

## **YALSA - For Members Only 2003 Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults Annotated List**

The Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults Committee, sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) of the American Library Association (ALA), announced its 2003 selections finalized at the ALA Midwinter Meeting, held January 25 – 27 in Philadelphia. This year's committee produced four lists of selected titles. This year's lists are: Lock it, Lick it, Click it: Diaries, Letters and Email; Flights of Fantasy: Beyond Harry and Frodo; This Small World: a Glimpse of Many Cultures; and I've Got a Secret.

Lock it, Lick it, Click it: Diaries, Letters and Email are 25 stories told in the epistolary fashion. They cover a wide range of experiences, from historical to contemporary, including both the realistic and fantastic. Gail A. Richmond chaired this committee.

Flights of Fantasy: Beyond Harry and Frodo is a list born of love, created by a team of fantasy enthusiasts. Readers will find a great selection of 25 titles, including classics and hopefully some unexpected surprises. Chair Emily Dagg said "This list does not attempt to represent every significant author...this a mere smattering of our favorites."

This Small World: a Glimpse of Many Cultures are tales of teens from across the globe. Designed to give readers perspective, the 22 books on this list take place in countries from Afghanistan to Siberia. Bill Stack, chair, remarked "By showing amazing variety, the list is touching on the similarities we all share."

I've Got a Secret is a list created to bring out the curiosity of readers. Who isn't curious about the secrets of others, or doesn't have a secret or two of their own? Though dark topics abound in these 25 books, readers will be captivated and inspired by the strength shown in the characters they meet on this list. When asked for a quote, chair Tricia Suellentrop whispered, "I'd love to comment...but it's a secret."

Committee chair, Dawn Rutherford, had this to say about this year's lists: "I feel confident that teens will find these lists have much to offer, whether they are seeking a temporary escape or new ways to connect to the world around them."

The members of the 2002-2003 Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults committee are: Dawn M. Rutherford, chair, Young Adult Librarian, King County Library System, Seattle, WA; Emily Dagg, Teen Library Coordinator / Senior Young Adult Librarian, Denver Public Library, Denver, CO; Rhonda Roth Glazier, Emporia State University, William Allen White Library, Emporia, KS; Jonathan Hunt, Teacher, Golden View Elementary School, San Ramon, CA; Sally Leahey, Reference/Young Adult Services Librarian, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford, ME; Gay Ann Loesch, National Board Certified Teacher-Librarian, Independence High School, Charlotte, NC; Andrea R. Milano, Youth Librarian, Multnomah County Library, Hollywood Branch Library, Portland, OR; Michael G. Pawuk, Teen Librarian, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Brooklyn Branch, Brooklyn, OH; Tom K. Reynolds, Adult/Teen Librarian, Sno-Isle Regional Library System, Edmonds Branch, Edmonds, WA; Gail A. Richmond, Library Media Teacher, Scripps Ranch High School Library San Diego, CA; Lynn M. Rutan, Macatawa Bay School, Holland, MI; Amelia J. Shelley, Laramie County Library System, Cheyenne, WY; Bill Stack, Assistant Young Adult Coordinator, Queens Borough Public Library, New York City; Tricia Suellentrop, Young Adult Librarian, Johnson County Library, Overland Park, KS; Lisa Oldoski, administrative assistant, Puyallup Public Library, Puyallup, WA.

**Lock it, Lick it, Click it: Diaries, Letters and Email**

Alexander, Caroline **Mrs. Chippy's Last Expedition** 0-06-093261-9

The often forgotten 30th crew member tells his story.

Anonymous, **Go Ask Alice** 0-689-81785-1

An explicit tale of drug abuse and self-destruction.

Black, Jonah **The Black Book: Diary of a Teenage Stud** 0-06-440798-5

11th grade, take two.

Cabot, Meg **The Princess Diaries** 0-380-81402-1

Mia discovers her family is a royal pain.

