Books that run the gamut from prison reform to how to be beautiful by using inexpensive items such as avocados, food coloring and vaseline are included on this year's annual list "Best Books for Young Adults -- 1973."

Even teens are nostalgic as exemplified by Joyce Maynard's Looking Back: A Chronicle of Growing Up Old in the Sixties. But the list also reflects young people's concern with contemporary problems such as the plight of the American Indian, mental illness, women's liberation, right to life or death, drugs and the rock scene.

Also, for the first time the list will have a cover designed by a high school student.

The selection committee consists of the following: Barbara Duree, The Booklist; Mary Flournoy, Office for Work with Adults and Young Adults, Free Library of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Louvan Gearin, Librarian, Steger Junior High School, Webster Groves, Missouri; Ann Martin, Sylmar Branch Library, Sylmar, California; Rose Moorachian, Readers Advisor for Young Adults, Boston Public Library, Massachusetts; Eleanor Pourron, Young Adult Supervisor, Arlington County Department of Libraries, Virginia; Mrs. Leila-Jane Roberts, Head Librarian, Winchester Public Library, Massachusetts; Mrs. Julia Russell, Young Adult Services Consultant, Nassau Library System, Garden City, New York; Susan Tait, Seattle Public Library, Seattle, Washington; and the chairman, Eileen E. Burgess, Assistant
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BEST BOOKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS 1973

The annual list of books compiled by a committee of the Young Adult Services Division of the American Library Association consists of 34 titles of proven or potential interest to young adults. The books were selected on the basis of young adult appeal; they meet acceptable standards of literary merit and provide a variety of subjects for different reading tastes as well as a broad range of reading levels.

A sporting proposition, James Aldridge. Little. 5.95
Katie, Kelly and Heck, Jack Hickham. Doubleday. 4.95
Girls are equal too, Dale Carlson. Atheneum. 6.25
Home to the wilderness, Sally Carrighar. Houghton. 7.95
Journey to Ixtlan, Carlos Castaneda. Simon & Schuster. 6.95
A hero ain't nothin' but a sandwich, Alice Childress. Coward. 5.95
Rendezvous with Rama, Arthur Clarke. Harcourt. 6.95
Thirteen: the flight that failed, Henry Cooper, Jr. Dial. 5.95
Good-bye to an old friend, Brian Freemantle. Putnam. 6.95
Buried alive, Myra Friedman. Morrow. 7.95
My house, Nikki Giovanni. Morrow. 5.95
Ward 402, Ronald Glasser. Braziller. 6.95
For those I loved, Martin Gray and Max Gallo. Little. 8.95
A private treason: a German memoir, Ingrid Greenburger. Little. 7.95
The friends, Rosa Guy. Holt. 5.95
To my brother who did a crime: former prisoners tell their stories in their own words, Barbara Habenstreit. Doubleday. 4.95.
Hatter Fox, Marilyn Harris. Random House. 5.95.
Dance hall of the dead, Tony Hillerman. Harpers & Row. 5.95

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The cowboy and the cossack, Clair Huffaker. Trident. 7.95.

An unsuitable job for a woman, P. D. James. Scribners. 5.95.

Mother Nature's beauty cupboard, Donna Lawson. Crowell. 4.95.

Sex and birth control. James E. Lieberman and Ellen Peck. Crowell. 5.95.

The very nearest room, Jane Logan. Scribner. 6.95.

Serpico, Peter Maas. Viking. 7.95.

Looking back: a chronicle of growing up old in the sixties, Joyce Maynard.

Doubleday. 5.95.

Witch, Barbara Michaels. Dodd, Mead. 6.95.

If I die in combat zone: box me up and ship me home, Tim O'Brien. Delacorte. 5.95.

A day no pigs would die, Robert Peck. Knopf. 4.95.

Survive the savage sea, Dougal Robertson. Praeger, 7.95.

A woman named Solitude, Andre Schwarz-Bart. Atheneum. 5.95.

The hollow hills, Mary Stewart. Morrow, 7.95.

Clemente! Kal Wagenheim. Praeger. 6.95.

The summer before, Patricia Windsor. Harpers & Row. 4.79

Woodstock craftman's manual, # 2, Jean Young. Praeger. 10.00

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