

Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults 1997

YALSA is pleased to announce the arrival of Popular Paperbacks! In its first year, the YALSA Popular Paperbacks Committee has produced five topical booklists for young adults ages twelve to eighteen:

Books for the Soul

Going Alternative : Graphic Novels and Picture Books

Lesbian/Gay Tales

Multicultural Fiction

The Stories of Our Lives

Popular Paperbacks is a reincarnation of the topic committees, but broader in scope. Since the topic booklists were still current, the committee decided to tackle five topics of interest to a variety of teens in lieu of any specific topic.

Books for the Soul

Part of a young adult's growth often includes soul searching. These books were selected to both inspire a young adult and to offer a look into some of the different religions of the world.

Anaya, Rudolfo. **Bless Me, Ultima** (Warner Books)

Anderson, Joan Wester. **Where Angels Walk** (Ballantine)

Bach, Richard. **Jonathan Livingston Seagull** (Avon Books)

Banks, Lynne Reid. **One More River** (Avon Books)

Chicken Soup for the Soul: 101 Stories to Open the Heart and Rekindle the Spirit. Ed. By Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen (Health Communications, Inc.)

Coman, Carolyn. **Tell Me Everything** (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

Craven, Margaret. **I Heard the Owl Call My Name** (Dell)

Dickinson, Peter. **Tulku** (Dell)

Hesse, Herman. **Siddhartha** (Fine Communications)

Highwater, Jamake. **Anpao: An American Indian Odyssey** (HarperCollins)

Holmes, Marjorie. **Two from Galilee** (Bantam)

Kerr, M.E. **Is That You, Miss Blue?** (HarperCollins)

Levitin, Sonia. **The Return** (Fawcett Book Group)

Meyer, Carolyn. **Gideon's People** (Harcourt Brace and Co.)

Nolan, Han. **Send Me Down a Miracle** (Harcourt Brace & Co.)

Oke, Janette. **Drums of Change** (Bethany House Publishers)

Paton, Alan. **Cry the Beloved Country** (Simon & Schuster)

Paulsen, Gary. **The Tent: A Parable in One Sitting** (Dell)

Peck, Richard. **The Last Safe Place on Earth** (Bantam Doubleday Dell)

Potok, Chaim. **The Chosen** (Fawcett Book Group)

Service, Pamela. **The Reluctant God** (Fawcett Book Group)

Temple, Frances. **The Ramsay Scallop** (HarperTrophy)

Werlin, Nancy. **Are You Alone on Purpose?** (Fawcett)

Wojtasik, Ted. **No Strange Fire** (Herald Press)

Yolen, Jane. **The Devil s Arithmetic** (Puffin Books)

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Going Alternative : Graphic Novels and Picture Books

Comics seem to remain a part of our lives no matter how old we are. This selection of graphic novels and picture books for young adults is meant to reach out to the kid looking for a little light reading.

Augustyn, Brian. Superman/Batman: Alternate Histories (DC Comics)

Balton, John and Ann Nocenti. Someplace Strange (Marvel)

Base, Graeme. Animalia (Viking Penguin)

Carlin, Michael. Star Trek: The Next Generation. Beginnings (DC Comics)

Davis, Jim. Babes and Bullets (Ballantine)

Gaiman, Neil . Sandman: The Dream Country (DC Comics)

Gaiman, Neil. Sandman: World s End (DC Comics)

Gonick, Larry. The Cartoon History of the Universe, Vol. 1-7 (Doubleday)

Hagenauer, George. The Big Book of Little Criminals (DC Comics)

Larson, Gary. Far Side Gallery 5 (Andrews and McMeel)

Michelinie, David. Spiderman - Invasion of the Spider Slayers (Marvel Comics)

Petrucha, Stefan. X-Files Collection (Topps Comics)

Posey, Carl. The Big Book of Weirdos (DC Comics)

Rieber, John. Books of Magic: Bindings (DC Comics)

Robinson, James. The Golden Age (DC Comics)

Scieszka, John. The Frog Prince Continued (Puffin)

Scieszka, John. The Stinky Cheese Man & Other Fairly Stupid Tales (Viking Children s Books)

Spiegelman, Art. Maus: A Survivor s Tale, Vol. 1-2 (Pantheon)

Talbot, Bryan. The Tale of One Bad Rat (Dark Horse Comics)

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Lesbian/Gay Tales

One of the most significant things young adults do is to face their sexuality. For the lesbian, gay, or bisexual teen that is often made more traumatic both by society's often negative attitude and the lack of information easily located. This list is meant to help these young adults come to positive terms with their sexuality.

