

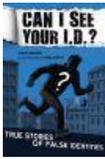
STARTING OUT IN YA



City of Orphans

Avi (YA Avi) ☰

In 1893 New York, Maks, a newsboy, teams up with Willa, a homeless girl, to clear his older sister from charges that she stole from the brand new Waldorf Hotel, where she works.



Can I See Your ID? True Stories of False Identities

Chris Barton (YA001.95 BarC)

True crime, desperation, fraud, and adventure: these ten vignettes offer riveting insight into mind-blowing masquerades.



Nick of Time ①

Ted Bell (YA BeT)

Nick McIver discovers a time machine hidden in a cave which he uses to fight pirates on land and sea in two different centuries in a desperate attempt to save his home and his family from being utterly destroyed.



Tangerine

Edward Bloor (YA BloE)

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near-blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.



Ender's Game ①

Orson Scott Card (YA CarO) ☰

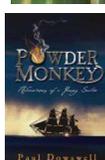
Child-hero Ender Wiggin must fight a desperate battle against a deadly alien race if mankind is to survive.



Maze Runner ①

James Dashner (YA DasJ) ☰

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.



Powder Monkey ①

Paul Dowswell (YA DowP)

Thirteen-year-old Sam endures harsh conditions, battles, and a shipwreck after being pressed into service aboard the HMS Miranda during the Napoleonic Wars.



Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25 ①

Richard Paul Evans (YA EvarR) ☰

At school, Michael Vey is just the kid who has Tourette's syndrome. But in truth, Michael is extremely special--he has electric powers which brings him to the attention of a powerful group who wants to control electric teens and the world.



The House of the Scorpion ①

Nancy Farmer (YA FarN) ☰

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patrón, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.



Ruins of Gorlan ①

John Flanagan (YA FlaJ) ☰

When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.

Presenting Buffalo Bill

Candace Fleming (YB Cody FleC)

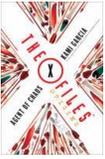
Everyone knows the name Buffalo Bill, but few these days know what he did or, in some cases, didn't do. Was he a Pony Express rider? Did he serve Custer at the Battle of Little Big Horn? Did he scalp countless Native Americans, or did he defend their rights?



The X-Files Origins: Agent of Chaos ①

Kami Garcia (YA GarK)

When a local boy turns up dead and another child is abducted, 17-year-old Mulder can't stop himself from getting involved. As he uncovers the truth, he and his friends find themselves on the trail of a serial killer.



Tunnels ①

Roderick Gordon (YA GorR)

When Will Burrows and his friend embark on a quest to find Will's archaeologist father they are led to a labyrinthine world underneath London, full of sinister inhabitants.



Best of the Best

Tim Green (YA GreT) ☰

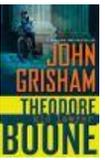
Determined to play in the Little League World Series, twelve-year-old Josh struggles to concentrate on his game and be the team's leader while also trying to cope with his parents' impending divorce.



Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer ①

John Grisham (YA GriJ)

In the small city of Strattenburg there are many lawyers, and 13-year-old Theo Boone thinks he is one of them, but his inside knowledge of the justice system means trouble when a cold-blooded killer is about to go free and only Theo can stop him.



Knightley Academy

Violet Haberdasher (YA HabV)

In an alternate Victorian England, 14-year-old orphan Henry Grim, a maltreated servant at an exclusive school begins a new life when he unexpectedly becomes the first commoner to be accepted at a prestigious boarding school for knights.



The Boys Who Challenged Hitler:

Knud Peterson and the Churchill Club

Phillip Hoose (YA 940.53 HooP)

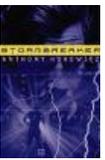
At the outset of World War II, Denmark did not resist German occupation. Deeply ashamed of their nation's leaders, a 15-year-old, his brothers, and schoolmates take action against the Nazis.



Stormbreaker ①

Anthony Horowitz (YA HorA)

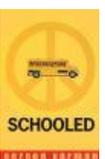
After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

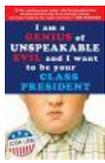


Schooled

Gordon Korman (YA KorG) ☰

Homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Capricorn (Cap) Anderson has never watched television, tasted a pizza, or even heard of a wedgie, but when his grandmother lands in the hospital, Cap moves in with a guidance counselor and attends the local middle school.





I Am a Genius of Unspeakable Evil
and I Want to Be Your Class President

Josh Lieb (YA LieJ)

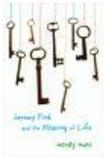
12-year-old Oliver has everyone convinced that he is extremely stupid and lazy, but he is actually a rich, evil genius, and when he decides to run for class president, nothing will stand in his way.