Clark, Catherine **Wurst Case Scenario** 0-06-447287-6

It's hard to be a vegan in Wisconsin college town.

Danzinger Martin, Paula Ann M. **PS Longer Letter Later** 0-590-21311-3

Can penpals honestly stay best friends?

Easton, Kelly **The Life History of a Star** 0-689-85270-3

Love and loss in the 70's.

Flinn, Alex **Breathing Underwater** 0-06-447257-4

Journal of an abusive boyfriend.

Frank, Anne **The Diary of A Young Girl** 0-553-29698-1

A haunting voice of hope from the holocaust.

Grimes, Nikki **Jazmin's Notebook** 0-14-130702-1

Witnessing the rhythms of her street.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson **Don't You Dare Read This, Mrs. Dunphrey** 0-689-81543-3

Living a lie, writing the truth.

Hesse, Karen **Letters from Rifka** 0-14-036391-2

The long lonely journey of a young refugee.

Holmes, Barbara **Ware Letters to Julia** 0-06-447215-9

An aspiring teen author and a publisher mentor each other by mail.

Klise, Kate **Trial by Journal** 0-380-81672-5

Juvenile juror turns detective.

Kluger, Steve **Last Days of Summer** 0-380-79763-1

As hilarious, poignant, and foul-mouthed as baseball and Brooklyn can get.

Lee, Tanith **Wolf Tower** 0-14-230030-6

Claidi is lured away by a handsome stranger to a world beyond her imagination.

Lyons, Mary E. **Letters from a Slave Girl** 0-689-80015-0

In 1842 a North Carolina slave plots a daring escape.

Maxwell, Robin **The Secret Diary of Anne Boleyn** 0-684-84969-0

Young Queen Elizabeth I, uncovers her mother's legacy.

McCafferty, Megan **Sloppy Firsts** 0-609-80790-0

An uncensored look at Jessica Darling's complicated sophomore year.

Moriarty, Jaclyn **Feeling Sorry for Celia** 0-312-28736-4

Cryptic post-its, silly penpals, runaway friends.

Pfetzer, Mark **Within Reach** 0-14-130497-9

No obstacle is too big for this teenaged mountain climber.

Rees, Celia **Witch Child** 0-7636-1829-2

How long can Mary hide her true nature?

Rennison, Louise **Angus Thongs and Full-frontal Snogging** 0-06-447227-2

Just what you would expect from a girl who dresses up like an olive.

Stratton, Allan **Leslie's Journal** 1-55037-664-0

Shocking account of a relationship gone horribly wrong.

Tashjian, Janet **Tru Confessions** 0-590-96047-4

Tru dreams of being a television producer and making her disabled brother a star.

### **Flights of Fantasy: Beyond Harry and Frodo**

Anthony, Piers **On a Pale Horse** 0-345-33858-8

To kill death is to become him.

Barron, T.A. **The Lost Years of Merlin** 0-441-00668-X

Who am I? Where am I? What is this power of mine?

Bull, Emma **War for the Oaks** 0-7653-0034-6

A rock singer is drafted by faeries for war.

Busiek, Kurt **The Wizard's Tale** 1-56389-589-7

Soft-hearted Rumpel-Whisker is a total failure at being evil.

Card, Orson Scott **Seventh Son** 0-8125-3305-4

Alvin lives in a pioneer America where folk magic reigns.

Colfer, Eoin **Artemis Fowl** 0-7868-1707-0

Combine a twelve year old genius with underworld crime and magic, for a zany spy story.

de Lint, Charles **Jack of Kinrowan** 0-312-86959-2

Jackie Rowan discovers she can cross into the world of Faerie.

Duane, Diane **So You Want to Be a Wizard** 0-15-216250-X

New York teens discover they are wizards, just in time.

Eddings, David **Pawn of Prophecy** 0-345-33551-1

A farm boy finds himself on a quest of unparalleled magic and danger.

