

# Adult Books for Teens

Every year, the Young Adult Library Services Association of the USA selects ten adult books that appeal to teen readers. These books receive the Alex Award. Here is a selection (except where noted, all are available in the adult collections):

## Fiction

Card, Orson Scott



### **Ender's Shadow**

Call it a parallel novel; call it a companion. Call it sf; call it adventure. No matter what it's called, this exciting novel is what fans of Ender's Game have been waiting for.

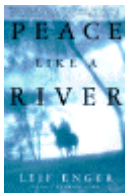
Chevalier, Tracy



### **The Girl with a Pearl Earring**

Griet is the girl with a pearl earring painted by Vermeer, a famous Dutch artist. As the story unfolds, Griet is only sixteen and a servant in the household of the painter himself. See the DVD too – with Scarlet Johansson stars as Griet and Colin Firth as Vermeer.

Enger, Leif



### **Peace like a River**

Life turns upside down for the Land family when Davy, the oldest son, kills two intruders who plan to harm the family. After Davy breaks out of jail, the Lands leave their home and set out to find him.

Haddon, Mark



### **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time**

Christopher, an autistic math whiz, takes his life too literally and can't relate to others. Inspired by Sherlock Holmes, he investigates the death of his neighbour's dog and unravels secrets closer to home.  
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Hosseini, Khaled

**The Kite Runner**

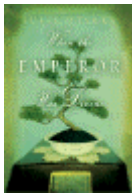
Set amid the destruction of contemporary Afghanistan, this debut novel follows two boys, linked by love, lies, sacrifice, and betrayal, whose friendship endures, despite different life paths.



Niffenegger, Audrey

**The Time Traveler's Wife**

In this arresting debut romance, Henry travels through time and space and meets his bride Clare in all her stages of life, from childhood to old age.



Otsuka, Julie

**When the Emperor Was Divine**

A Japanese-American family, forced to move to cramped, humiliating detention camps set up by the American government, returns home after WWII to find suspicious neighbors and a vandalized house.



Packer, Anne

**The Dive from Clausen's Pier**

A reckless attempt to impress Carrie, Mike's dive off a pier rendered him paralysed. Now Carrie finds herself torn between the loyalty she's expected to feel toward Mike and her need to transform herself.



Picoult, Jodi

**My Sister's Keeper: a novel**

13-year-old Anna knows that she was conceived in order to provide organs and other life support for her sick sister. After enduring multiple surgeries, she sues her parents for the rights to her own body.



Strauss, Darin

**Chang and Eng: A Novel**

Conjoined brothers, Chang and Eng, were sideshow celebrities. This is the story of their lives, both as individuals and as one. The emotional as well as the physical effects on the brothers is fascinating.



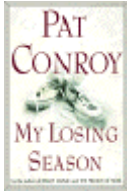
Winspear, Jacqueline

**Maisie Dobbs**

In post WWI London, Maisie takes her first case as a private investigator and experiences flashbacks to her modest upbringing and doomed wartime romance.

This is a unique historical mystery.

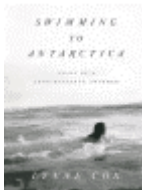
## Non-fiction



Conroy, Pat

**My Losing Season**

Conroy explores the profound effect of his final year as a point guard for the Citadel's basketball team and his love-hate relationship with the school.



Cox, Lynn

**Swimming to Antarctica: Tales of a Long-Distance Swimmer**

A long-distance swimmer describes her record-setting swims in the icy waters of the Bering Strait and Antarctica. An inspiring story of personal achievement and determination.



Krakauer, Jon

**Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster**

Only a handful of people have stood atop Everest. Krakauer is one of them, but the story he tells is not of triumph. Rather, it is a true account of survival and death that will grab you from the first page.



Satrapi, Marjane

**Persepolis & Persepolis 2**

In graphic novel format, the author describes her youth in revolutionary Iran. From the overthrow of the Shah to the establishment of the new regime, she witnesses heartbreak and struggle. In Persepolis 2, her struggles adjusting to a different culture as a student in Vienna are documented. **YA Graphics**