Million-Dollar Throw

Mike Lupica (YA LupM) ☰

Eighth-grade star quarterback Nate Brodie's family is feeling the stress of the troubled economy, so when he gets a chance to win a million dollars he is nearly overwhelmed by the pressure.



Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life

Wendy Mass (YA MasW)

Just before his 13th birthday, Jeremy Fink receives a keyless locked box--set aside by his father before his death five years earlier--that purportedly contains the meaning of life.



Far, Far Away

Tom McNeal (YA McNT)

Jeremy Johnson Johnson's strange ability to speak to the ghost of Jacob Grimm draws the interest of his classmate, Ginger, and they find themselves at the center of a series of disappearances in their hometown.



All the Right Stuff

Walter Dean Myers (YA MyeW)

Paul volunteers at a Harlem soup kitchen where he listens to lessons about "the social contract" from an elderly African American man, and mentors a 17-year-old unwed mother who wants to make it to college on a basketball scholarship.



Trash

Andy Mulligan (YA MuIA) ☰

Raphael and Gardo team up with the younger Rat to figure out the mysteries surrounding a bag Raphael finds during their daily life of sorting through trash in a third-world country's dump.



The False Prince ①

Jennifer A. Nielson (YA Niel) ☰

In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.



Freak the Mighty ①

Rodman Philbrick (YA PhiR)

At the beginning of 8th grade, learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, combine forces to make a powerful team.



Battling Boy ①

Paul Pope (YA PopP Graphic Novel)

A twelve-year-old demigod is sent to help the people of Arcopolis, a city infested with monsters. No one is more surprised than him.



Heart of a Samurai

Margi Preus (YA PreM)

In 1841, rescued by an American whaler after a terrible shipwreck leaves him and his four companions castaways on a remote island, 14-year-old Manjiro learns new laws and customs as he becomes the first Japanese person to set foot in the US.



Ghost: Track, Book 1 ①

Jason Reynolds (YA ReyJ) ☰

Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential.

The Rithmatist

Brandon Sanderson (YA SanB)

As Wild Chalkings threaten the American Isles and Rithmatists are humanity's only defense, Joel can only watch as students learn the magical art that he would do anything to practice.

Time Riders ①

Alex Scarrow (YA ScaA)

Rescued from imminent death, three teens join forces to correct changes in history made by other time travelers, using a "time bubble" surrounding the 9/11 attack to hide their journeys.

The Wednesday Wars ①

Gary Schmidt (YA SchG)

On Wednesday afternoons in 1967 when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, 7th-grader Holling stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read Shakespeare's plays and he learns much of value about the world he lives in.

The Port Chicago 50:

Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights

Steve Sheinkin (YA 940.54 SheS)

An account of the 1944 civil rights protest involving hundreds of African-American Navy servicemen who were unjustly charged with mutiny for refusing to work in unsafe conditions after the deadly Port Chicago explosion.

Scythe ①

Neal Shusterman (YA ShuN)

In a world where humanity has conquered hunger, disease, war, misery, and death, two teens reluctantly compete to become Scythes. One will learn to take lives, the other will lose theirs.

Drums, Girls, & Dangerous Pie ①

Jordan Sonnenblick (YA SonJ) ☰

When his younger brother is diagnosed with leukemia, thirteen-year-old Steven tries to deal with his complicated emotions, his school life, and his desire to support his family.

The Arrival

Shaun Tan (YA TanS Graphic Novel)

In this wordless graphic novel, a man leaves his homeland and sets off for a new country, where he must build a new life for himself and his family.

The Boy at the End of the World

Greg van Eekhout (YA VanG)

Born half-grown in a world that is being destroyed, Fisher has instinctive knowledge of many things, including that he must avoid the robot that knows his name.

Leviathan ①

Scott Westerfeld (YA WesS) ☰

In an alternate 1914 Europe, Austrian Prince Alek, on the run from the Clanker Powers who use mechanical machinery, forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, which uses genetically-engineered beasts.

Down the Mysterly River

Bill Willingham (YA WilB)

Top notch Boy Scout Max "the Wolf" cannot remember how he came to be in a strange forest, but soon he and three talking animals are on the run from hunters who will alter the foursome's very essence if they can catch them.

Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp ①

Richard Yancey (YA YanR)

Through a series of dangerous and violent misadventures, teenage loser Alfred Kropp rescues King Arthur's legendary sword Excalibur from the forces of evil.