Gaiman, Neil **Stardust** 0-06-093471-9

Tristan will do anything to prove his love, even catch a falling star.

Jones, Diana Wynne **Howl's Moving Castle** 0-06-441034-X

Bizarre things happen to Sophie when the roving black castle arrives.

Jordan, Robert **Eye of the World** 0-8125-1181-6

The beginning of a massive epic.

Lackey, Mercedes **The Oathbound** 0-88677-414-4

A swordswoman and sorceress join forces in the land of Valdemar.

LeGuin, Ursula K. **A Wizard of Earthsea** 0-553-26250-5

Sparrowhawk had no idea what would happen when he cast that spell.

McKinley, Robin **Blue Sword** 0-14-130975-X

Only she can wield the legendary blade.

Morris, Gerald **Squire, His Knight, & His Lady** 0-440-22885-9

Terence, trusted squire of Sir Gawain, joins the knight on a deadly quest.

Nix, Garth **Sabriel** 0-06-447183-7

The daughter of a necromancer journeys into death seeking answers to her father's disappearance.

O'Shea, Pat **The Hounds of the Morrigan** 0-06-447205-1

The forces of good and evil battle over an ancient book.

Pierce, Meredith Ann **The Darkangel** 0-15-201768-2

Bridesmaid to the vampire.

Pierce, Tamora **Alanna** 0-614-28945-9

Alanna and her brother trade identities so she can train as a knight.

Pope, Elizabeth Marie **The Perilous Gard** 0-618-15073-0

Imprisoned in remote castle a girl finds her way into a labyrinth inhabited by Druids.

Pratchett, Terry **Carpe Jugulum** 0-06-102039-7

The king of Lancre makes a big mistake by inviting the vampires to come into his castle.

Pullman, Phillip **Golden Compass** 0-345-41335-0

Lyra and her alethiometer are pivotal players in a clash of universes.

Whalen Turner, Megan **The Thief** 0-14-038834-6

Gen's bragging about his great skills as a thief lands him in the king's prison.

Yolen, Jane **Dragon's Blood** 0-15-200866-7

Dreaming of being a dragon trainer a stable boy steals an egg.

### **This Small World: a Glimpse of Many Cultures**

Abelove, Joan **Go and Come Back** 0-14-130694-7

A young tribes woman conducts her own study of anthropologists in the Amazon jungle.

Atkin, S. Beth **Voices from the Fields** 0-316-05620-0

Latino youths share their hopes and hardships

Bagdasarian, Adam **The Forgotten Fire** 0-14-130694-7

After witnessing the slaughter of his family an Armenian teen struggles to survive the Turkish genocide of 1915.

Chambers, Veronica **Marisol and Magdalena** 0-7868-1304-0

Marisol returns to her homeland to find her father.

Chang, Pang-Mei "Natasha" **Bound Feet and Western Dress** 0-385-47964-6

A young woman searches for the story of her renegade aunt.

Ellis, Deborah **The Breadwinner** 0-88899-416-8

Under Taliban rule Parvana disguises herself as a boy to ensure the survival of her family

Hautzig, Esther **The Endless Steppe** 0-06-440577-X

Exiled during WWII, Esther finds hope and beauty.

Ho, Minfong **The Clay Marble** 0-374-41229-4

Growing up and making friends in a refuge camp.

Jiang, Ji-Li **Red Scarf Girl** 0-0644-6208-0

Young girl chronicles her involvement in the Cultural Revolution.

Joseph, Lynn **The Color of My Words** 0-064-47204-3

The writings of a twelve year old fuel political change in the Dominican Republic

Mazer, Anne **Walk in My World** 0-89255-249-2

Sixteen stories, sixteen cultures.

Namioka, Lensey **Ties That Bind, Ties That Break** 0-4404-599-3

A Chinese girl's big feet trample tradition

Namioka, Lensey **April and the Dragon Lady** 0-440-41599-3

Bridging the gap to Grandma.

