

## 2001 Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

The Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults Committee, sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) of the American Library Association (ALA), announces its 2001 selections finalized at the ALA Midwinter Meeting, held January 12-17 in Washington, D.C. This year's committee focused on four subject areas: Paranormal, Cowboys and Pioneers, Laugh Aloud and Poetry. The committee's Paranormal list contains 16 works of fiction and non-fiction addressing the supernatural; Cowboys and Pioneers contains 22 books with a Western feel; Laugh Aloud comprises 25 fiction titles that range from a snicker to a guffaw; and the Poetry list contains 22 wildly variant works, including collections, single-author works and how-tos.

Bill Stack, committee chair, was enthusiastic about the selections. "I am very pleased with the quality of the titles chosen and the variety of the styles and authors represented."

The members of the 2000 - 2001 Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults committee are: Sarah Dentan, co-chair, Berkeley, Calif.; Stack, co-chair, Queens, N.Y.; Emily Dagg, Seattle, Wash.; Rhonda Roth Glazier, Emporia, Kan; Shari L. Johnson, Pearl River, N.Y.; Brenda S. Kilmer, Miami, Fla.; Eileen M. Kuhl, Baltimore, Md.; Barbra Meisenheimer, Vancouver, Wash.; Michael G. Pawuk, Brooklyn, Ohio; Nancy Reich, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gail A. Richmond, San Diego, Calif.; Dawn M. Rutherford, Bellvue, Wash.; Tricia A. Suellentrop, Kansas City, Mo.; Sally M. Thompson, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Reed Williams, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Susan Raboy, administrative assistant, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Humor (<http://www.missingkids.com/cybertip/#humor>) || Paranormal || Poetry || Western

Adams, Douglas. **The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy**. 1995. Ballantine, \$6.99 (0-345-39180-2). Arthur is plucked from earth to take part in unparalleled cosmic adventures.

Bauer, Joan. **Rules of the Road**. 2000. Puffin. \$4.99 (0-698-11828-6). Jenna, a teen shoe sales phenom, takes a road trip with her boss, old Mrs. Gladstone.

Clark, Catherine. **Truth or Dairy**. 2000. Avon, \$6.95 (0-380-81443-9). Courtney's amusing adventures working in a health food ice cream snack shop.

Creech, Sharon. **Absolutely Normal Chaos**. 1997 HarperCollins, \$5.95 (0-064-40632-6). Mary Lou's diary reveals a summer of romance and intrigue.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963**. 1997. Bantam, \$5.99 (0-440-41412-1). Kenny's family takes a wild road trip to straighten out his older brother.

Danziger, Paula. **This Place Has No Atmosphere**. 1989 Bantam, \$3.99 (0-440-40205-0). Moving to a new school is the worst...especially when it's on the moon.

Davis, Donald. **Barking at a Fox-Fur Coat**. 1991. August House, \$12.95 (0-874-83140-7). Whoppers about growing up in rural North Carolina.

Fleischman, Paul. **A Fate Totally Worse Than Death**. 1997. Candlewick, \$4.99 (0-763-60242-6). Beauty, popularity, and money are no match for the ravishing Helga.

Goldman, William. **Princess Bride: S. Morgenstern's Classic Tale of True Love and High Adventure**. 1990. Ballantine, \$6.99 (0-345-34803-6).

Westley battles everything, including death, to be reunited with his true love Buttercup.

Hayes, Daniel. **Flyers**. 1998. Aladdin, \$4.50 (0-689-80373-7).

Amateur film maker creates a swamp monster and uncovers a mystery.

Howe, Norma. **Adventures of Blue Avenger**. 2000. Harper Tempest, \$6.95 (0-064-47225-6).

Dave becomes a superhero to rescue underdogs and solve complex problems.

Koertge, Ron. **Confess-O-Rama**. 1998. Laurel-Leaf, \$4.50 (0-440-22713-5).

Three wacky artists foil Tony's plan to keep a low profile at his new school.

Korman, Gordon. **The Chicken Doesn't Skate**. 1998. Scholastic, \$4.50 (0-590-85301-5).

A doomed chicken, part of a science fair project, becomes the mascot for the school hockey team.

Korman, Gordon. **Losing Joe's Place**. 1993. Scholastic, \$3.99 (0-590-42769-5).

Jason and his two best friends sublet his older brother's apartment and that's when the trouble begins.

Larson, Gary. **There's a Hair in My Dirt! A Worm's Story** 1999. HarperCollins, \$ 9.95 (0-060-93274-0).

