

Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults 2006

The Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults Committee, sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the fastest growing division of the American Library Association (ALA), announced its 2006 selections finalized at the ALA Midwinter Meeting, held January 20-25 in San Antonio. This year's committee produced four lists of selected titles. This year's lists are:

- **Books That Don't Make You Blush: No Dirty Laundry Here:** Books that are fun to read and appeal to all teens. Whether your interest is clowning around or singing in the choir, there is something here for you. Committee Chair Dr. Allan O'Grady Cuseo says that with their diverse characters, stories, and formats, these books will find an audience anywhere.
- **Criminal Elements:** Fiction and nonfiction about teens that find themselves in opposition to or on the wrong side of the law, as well as stories about lives affected by encounters with the legal system, gangs, law enforcement, and prison. According to Committee Chair Michele Gorman, this list will provide a foundation for the upcoming program, Books Behind Bars, to be held at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA, on Saturday, June 24, 2006.
- **What Ails You?** Fiction and nonfiction about how diseases, disorders and other general health related symptoms affect our lives. Committee chair Paula Brehm-Heeger could not be reached for comment, as she is not feeling well.
- **GLBTQ:** Contemporary fiction and nonfiction for teens of all persuasions. Chair Alison Hendon says, "It's about time."

Committee Chair, Walter Mayes, commented, "I expect that this year's titles will be grabbed up by teens and librarians. The topics have wide appeal, and titles were chosen for their popularity to promote reading for enjoyment among teens. Committee members did a terrific job of carrying on the tradition of the Popular Paperbacks Committee, which marks its tenth anniversary this year."

The members of the 2005-2006 Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults Committee are: Walter Mayes, Chair, Girl's Middle School, Mountain View, CA; Diane Emge, Administrative Assistant and committee member, Alachua County Library District, Gainesville, FL; Paula Brehm-Heeger, Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County, Cincinnati, OH; Robin Brenner, Cary Memorial Library, Lexington, MA; Janet Bittenwieser, King County Library System, Burien, WA; Allan Cuseo, Bishop Kearney High School Library, Rochester, NY; Elizabeth Elam, Prince Georges County Memorial Library, Hyattsville, MD; Michele Gorman, Austin Public Library, Austin, TX; Alison Hendon, Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, NY; Sally Leahey, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford, ME; Melissa Rabey, ; Kevin Scanlon, Canton Public Library, Canton, MI; Caryn Sipos, Three Creeks Community Library, Vancouver, WA; Carlie Kraft Webber, Kinnelon Public Library, Kinnelon, NJ, and J. Marin Younker, Seattle Public Library, Seattle, WA.

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Abbott, Hailey. **The Bridesmaid**. 2005. Delacorte, paper, \$7.95. (0-385-73220-1).

Bauer, Joan. **Backwater**. 2000. Putnam, paper, \$6.99. (0-698-11865-0).

Bruchac, Joseph. **The Warriors**. 2003. Darby Creek, paper, \$4.99. (1-58196-022-0.)

Cabot, Meg. **All-American Girl**. 2003. HarperTrophy, paper, \$6.99. (0-06-447277-9).

Cappo, Nan Willard. **Cheating Lessons**. 2003. Simon Pulse, paper, \$4.99. (0-689-86018-8).

Carlson, Melody. **It's My Life: Diary of a Teenage Girl**. 2000. Multnomah Publisher, paper, \$12.99. (1-57673-735-7).

Ferris, Jean. **Love Among the Walnuts**. 1998. Harcourt, paper, \$5.99. (0-14-131099-5).

Hilgartner, Beth. **Murder for Her Majesty**. 1992. Houghton Mifflin, paper, \$5.95. (0-395-61619-0).

Hobbs, Will. **Leaving Protection**. 2005. HarperCollins, paper, \$5.99. (0-380-73312-9).

Karr, Kathleen. **The Boxer**. 2004. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, paper, \$6.95. (0-374-40886-6).

Lubar, David. **Dunk**. 2002. Clarion Books, paper, \$6.99. (0-618-43909-9).

Oppel, Kenneth. **Airborn**. 2005. HarperEos, paper, \$6.99. (0-06-053182-7).

Rabb, M. E. **The Rose Queen**. 2004. Penguin, paper, \$ 6.99. (0-14-250041-0).