Quintana, Anton **The Baboon King** 0-440-22907-3

A tribe of one.

Ryan, Pam Munoz **Esperanza Rising** 0-439-12042-X

A riches to rags story of a pampered Mexican teen forced to become a migrant worker.

Soto, Gary **Pacific Crossing** 0-15-259188-5

Latino teens attend martial arts camp in Japan.

Staples, Suzanne Fisher **Haveli** 0-679-86569-1

Teenage third wife protects her daughter from family feuds.

Staples, Suzanne Fisher **Shiva's Fire** 0-06-440979-1

Can't stop dancing.

Ung, Loung **First They Killed My Father** 0-06-093138-8

A survivor of Pol Pot's brutal regime speaks.

Vijayaraghavan, Vineeta **Motherland** 1-56947-283-1

An American teen returns to India.

Yamanaka, Lois-Ann **Name Me Nobody** 0-7868-1466-7

Softball, sweethearts and slang in Hawaii.

Yumoto, Kazumi **The Friends** 0-440-41446-6

Three Japanese boys curious about death begin stalking an old man ...waiting for him to die.

### **I've Got a Secret**

Alphin, Elaine Marie **Counterfeit Son** 0-14-230147-7

Serial killer's son assumes a victims life.

Anderson, Laurie Halse **Speak** 0-141-31088-X  
She's not talking.

Billingsley, Franny **Folk Keeper** 0-689-84461-1  
Someone has to feed the Evil.

Bunting, Eve **Blackwater** 0-06-440890-6  
If Brodie is a hero why does he feel so guilty?

Carroll, Jenny **Shadowland** 0-671-78791-8  
Dead people bug me.

Cooney, Caroline B. **Driver's Ed** 0-440-21981-7  
Stupid mistakes can kill.

Cormier, Robert **Fade** 0-440-21091-7  
Invisibility: gift or curse?

Creech, Sharon **The Wanderer** 0-06-441032-3  
Family secrets rock the boat.

Deaver, Julia Reece **The Night I Disappeared** 0-7434-3979-1  
No one knows where Jamie goes.

Dessen, Sarah **Dreamland** 0-14-230067-5  
The nightmare began when he hit her.

Ferris, Jean **Eight Seconds** 0-14-230121-3  
Sometimes the biggest secrets we have are the ones we keep from ourselves.

Glenn, Mel **Split Image** 0-06-000481-9  
Who knew Laura Li?

Haddix, Margaret Peterson **Among the Hidden** 0-689-82475-0  
In a society where families are only allowed two children, Luke is a dangerous third child.

Horowitz, Anthony **Stormbreaker** 0-698-11934-7  
Teen age super-spy!

Johnson, Angela **Heaven** 0-689-82290-1  
Not even Heaven is perfect.

Kerr, M. E. **Gentlehands** 0-06-447067-9  
His grandfather's secret path will shatter his dreams.

Konigsburg, E. L. **Silent to the Bone** 0-689-83602-3  
Connor's best friend won't say a word.

McDonald, Joyce **Swallowing Stones** 0-440-22672-4  
Michael suspects that he may have accidentally killed his classmate's father.

Murphy, Rita **Night Flying** 0-440-22837-9  
Coming-of-age in the night sky.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds **Jade Green** 0-689-82002-X  
Judith was warned, but she didn't listen.

Owen, David **Hidden Secrets** 1-55297-564-9

Tricks of the trade used by real world spies,

Schusterman, Neal **The Dark Side of Nowhere** 0-8125-6878-8

Jason discovers that the adults in his town have been hiding something terrible.

Straczynski, J. Michael **Rising Stars** 1-58240-161-6

113 children born with special powers.

Werlin, Nancy **Killer's Cousin** 0-440-22751-8

Death, guilt, and dark secrets haunt David.

Yolen, Jane **Briar Rose** 0-7653-4230-8

Fairy tale or horror story?