; forcing him to flee the only world he has ever known and go on a dangerous search to find out who (and what) he is.

***Don't Turn Around* - Gagnon, Michelle (T)**

Sequels: *Don't Look Now* & *Don't Let Go*

After waking up on an operating table with no memory of how she got there, Noa must team up with computer hacker Peter to stop a corrupt corporation with a deadly secret.

***Variant* - Wells, Robison E. (T)**

Sequel: *Feedback*

Also try: *Blackout* & *Dead Zone*

After years in foster homes, seventeen-year-old Benson Fisher applies to New Mexico's Maxfield Academy in hopes of securing a brighter future, but instead he finds that the school is a prison and no one is what he or she seems.

Also try:

Incarceron & *Sapphique* - Fisher, Catherine (T, S)

Little Brother & *Homeland* - Doctorow, Cory (T, E)

Check out these adventure books in Children's

The Wreckers - Lawrence, Iain (J, E)

The Killing Sea - Lewis Richard (J)

The Young Man and the Sea - Philbrick, W. R. (J)

Better You

Than Me!

Survival Stories

***Never Fall Down* - McCormick, Patricia (T)**

Cambodian child soldier Arn Chorn-Pond defied the odds and used all of his courage and wits to survive the murderous regime of the Khmer Rouge. Based on a true story.

***Tiger* - Richter, William (T)**

Sequel to: *Dark Eyes*

Continuing her search for her fugitive brother, Tiger, in the months following her mother's death on Shelter Island, Wally, the daughter of a ruthless Russian assassin, struggles to outmaneuver her father's tactics and stop a deadly conspiracy.

***Now Is the Time for Running* - Williams, Michael (T)**

When soldiers attack a small village in Zimbabwe, Deo goes on the run with Innocent, his older, mentally disabled brother, carrying little but a leather soccer ball filled with money, and after facing prejudice, poverty, and tragedy, it is in soccer that Deo finds renewed hope.

Also try:

The Walled City - Graudin, Ryan (T)

Hostage Three - Lake, Nick (T)

Trash - Mulligan, Andy (T)

Key to Locations:

T = teen fiction

A = adult fiction

J = juvenile fiction

S = sound recording

E = e-book or e-audio

TG = teen graphic

AG = adult graphic

M = made into movie

Ordered by author's

last name unless

otherwise marked.

Historical Settings

***Star Crossed* - Bunce, Elizabeth C. (T)**

Sequel: *Liar's Moon*

In a kingdom dominated by religious intolerance, 16-year-old Digger, a street thief, has always avoided attention, but when she learns that her friends are plotting against the throne she must decide whether to join them or turn them in.

***Scarlet* - Gaughen, A. C. (T)**

Sequels: *Lady Thief & Lion Heart*

Will Scarlet shadows Robin Hood, with an eye for finding treasures to steal and throwing daggers with deadly accuracy, but when Gisbourne, a ruthless bounty hunter, is hired by the sheriff to capture Robin and his band of thieves, Robin must become Will's protector risking his own life in the process.

***Bloody Jack* - Meyer, L. A. (E)**

Sequels: *Curse of the Blue Tattoo*, *Under the Jolly Roger*, *In the Belly of the Bloodhound*, & 8 more!

Life as a ship's boy aboard HMS Dolphin is a dream come true for Jacky Faber. Gone are the days of scavenging for food and fighting for survival on the streets of eighteenth-century London. Instead, Jacky is becoming a skilled and respected sailor as the crew pursues pirates on the high seas. There's only one problem: Jacky is a girl. And she will have to use every bit of her spirit, wit, and courage to keep the crew from discovering her secret.

Also try:

Dodger - Pratchett, Terry (T)

Blue Fingers: A Ninja's Tale - Whitesel, Cheryl Aylward (J)

More Teen Suggestions!

Blonde Ops - Bennardo, Charlotte (T)

The Compound & The Fallout - Bodeen, S. A. (T)

Wild Man Island - Hobbs, Will (T)

Threatened - Schreier, Eliot (T)

Sharks & Boys - Tracy, Kristen (T)

Spies and Prejudice - Vance, Talia (T)

Wilderness or Natural Disasters

***The Living* - Peña, Matt de la (T)**

Sequel: *The Hunted*

After an earthquake destroys California and a tsunami wrecks the luxury cruise ship where he is a summer employee, high schooler Shy confronts another deadly surprise.

***In Darkness* - Lake, Nick (T)**

In the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake, fifteen-year-old Shorty, a poor gang member from the slums of Site Soleil, is trapped in the rubble of a ruined hospital, and as he grows weaker he has visions and memories of his life of violence, his lost twin sister, and of Toussaint L'Ouverture, who liberated Haiti from French rule in the 1804.

***Survive* - Morel, Alex (T)**

A troubled girl is stranded in an arctic winter terrain after a plane crash and must fight for survival with the only other boy left alive.

***Hatchet* - Paulsen, Gary (T, J, S, J Braille)**

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifteen-four days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother.

***Life As We Knew It* - Pfeffer, Susan Beth (J, E)**

Sequels: *The Dead and the Gone*,
This World We Live In, & 1 more! (T)

Through journal entries, sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

***Nation* - Pratchett, Terry (T)**

After a devastating tsunami destroys all they have ever known, Mau, an island boy, and Daphne, an aristocratic English girl, together with a small band of refugees, set about rebuilding their community and all the things that are important in their lives.

***Peak* - Smith, Roland (T)**

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

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