Am I Blue?: Coming Out From the Silence. Ed by Marion Dane Bauer (HarperCollins Children's Books)

Block, Francesca Lia. Weetzie Bat (HarperCollins)

Brett, Catherine. S.P. Likes A.D. (LPC/InBook)

Chambers, Aiden. Dance on My Grave (HarperCollins Children's Books)

Donovan, Stacey. Dive (Puffin Books)

Fox, Paula. Eagle Kite (Dell)

Fricke, Aaron. Reflections of a Rock Lobster: A Story About Growing Up Gay (Alyson Publications)

Futcher, Jane. Crush (Alyson Publications)

Garden, Nancy. Annie on My Mind (Farrar, Straus, and Giroux)

Homes, A.M.. Jack (Random House)

Kerr, M.E. Deliver Us From Evie (HarperTrophy)

Miller, Isabel. Patience and Sarah (Fawcett)

Mullins, Hilary. The Cat Came Back (Naiad Press)

Murrow, Liza Ketchum . Twelve Days in August (Avon Books)

Nelson, Theresa. Earthshine (Dell)

Scoppettone, Sandra. Everything You Have is Mine (Ballantine)

Scoppettone, Sandra. Trying Hard to Hear You (Alyson Publications)

Shannon, George. Unlived Affections (Alyson Publications)

Wieler, Diana. Bad Boy (Publishers Group West)

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Multicultural Fiction

The world is smaller than we think. These stories of teens both in other countries or living within a distinct culture in the U.S. show that many of the struggles of young adults are universal. The stories also give insight into how the lives of teens of other cultures may be different.

Alvarez, Julia. **How The Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents** (NAL/Dutton)

Bertrand, Diane Gonzales. **Sweet Fifteen** (Arte Publico)

Choi, Sook Nyul. **Year of Impossible Goodbyes** (Dell)

Cisneros, Sandra. **The House on Mango Street** (Random)

Cofer, Judith Ortiz. **An Island Like You** (Viking Penguin)

Crew, Linda. **Children of the River** (Bantam Doubleday Dell)

Farmer, Nancy. **The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm** (Puffin Books)

Garland, Sherry . **Shadow of the Dragon** (Harcourt Brace & Co.)

Garland, Sherry. **Song of the Buffalo Boy** (Harcourt Brace & Co.)

Gordon, Sheila. **Waiting for the Rain** (Bantam Doubleday Dell)

Johnson, Angela. **Toning the Sweep** (Scholastic)

Lee, Marie G. **Finding My Voice** (Dell)

Meyer, Carolyn. **Drummers of Jericho** (Harcourt Brace & Co.)

Meyer, Carolyn. **Where the Broken Heart Still Beats** (Harcourt Brace & Co.)

Myers, Walter Dean. **The Glory Field** (Scholastic)

Pullman, Philip. **The Broken Bridge** (Random)

Rinaldi, Ann. **Wolf by the Ears** (Scholastic)

Staples, Suzanne F. **Shabanu, Daughter of the Wind** (Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers)

Tan, Amy. **The Joy Luck Club** (Ivy Books)

Temple, Frances. **Taste of Salt: A Story of Modern Haiti** (HarperCollins)

Woodson, Jacqueline. **I Hadn t Meant to Tell You This** (Bantam Doubleday Dell)

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The Stories of Our Lives

This selection of biographies, autobiographies and diaries reaches out to the interest young adults have in other people s lives. The committee looked for role models, peers, historical figures, and other people with whom young adults could identify.

Bode, Janet and Stan Mack. **Heartbreak and Roses** (Bantam Doubleday Dell)

Bruce, Harry. **Maud: The Life of L.M. Montgomery** (Bantam)

Cary, Lorene. **Black Ice** (David McKay Co.)

Filipovic, Zlata. **Zlata s Diary** (Viking Penguin)

Holliday, Laurel. **Children in the Holocaust and World War II: Their Secret Diaries** (Pocket Books)

Houston, Jeanne Wakatsuki and James D. Houston. **Farewell to Manzanar** (Bantam)

Hunter, Latoya. **The Diary of Latoya Hunter: My First Year in Junior High** (Random House)

It Happened to Nancy: A True Story from the Diary of a Teenager. Ed. By Beatrice Sparks (Avon)

Louganis, Greg and Eric Marcus. **Breaking the Surface** (NAL/Dutton)

McCall, Nathan. **Makes Me Wanna Holler: A Young Black Man in America** (Random House)

Paulsen, Gary. **Eastern Sun, Winter Moon: An Autobiographical Odyssey** (Harcourt Brace & Co.)

Salzman, Mark. **Lost in Place: Growing Up Absurd in Suburbia** (Random House)

Schiller, Lori and Amanda Bennett. **The Quiet Room: A Journey Out of the Torment of Madness** (Warner Books)

Thornton, Yvonne S. **The Ditchdigger s Daughters: A Black Family s Astonishing Success Story** (NAL/Dutton)

Williams, Gregory Howard. **Life on the Color Line: The True Story of a White Boy Who Discovered He Was Black** (NAL/Dutton)

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Popular Paperbacks were selected by a committee of the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association.

The complete list of 1997 Popular Paperbacks can be found in *ALA's Guide to Best Reading 1997*, an interdepartmental project of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), divisions of the American Library Association, and *Booklist*, a publication of the American Library Association.