Rallison, Janette. **All's Fair in Love, War, and High School**. 2005. Walker & Company, paper, \$6.95. (0-8027-7725-2).

Schindler, Nina (translator, Rob Barrett). **An Order of Amelie, Hold the Fries**. 2004. Annick Press, paper, \$8.95. (1-55037-860-0).

Shaw, Tucker. **Flavor of the Week**. 2005. Hyperion, paper, \$5.99. (0-7868-5698-X).

Sheldon, Dyan. **Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen**. 2005. Candlewick Press, paper, \$7.99. (0-7636-2827-1).

Smith, Greg Leitich. **Ninjas, Piranhas, and Galileo**. 2005. Little, Brown and Company, paper, \$6.99. (0-316-01181-9).

Takaya, Natsuki. **Fruits Basket Vol. 1**. 2004. Tokyopop, paper, \$9.99. (1-591826-039-8).

Trottier, Maxine. **Sister to the Wolf**. 2004. Kids Can Press, paper, \$6.95. (1-55337-520-3).

Van Draanen, Wendelin. **Flipped**. 2003. Knopf, paper, \$8.95. (0-375-82544-4).

Vaughan, Brian K. **Runaways Vol. 1: Pride & Joy**. Illustrated by Adrian Alphona. 2004. Marvel, paper, \$7.99. (0-7851-1379-7).

Weaver, Will. **Memory Boy**. 2003. HarperTrophy, paper, \$5.99. (0-06-440854-x).

Westerfeld, Scott. **Uglies**. 2005. Simon Pulse, paper, \$6.99. (0-689-86538-4).

Criminal Elements

Fiction and nonfiction about teens that find themselves in opposition to or on the wrong side of the law, as well as stories about lives affected by encounters with the legal system, gangs, law enforcement, and prison.

Brooks, Kevin. **Martyn Pig**. 2003. Scholastic, paper, \$6.99. (0-439-50752-9).

Cormier, Robert. **Rag and Bone Shop**. 2003. Laurel Leaf, paper, \$6.50. (0-440-22971-5).

Ewing, Lynne. **Drive-By**. 1998. HarperCollins, paper, \$4.95. (0-06-440649-0).

Ferris, Jean. **Bad**. 2001. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, paper, \$5.95. (0-374-40475-5).

Flinn, Alex. **Nothing to Lose**. 2004. HarperCollins, paper, \$6.99. (0-06-051752-2).

Foon, Dennis. **Skud**. 2004. Groundwood, paper, \$6.95. (0-88899-549-0).

Gantos, Jack. **Hole in My Life**. 2004. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, paper, \$8.00. (0-374-43089-6).

Hartinger, Brent. **Last Chance Texaco**. 2005. HarperCollins, paper, \$6.99. (0-06-050914-7).

Hinton, S.E. **The Outsiders**. 1997. Puffin, paper, \$7.99. (0-14-038572-x).

Jacobs, Thomas A. **They Broke the Law, You Be the Judge: true cases of teen crime**. 2003. Free Spirit, paper, \$15.95. (1-57542-134-8).

Koertge, Ron. **The Brimstone Journals**. 2001. Candlewick Press, paper, \$6.99. (0-7636-1742-3).

Kyi, Tanya Lloyd. **Truth**. 2003. Orca Soundings, paper, \$7.95. (1-55143-265-X).

McClintock, Norah. **Snitch**. 2005. Orca Books, paper, \$7.95. (1-55143-484-9).

Mikaelsen, Ben. **Touching Spirit Bear**. 2002. HarperTrophy, paper, \$5.99. (0-380-80560-x).

Myers, Walter Dean. **Monster**. 2001. HarperTempest, paper, \$6.99. (0-06-440731-4).

Picoult, Jodi. **The Pact: A Love Story**. 1998. Harper Trade, paper, \$14.00. (0-688-17052-8).

Sachar, Louis. **Holes**. 2003. Random House, paper, \$6.50. (0-440-41946-8).

Sanchez, Reymundo. **My Bloody Life: The Making of a Latin King**. 2001. Chicago Review Press, paper, \$16.95. (1-55652-427-7).