A young worm gets a lesson in life and ecology from his wise father.

Nodelman, Perry. **Behaving Bradley**. 2000. Aladdin, \$4.99 (0-689-83093-9) Bradley narrates the absurdities of his attempts to change the high school Code of Conduct.

Paulsen, Gary. **The Schernoff Discoveries**. 1998. Yearling, \$4.50 (0-440-41463-6).

When Harold and his buddy team up to put their scientific theories to the test, nothing goes according to plan.

Peck, Richard. **A Long Way From Chicago: A Novel in Stories**. 2000. Puffin, \$4.99 (0-141-30352-2).

Joey and Alice are surprised by the crazy antics of their "respectable" grandmother.

Pinkwater, Jill. **Buffalo Brenda**. 1992 Aladdin, \$3.95 (0-689-71586-2).

Brenda and India Ink turn Florence High upside down with their underground school newspaper and unique school mascot.

Pratchett, Terry. **Men at Arms: A Novel of Discworld**. 1997. Harper Paperbacks, \$6.50 (0-061-09219-3).

Can this rag-tag band of trolls, dwarfs, and "humans" solve a series of murders in the city?

Sleator, William. **Oddballs**. 1995. Puffin, \$4.99 (0-140-37438-8).

You think your family was weird?

Spinelli, Jerry. **Who Put That Hair in My Toothbrush?** 2000. Little, \$5.95 (0-316-80687-0).

Can a family survive when siblings declare war?

Strasser, Todd. **How I Spent My Last Night on Earth**. 2000. Aladdin, \$4.99 (0-689-82287-1).

Legs and her friends try to have the ultimate last day before a giant asteroid destroys Earth.

Welter, John. **I Want to Buy a Vowel: A Novel of Illegal Alienation**. 1997. Berkley, \$6.99 (0-425-16081-5).

A "Wheel of Fortune" educated illegal immigrant's fate becomes entwined with a teenage wanna-be Satanist and two little girls who like to dig up old bones.

Wrede, Patricia. **Dealing With Dragons**. 1992. Scholastic Point, \$3.25 (0-590-45722-5).

When a bored princess runs away to find excitement, a powerful and dangerous dragon more than fulfills her wishes.

Abadie, M. J. **The Everything Tarot Book : Discover Your Past, Present, and Future : It's in the Cards!** 1999. Adams Media Corporation, \$12.95 (1-580-62191-0).  
Discover your past, present, and future: it's in the cards.

Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia. **In the Forests of the Night.** 2000. Laureleaf, \$4.99(0-440-22816-6).  
Risika, one of the undead seeks her revenge.

Avi. **Devil's Race.** 1995. HarperTrophy, \$4.95 (0-064-40586-9).  
John is tormented. Is a demon present?

Berry, Liz. **The China Garden.** 1999 Avon, \$6.99 (0-380-73228-9).  
Psychic ability unravels the past.

Clark, Jerome. **Unexplained! : Strange Sightings, Incredible Occurrences & Puzzling Physical Phenomena.** 1998. Visible Ink Press, \$19.95 (1-578-59070-1).  
Strange things happen!

Coleman, Loren and Jerome Clark. **Cryptozoology A to Z: The Encyclopedia of Loch Monsters, Sasquatch, Chupacabras, and Other Authentic Mysteries of Nature.** 1999. Fireside, \$13.00 (0-684-85602-6) Wierdness at your fingertips.

Duncan, Lois. **The Third Eye.** 1991. Laurel Leaf, \$4.99 (0-440-98720-2).  
Psychic powers: gift or curse?

Hahn, Mary Downing. **Look For Me By Moonlight.** 1997 Flare, \$4.50 (0-380-72703-X).  
Charmed by a mysterious stranger.

Kurland, Michael. **Complete Idiot's Guide to Unsolved Mysteries.** 2000. MacMillan Distribution, \$16.95 (0-028-63843-3).  
DUH!

Moench, Doug. **The Big Book of the Unexplained.** 1997 DC Comics, \$14.95 (1-563-89254-5).  
Graphic approach to the paranormal.

Norman, Michael. **Historic Haunted America.** 1999. Tor Books, \$7.99 (0-812-56436-7).  
Ghost stories from 50 states.

Reid, Lori. **The Art of Hand Reading.** 1999. D.K. Publishers Merchandise, \$13.95 (0-789-44837-8).  
Self-knowledge in the palm of your hand.

Reiss, Kathryn. **Time Windows.** 2000. Harcourt, \$6.00 (0-1520-2399-2).  
The evil influence of an antique dollhouse.

