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YALSA announces Recommended Books for Reluctant Young Readers

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), has announced its 1993 list of Recommended Books for Reluctant Young Adult Readers. The list was released during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Denver.

Compiled by an 11-member YALSA committee, the 65 titles on the list were published during 1992 and represent approximately 40 different publisher imprints.

The committee annually chooses a list of outstanding titles that will stimulate the interest of reluctant teen readers. The list is not intended for the severely handicapped reader, but some of the listed titles may be appropriate for those teens. It is geared to the teenager who, for whatever reason, does not like to read. These titles are provided to stimulate their interest in doing so.

To qualify for the list, the books must be suitable for reluctant readers ages 12-18 and have a Fry reading level of sixth grade or below.

Members of the YALSA Recommended Books for the Reluctant Young Adult Reader were: Nel Ward, librarian, Newport, Ore.; Stephanie Zvirin, associate

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editor, Books for Youth, Booklist, Chicago; Mary J. Arnold, young adult librarian, Medina (Ohio) County District Library; Peter Butts, library media specialist, Hannah Middle School, East Lansing, Mich.; Margaret Butzler, Bethel Park (Pa.) Public Library; Debbie Carton, young adult reference librarian, Berkeley (Calif.) Public Library; Marijo Duncan, librarian II, Cholla Branch Library, Phoenix, Ariz.; Cynthia Glunt, Cuyahoga County Public Library, South Euclid-Lyndhurst Branch, South Euclid, Ohio; Patrick Jones, manager, Tecumseh Branch, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Nancy Reich, coordinating librarian, Los Angeles U.S.D.; Susan Rosenzweig, consultant, Lincoln, R.I., and Rochelle Sides, young adult librarian, Springville Road Regional, Birmingham, Ala.

An annotated list of these books will be published in a brochure, "Quick Picks," available from: ALA Graphics, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. The cost is \$24 for 100 copies.

A complete list of recommended titles is attached.