Shakur, Sanyika. **Monster: The Autobiography of an L.A. Gang Member**. 2004. Grove Press, paper, \$14.00. (0-8021-4144-7).

Shepard, Jim. **Project X: A Novel**. 2005. Vintage, paper, \$12.00. (1-4000-3348-9).

Sikes, Gini. **8 Ball Chicks: A Year in the Violent World of Girl Gangsters**. 1998. Anchor, paper, \$14.95. (0-385-47432-6).

Strasser, Todd. **Give A Boy A Gun**. 2000. Simon & Schuster, paper, \$5.99. (0-689-84893-5).

Weber, Lori. **Klepto**. 2004. Lorimer, paper, \$4.99. (1-55028-836-9).

Whitney, Kim Ablon. **See You Down the Road**. 2005. Laurel Leaf, paper, \$5.99. (0-440-23809-9).

Williams, Stanley "Tookie" with Barbara Cottman Becnel. **Life in Prison**. Illus. by D. Stevens and others. 2001. SeaStar Books, paper, \$4.95. (1-58717-094-9).

What Ails You?

Fiction and nonfiction about how diseases, disorders, and other general health related symptoms affect our lives. Committee chair Paula Brehm-Heeger could not be reached for comment, as she is not feeling well.

Anderson, Laurie Halse. **Fever 1793**. 2002. Aladdin, paper, \$5.99. (0-689-84891-9).

Armstrong, Lance and Sally Jenkins. **It's Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life**. 2001. Penguin, paper, \$14.00. (0-425-17961-3).

Benson, Ann. **The Plague Tales**. 1997. Dell, paper, \$6.99. (0-440-22510-8).

Bull, Emma. **Finder: A Novel of the Borderlands**. Ed. by Nicola Griffith and Stephen Pagel. Illus. by Elmer Damaso. 2003. Tor Teen, paper, 6.99. (0-7653-4777-6).

Cook, Karin. **What Girls Learn: A Novel**. 1998. Random House, paper, \$13.00. (0-679-76944-7).

Ehrenhaft, Daniel. **The Last Dog on Earth**. 2003. Yearling Books, paper, \$5.99. (0-440-41950-6).

Golden, Christopher & Rick Hautala. **Throat Culture**. 2005. Simon & Schuster, paper, \$5.99 (0-689-86527-9). Everyone on campus is getting sick. Don't eat the crab cakes!

Gottlieb, Lori. **Stick Figure: A Diary of My Former Self**. 2000. Berkley Trade, paper, \$12.00. (0-425-17890-0).

Gregory, Julia. **Sickened: The Memoir of a Munchausen by Proxy Childhood**. 2004. Bantam, paper, \$12.00. (0-553-38197-0).

Haddon, Mark. **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time**. 2004. Vintage, paper, \$12.00. (1-4000-3271-7).

Harrar, George. **Not as Crazy as I Seem**. 2003. Houghton Mifflin, paper, \$6.99. (0-618-49480-4).

Hart, Tony. **Microterrors: The Complete Guide to Bacterial, Viral and Fungal Infections**. 2004. Firefly Books Ltd, paper, \$19.95. (1-55297-970-9).

Hautman, Pete. **Hole in the Sky**. 2005. Simon & Schuster, paper, \$5.99. (0-689-84428-X).

Hautman, Pete. **Sweetblood**. 2005. Simon Pulse, paper, \$5.99. (0-689-87324-7).

Hesser, Terry Spencer. **Kissing Doorknobs**. 1998. Laurel-Leaf, paper, \$5.99. (0-440-41314-1).

Hooper, Mary. **At the Sign of the Sugared Plum**. 2005. Bloomsbury, paper, \$6.95. (1-58234-695-X).

It Happened to Nancy: By an Anonymous Teenager, A True Story from Her Diary. Ed. by Beatrice Sparks. 1994. Avon, paper, \$5.99. (0-380-77315-5).

King, Stephen. **The Stand**. 1980. Random House, paper, \$12.99. (0-517-21901-8).

Mass, Wendy. **A Mango-Shaped Space**. 2003. Little, Brown, paper, \$6.99. (0-316-05825-4).

McDaniel, Lurlene. **Six Months to Live**. 2003. Darby Creek, paper, \$4.99. (1-58196-003-4).