Sleator, William. **The Boxes.** 2000. Puffin, \$4.99 (0-141-30810-9).  
Could you resist the temptation?

Starwoman, Athena. **How to Turn Your Ex-Boyfriend into a Toad & Other Spells : For Love, Wealth, Beauty and Revenge.** 1996. HarperCollins, \$11.00 (0-732-25709-3).  
Solve your problems.

Windsor, Patricia. **The Blooding.** 1999. Point, \$4.50 (0-590-43308-3).  
Summer turns deadly!

Berman, David. **Actual Air Poems**. 1999. Open City Books, \$12.95 (1-890-44704-8).

Wry, witty and occasionally creepy.

**Cool Salsa: Bilingual Poems on Growing Up Latino in the United States**. Edited by Lori M. Carlson. 1995. Fawcett Juniper, \$4.95 (0-449-70436-X).

A fiesta of colors and flavors.

**The Essential Haiku: versions of Basho, Buson and Issa**. Edited by Robert Hass 1995. Ecco. (0-880-01351-6).

Experience the masters.

Fletcher, Ralph J. **Room Enough for Love: The Complete Poems of I Am Wings and Buried Alive**.

1998. Aladdin Paperbacks, \$4.99 paper (0-689-81976-5).

Falling in and out of love.

Forman, Ruth. **We are the Young Magicians**. 1993. Beacon Press, \$15.00 (0-807-06821-7).

Growing up young, urban and black.

Gingsberg, Allen. **Howl and other Poems**. 1991. City Lights Books, \$5.95 (0-872-86017-5).

Crazy beatnik poetry.

Glenn, Mel. **Who Killed Mr. Chippendale?** 1999. Puffin, \$5.99 (0-140-38513-4).

You decide ...

**The Haiku Year**. Edited by Michael Stipe 1998. Soft Skull Press, \$11.00 (1-887-12825-5).

Haiku from the edge.

Hughes, Langston. **The Dream Keeper**. Illustrated by Brian Pinkney. 1996. Alfred A. Knopf, \$7.99 (0-679-88347-9).

Powerfully simple.

**I Am the Darker Brother: An Anthology of Modern Poems by African Americans**. Edited by Arnold Adoff Illustrated by Benny Andrews. With an Introduction by Nikki Giovanni. 1997 Aladdin Paperbacks, \$4.99 (0-689-80869-0).

Many times, Many voices.

**I Wouldn't Thank You for a Valentine: Poems for Young Feminists**. Edited by Carol Ann Duffy 1997.

Henry Holt \$6.95 (0-805-05545-2).

Girl poems that kick...

Issa, Kobayashi. **Inch by Inch: 45 Haiku by Issa**. 1999. La Alameda Press, \$12.00 (1-888-80913-2).

In English and Japanese.

**Listen Up! : Spoken Word Poetry**. Edited by Zoe Anglesey 1999. One World, \$12.50 (0-345-42897-8).

Nine lives, nine voices.

**Movin: Teen Poets Take Voice**. Edited By Dave Johnson 2000. Orchard Books, \$6. (9-505-3107171-5).

Ear catching.

**The Pain Tree: and Other Teenage Angst-Ridden Poetry**. Illustrated by Esther Watson and Mark Todd. 2000. Houghton Mifflin Company, \$6.96 (0-618-04758-1).

Dramatic. Despairing. Hopeful?

Perdomo, Willie **Where a Nickel Cost a Dime** . 1996. W.W. Norton and Company, \$14.95 (0-393-31383-2).  
In a powerful mix of love and fear, rage and tenderness, verse and prose.

**A Rock Against the Wind: African American Poems and Letter of Love and Passion.** Edited by Lindsay Patterson. 1996. Perigee, \$12.00 (0-399-51982-3).  
Vision of Love and Lust.

**Slam.** Edited by Cecily Von Ziegesar. 2000. Alloy Books \$5.99 (0-141-30919-9).  
Poetry out loud!

Soto, Gary. **Neighborhood Odes.** 1994. Point, \$4.50 (0-590-47335-2).  
Sights, smells and sounds.

Taylor, Clark. **The House that Crack Built.** Illustrated by Jan Thompson Dicks. 1992. Chronicle Books, \$6.95 (0-811-80123-3).  
Powerful beat depicts a harsh reality.

Wakan, Naomi. **Haiku: One Breath Poetry.** 1997. Heian International Publishing Company, \$8.95 (0-893-46846-0).  
Inspiring instruction.

