

BBYA 2006 Top Ten with annotations

Akbar, Said Hyder and Burton, Susan. *Come Back to Afghanistan: A California Teenager's Story*. Bloomsbury, 2005. \$24.95. (1-58234-520-1). California teen Hyder describes three summers (2002-4) he spent with his father who had returned to the Afghanistan to help rebuild his country by serving as spokesman to the president and governor of a border province.

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow*. Scholastic, 2005. illus. \$19.95. (0-439-35379-3). "I begin with the young...What material! With them I can make a new world." Adolf Hitler exploited the idealism of millions of Germany's young people to fuel his evil master plan for global domination.

Buckhanon, Kalisha. *Upstate*. St. Martin's, 2005. \$19.95. (0-312-33268-8). Natasha and Antonio, young lovers, communicate via letters for nine years during his incarceration for murdering his father.

Green, John. *Looking for Alaska*. Dutton, 2005. \$15.99. (0-525-47506-0). Miles is looking for the Great Perhaps--and an Alabama boarding school offers the possibility of finding it, especially after he meets the captivating, unpredictable, and utterly alive Alaska.

Lynch, Chris. *Inexcusable*. Simon & Schuster/Atheneum, 2005. \$16.95. (0-689-84789-0). High school senior and football star Keir Sarafina says, "I hate it when people I love condemn me," but has Keir done something inexcusable to Gigi Boudakian?

Meyer, Stephanie. *Twilight: A Novel*. Little, Brown/Megan Tingley, 2005. \$17.99. (0-316-16017-2). Bella's move to rainy Forks, Washington is the most boring move she will ever make, until she meets Edward, the vampire love of her life.

Vaughan, Brian K. *Runaways: Volume 1 HC*. Illus. by Adrian Alphona. Marvel, 2005. \$34.99. (0-7851-1876-4). Six teenagers discover that their parents are super-villains, and after deciding to turn them in, fight for both their own survival and an end to the evil from which they were born.

Westerfeld, Scott. *Peeps*. Penguin/Razorbill, 2005. \$16.99. (1-59514-031-X). College freshman Cal comes to NY, spends a night with a beautiful girl-- and becomes a carrier. Now everyone he kisses develops a craving for meat, an aversion to sunlight, and super strength.

Wooding, Chris. *Poison*. Scholastic/Orchard, 2005. \$16.99. (0-439-75570-0). When Poison's sister is kidnapped by Phaeries, Poison is determined to get her back but she doesn't realize that she is part of a much larger, darker story.

Zusak, Markus. *I Am the Messenger*. Knopf, 2005. \$16.95. (0-375-83099-5). Aimless, amiable 19-year-old cab driver, Ed Kennedy, foils a bank robber and then begins to receive mysterious messages assigning him to intervene in the lives of strangers.

