

# Cults

**TEEN Fiction Ryan:** The dead-tossed waves

Gabry lives a quiet life in a town trapped between a forest and the ocean, hemmed in by the dead who hunger for the living, but her mother Mary's secrets, a cult of religious zealots who worship the dead, and a stranger from the forest who seems to know Gabry threaten to destroy her world.

**TEEN Fiction Williams:** The Chosen One

In a polygamous cult, Kyra, not yet fourteen, sees being chosen to be the seventh wife of her uncle as just punishment and is torn between facing her fate and running away from all that she knows and loves.

**TEEN Fiction Yolen:** Armageddon Summer

Fourteen-year-old Marina and sixteen-year-old Jed accompany their parents' religious cult, the Believers, to await the end of the world atop a remote mountain, where they try to decide what they themselves believe.

# Gangs

**TEEN Fiction Bateman:** Running with the Reservoir Pups

When his parents divorce and his mother moves with him to Belfast, Northern Ireland, twelve-year-old Eddie contends with the Reservoir Pups, a gang of children who rule his neighborhood.

**TEEN Fiction Bateman:** Bring Me the Head of Oliver Plunkett

When the head of Saint Oliver Plunkett is stolen from Drogheda Cathedral, Eddie and his gang use their wits to search for the relic while trying to outsmart the town's most notorious criminal.

**TEEN Fiction Brooks:** iBoy

Sixteen-year-old Tom Harvey was an ordinary Londoner until an attack that caused fragments of an iPhone to be embedded in his brain, giving him incredible knowledge and power, but using that power against the gang that attacked him and a friend could have deadly consequences.

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**TEEN Fiction Elkeles:** Chain Reaction

When he returns to Illinois and the gang culture on the south side of Winnetka after six years in Colorado, high school senior Luis Fuentes, who dreams of becoming an astronaut, falls for the wrong girl, enters a dark world, and learns some disturbing news about his family.

**TEEN Fiction Elkeles:** Perfect Chemistry

When wealthy, seemingly perfect Brittany and Alex Fuentes, a gang member from the other side of town, develop a relationship after Alex discovers that Brittany is not exactly who she seems to be, they must face the disapproval of their schoolmates--and others.

**TEEN Fiction Hinton:** The Outsiders

The struggle of three brothers to stay together after their parent's death and their quest for identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society.

Also Try **Hinton's** Rumble Fish; Tex

**TEEN Fiction Jordon:** Hot Girl

Kate, a fourteen-year-old Brooklyn girl and former gang member, risks losing her first good foster family when she adopts the risqué ways of her flirtatious new friend, Naleejah.

**TEEN Fiction McGowan:** The Knife that killed me  
Paul Varderman, a secondary student in an English Catholic School, is a loner until, just as he is becoming friends with "the freaks," the school bully encourages Paul to join his gang and gives him a knife to carry as an incentive.

**Teen Fiction Murray:** The good girl's guide to getting kidnapped  
Fifteen-year-old Michelle Pena, born into a powerful Mexican American gang family, tries to reconcile her gangster legacy with the girl she has become--a nationally ranked runner and academic superstar.

**TEEN Fiction Myers:** Street Love  
This story told in free verse is set against a background of street gangs and poverty in Harlem in which seventeen-year-old African American Damien takes a bold step to ensure that he and his new love will not be separated.

**TEEN Fiction Thomas:** Quarantine: The Saints  
The world inside an infected Colorado high school quarantined by the government takes a startling turn for the worse when a new gang enters the school and starts gaining power.

**TEEN Fiction Voorhees:** The Brother Torres  
Sophomore Frankie finally finds the courage to ask his long-term friend, Julianne, to the Homecoming dance, which ultimately leads to a face-off between a tough senior whose family owns most of their small, New Mexico town, and Frankie's soccer-star older brother and his gang-member friends.

# STORIES ABOUT GANGS & CULTS FOR TEENS

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