**Word Up! Hope for Youth Poetry from El Centro De La Raza.** Edited by Raza. Anglesey, 1992. El Centro De La Raza, \$12.95 (0-963-32751-8).  
Urban Teen reach out.

Bradford, Richard. **Red Sky at Morning.** 1999. Harper Perennial, \$13.00 (0-060-93190-6).  
Green horn meets the wild west.

Brand, Max. **Destry Rides Again.** 1991. Pocket Books, \$2.95 (0-671-73543-8).  
Vengeance is a two-way street. . . so is romance.

Ellison, Suzanne Pierson. **The Last Warrior.** 1997. Rising Moon Press, \$7.95 (0-873-58679-4).  
A Chiricahua Apache is caught between two worlds.

Freedman, Russell. **Cowboys of the Wild West.** 1990. Clarion, \$9.95 (0-395-54800-4).  
An illustrated look at the trail-driving cowhands of the late 19th century.

Hahn, Mary Downing. **Gentleman Outlaw and Me-Eli: a Story of the Old West.** 1997. Morrow/Avon, \$4.99 (0-380-72883-40 Eliza disguised as a boy searches for her father with the questionable help of the "Gentleman Outlaw."

Halvorson, Marilyn. **Cowboys Don't Cry.** 1998. Stoddart Kids, \$5.95 (0-773-67429-2).  
Shane and his dad, a failed rodeo star, start a new life.

Hillerman, Tony. **Dance Hall of the Dead.** 1990. HarperTrade, \$6.50 (0-061-00002-7).  
Was a Zuni boy ritualistically slaughtered by his Navajo best friend?

Karr, Kathlee. **The Great Turkey Walk.** 2000. Sunburst, \$4.95 (0-374-42798-4).  
Simon foils his scalawag of a father while herding 1000 turkeys from Missouri to Denver.

L'Amour, Louis. **Daybreakers**(The Sacketts, No. 5) . 1998. Bantam Books, \$4.50 (0-553-27674-3).  
The Sackett brothers struggle to bring law and justice to the west.

Lasky, Kathryn. **Alice Rose and Sam**. 1999. Hypersion Paperbacks for Children, \$4.50 (0-786-81222-2).  
Sam Clemens (aka Mark Twain) aids Alice Rose in solving a mining town mystery.

Laxalt, Robert. **Dust Devils**. 1997. University of Nevada Press, \$16.00 (0-874-17300-0).  
A rodeo rider pursues the rustlers of his prized Arabian with the help of his Paiute best friend.

McMurtry, Larry. **Lonesome Dove**. 1991. Pocket Books, \$7.99 (0-671-68390-X).  
Epic story of a Montana trail drive.

Michener, James A. **Centennial**. 1994 Fawcett Books, \$7.99 (0-449-21419-2).  
Colorado's epic story.

Myers, Walter Dean. **The Righteous Revenge of Artemis Bonner**. 1994 HarperCollins Children's Books, \$4.95 (0-064-40462-5).  
Hilarious misadventures on the trail of gold and a murderer.

Paulsen, Gary. **The Haymeadow**. Illustrated by Ruth Wright Paulsen. 1994. Yearling Books, \$4.99 (0-440-40923-3).  
Alone, John is forced to survive the wrath of nature and a herd of sheep.

Peck, Robert Newton. **Cowboy Ghost**. 2000. HarperCollins Children's Books, \$4.95 (0-064-40750-0).  
Titus has to prove he's a man, but not in his father's image...

Reaver, Chap. **A Little Bit Dead**. 1994. Dell Publishing Company, \$3.99 (0-440-21910-8).  
Reece does the right thing when he saves a Native American from being lynched.

Riefe, Barbara. **Against All Odds: The Lucy Scott Mitchum Story**. 2000. Tor Books, \$5.99 (0-812-55522-8).  
Lucy's dangerous adventures on a wagon train bound for California.

Savage, Candace. **Cowgirls**. 1996. Ten Speed Press, \$22.95 (0-898-15830-3).  
Traces the history of cowgirls from cattle ranches to Hollywood westerns.

Schaefer, Jack. **Shane**. 1983. Bantam Starfire, \$5.99 (0-553-27110-5).  
Can gunfighter Shane leave his past behind?

Watson, Larry. **Montana 1948**. 1993, Pocket Books, \$12.00 (0-671-50703-6).  
Scandal forever changes David's family.

Wister, Owen. **The Virginian**. 1998. Forge, \$4.99 (0-812-58040-0).  
White hats vs. black hats.