Napoli, Donna Jo. **Breath**. 2005. Simon Pulse, paper, \$5.99. (0-689-86177-X).

Picoult, Jodi. **My Sister's Keeper**. 2005. Simon and Schuster, paper, \$14.00. (0-7434-5453-7).

Preston, Richard. **The Hot Zone**. 1995. Random House, paper, \$7.99. (0-385-47956-5).

Vaughn, Brian K. **Y the Last Man: Unmanned**. 2003. DC Comics, paper, \$12.95. (1-56389-980-9).

Werlin, Nancy. **Double Helix**. 2005. Puffin, paper, \$5.99. (0-14-240327-X).

GLBTQ

Contemporary fiction and nonfiction for teens of all persuasions. Chair Alison Hendon says, "It's about time."

Acito, Marc. **How I Paid for College: A Novel of Sex, Theft, Friendship, and Musical Theater**. 2005. Broadway Books, paper, \$9.95. (0-7679-1854-1).

Bend, Don't Shatter : Poets on the Beginning of Desire. Ed. by T. Cole Rachel and Rita Costello. 2004. Soft Skull Press, paper, \$11.95. (1-932360-17-4).

Boyer, David. **Kings and Queens: Queers at the Prom**. 2004. Soft Skull Press, paper, \$24.95. (1-932360-24-7).

Boylan, Jennifer Finney. **She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders**. 2004. Broadway, paper, \$14.95. (0-7679-1429-5).

De Oliveira, Eddie, **Lucky**. 2004. Scholastic, paper, \$6.99. (0-439-54655-9).

Freyman-Weyr, Garret. **My Heartbeat**. 2003. Puffin, paper, \$7.99. (0-14-240066-1).

Hear Me Out: True Stories of Teens Educating and Confronting Homophobia. 2004. Second Story Press, paper, \$9.95. (1-896764-87-8).

Huegel, Kelly. **GLBTQ*: The Survival Guide for Queer and Questioning Teens *(Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning)**. 2004. Free Spirit, paper, \$15.95. (1-57542-126-7).

Johnson, Maureen. **The Bermudez Triangle**. 2005. Razorbill, paper, \$7.99. (1-59514-033-6).

Kannagi, Satoru and Odagiri, Hotaru. **Only the Ring Finger Knows**. 2004. Digital Manga, paper, \$12.95. (1-56970-980-7).

Lackey, Mercedes. **Magic's Pawn : Last Herald Mage Trilogy Book 1**. 1994. DAW Books, paper, \$6.99. (0-88677-352-0).

Levithan, David. **Boy Meets Boy**. 2005. Knopf, paper, \$8.95. (0-375-83299-8).

Loukes, Keith. **Ask Dr. Keith: Candid Answers to Queer Questions**. 2004. Whitecap Books, paper, \$16.95. (1-55285-607-0).

Moore, Terry. **Strangers In Paradise: Pocket Book 1**. 2005. Abstract Studios, paper, \$17.95. (1-892597-26-8).

Peters, Julie Anne. **Keeping You a Secret**. 2005. Megan Tingley, paper, \$7.99. (0-316-00985-7).

Peters, Julie Anne. **Luna**. 2005. Little Brown, paper, \$7.99. (0-316-01127-4).

Revoyr, Nina. **The Necessary Hunger: A Novel**. 1998. St. Martin's Press, paper, \$14.95. (0-312-18142-6).

Rucka, Greg. **Gotham Central Vol 2: Half a Life**. Illustrated by Michael Lark. 2005. DC Comics, paper, \$14.99. (1-40120-438-4).

Sanchez, Alex. **Rainbow Boys**. 2003. Simon Pulse, paper, \$7.99. (0-689-85770-5).

When I Knew. Ed. by Robert Trachtenberg. Illus. by Tom Bachtell. 2005. Regan, paper, \$22.95. (0-06-057146-2).

Winick, Judd. **Green Lantern: Brother's Keeper**. 2003. DC Comics, paper, \$12.95. (1-40120-078-8).

From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun. 2003. Scholastic, paper, \$5.99. (0-590-45881-7).

Woodson, Jacqueline. **The House You Pass on the Way**. 2003. Puffin, paper, \$5.99. (0-14-250191-3).