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Book Suggestions for Teens

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***The Bridesmaid* - Abbott, Hailey (T)**

Also try: *Getting Lost with Boys*

Having vowed as children to never marry after witnessing many disastrous weddings and obnoxious brides in their parents' wedding planning business, fifteen-year-old Abby is dismayed when her older sister Carol suddenly gets engaged and turns into "Bridezilla."

***The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation: The Pox Party* - Anderson, M. T. (T)**

Sequels: *The Kingdom on the Waves*

Various diaries, letters, and other manuscripts chronicle the experiences of Octavian, a young African American, from birth to age sixteen, as he is brought up as part of a science experiment in the years leading up to the Revolutionary War.

***Starcrossed* - Angelini, Josephine (T)**

Sequels: *Dreamless & Goddess*

Also try: *Trial by Fire & Trail of Tears*

When shy sixteen-year-old Helen Hamilton starts having vivid dreams about three ancient, hideous women and suddenly tries to kill a new student at her Nantucket high school, she discovers that she is playing out some version of an old tale involving Helen of Troy, the Three Furies, and a mythic battle.

***The Coldest Girl in Coldtown* - Black, Holly (T)**

Also try: *The Darkest Part of the Forest*

When seventeen-year-old Tana wakes up following a party in the aftermath of a violent vampire attack, she travels to Coldtown, a quarantined Massachusetts city full of vampires, with her ex-boyfriend and a mysterious vampire boy in tow.

***Monstrous Beauty* - Fama, Elizabeth (T)**

In alternating chapters, tells of the mermaid Syrenka's love for Ezra in 1872 that leads to a series of horrific murders, and present-day Hester's encounter with a ghost that reveals her connection to the murders and to Syrenka.

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***For Keeps* - Friend, Natasha (T)**

Also try: *Perfect, Lush, & Bounce*

Just as sixteen-year-old Josie and her mother finally begin trusting men enough to start dating seriously, the father Josie never knew comes back to town and shakes up what was already becoming a difficult mother-daughter relationship.

***Truth or Dare* - Green, Jacqueline (T)**

Sequels: *Secrets and Lies & Kiss and Tell*

In the affluent seaside town of Echo Bay, Massachusetts, mysterious dares sent to three very different girls — loner Sydney Morgan, Caitlin "Angel" Thomas, and beautiful Tenley Reed — threaten both their reputations and their lives.

***Clarity* - Harrington, Kim (T)**

Sequel: *Perception*

Sixteen-year-old Clare Fern, a member of a family of psychics, helps the mayor and a skeptical detective solve a murder in a Cape Cod town during the height of tourist season — with her brother a prime suspect.

***Nantucket Blue* - Howland, Leila (T)**

Sequel: *Nantucket Red*

Seventeen-year-old Cricket Thompson is planning on spending a romantic summer on Nantucket Island near her long-time crush, Jay — but the death of her best friend's mother, and her own sudden intense attraction to her friend's brother Zach are making this summer complicated.

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.

***And We Stay* - Hubbard, Jenny (T)**

Also try: *Paper Covers Rock*

Sent to an Amherst, Massachusetts, boarding school after her ex-boyfriend shoots himself, seventeen-year-old Emily expresses herself through poetry as she relives their relationship, copes with her guilt, and begins to heal.

***Openly Straight* - Konigsberg, Bill (T)**

Tired of being known as "the gay kid", Rafe Goldberg decides to assume a new persona when he comes east and enters an elite Massachusetts prep school — but trying to deny his identity has both complications and unexpected consequences.

***The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks* - Lockhart, E. (T)**

Sophomore Frankie starts dating senior Matthew Livingston, but when he refuses to talk about the all-male secret society that he and his friends belong to, Frankie infiltrates the society in order to enliven their mediocre pranks.

***We Were Liars* - Lockhart, E. (T, S, E)**

Spending the summers on her family's private island off the coast of Massachusetts with her cousins and a special boy named Gat, teenaged Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer.

***Double Digit* - Monaghan, Annabel (T)**

Sequel to *A Girl Named Digit*

Digit attends MIT, where she hopes to lead a normal life. But Jonas Furnace, the ecoterrorist she foiled before, knows where she is, and he's gunning for her.

***Witch Child* - Rees, Celia (T)**

In 1659, fourteen-year-old Mary Newbury keeps a journal of her voyage from England to the New World and her experiences living as a witch in a community of Puritans near Salem, Massachusetts.

***A Break with Charity* - Rinaldi, Ann (T)**

Also try: *The Last Full Measure*

While waiting for a church meeting in 1706, Susanna English, daughter of a wealthy Salem merchant, recalls the malice, fear, and accusations of witchcraft that tore her village apart in 1692.

***What My Girlfriend Doesn't Know* - Sones, Sonya (T)**

Sequel to *What My Mother Doesn't Know*

Fourteen-year-old Robin Murphy is so unpopular at high school that his name is slang for "loser," and so when he begins dating the beautiful and popular Sophie her reputation plummets, but he finds acceptance as a student in a drawing class at Harvard.

***The Language Inside* - Thompson, Holly (T)**

Raised in Japan, American-born tenth-grader Emma is disconcerted by a move to Massachusetts for her mother's breast cancer treatment, because half of Emma's heart remains with her friends recovering from the tsunami.

***Love & Lies: Marisol's Story* - Wittlinger, Ellen (T)**

When Marisol, a self-confident eighteen-year-old lesbian, moves to Cambridge, Massachusetts to try to write a novel, she falls under the spell of her beautiful but deceitful writing teacher, while befriending a shy, vulnerable girl from Indiana.

**More Massachusetts books?
Check out these authors!**

Children's

Alcott, Louisa May (*Little Women* series) (J)
Clements, Andrew (*Keepers of the School* series) (J)
Langton, Jane (*The Hall Family Chronicles*) (J)
Riiser, John H. (*Fenway Fever*) (J)

Adults

Craig, Philip R. (*Martha's Vineyard* mysteries) (A)
Hilderbrand, Elin (*The Castaways* & more!) (A, E)
Hill, Joe (*Locke & Key* series) (AG)
Landay, William (*Defending Jacob*) (A, E)
Lehane, Dennis (*Shutter Island*) (A, S, M)
Thayer, Nancy (*Heat Wave* & more!) (A, S)

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