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Young adult Top 10 discussed

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As we are about to say good-bye to another year, we take time to look back at the Top 10 books for young adults which have left their mark on readers and librarians alike.

This list was compiled from two reputable sources: School Library Journal and Good Reads. I felt these two resources would provide a well-rounded opinion by offering titles memorable to both readers and professionals. So here we go.

- The Impossible Knife of Memory by Laurie Halse Anderson

From the award winning author of the

Blue Sargent, a quiet girl with an eccentric family, finally finds friends who enjoy her company and make her feel like she belongs. However, as with all friendships, it's a two way street. Their problems become her problems and vice versa. The third book in the Raven Cycle brings us deeper into the web of friends known as the Raven Boys. Book one of the Raven Cycle is titled The Raven Boys.

6. — This One Summer by Mariko Tamaki

Rose and her parents enjoy the yearly tradition of escaping for the summer to Awago Beach. This summer however, things are different, and not for the better. Rose and her good friend, Wendy, get



by Jenny Han

Lara Jean Song finds romantic catharsis in writing un-mailed love letters to the five boys she has ever loved. However, her love life gets turned completely upsidedown when those letters get mailed.

3. — We Were Liars by E. Lockhart

Awarded the Amazon Best YA book for the month of May, We Were Liars follows the events of the protagonist Cadence Sinclair as he and his wealthy family spends time on their private island. Things take a turn as lazy days on the water turn into moments of suspense, crumbling good intentions and unexpected love.

4. — I'll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson

New York Times bestselling author Jandy Nelson leads us on a journey with fraternal twins Noah and Jude. The twins start out their teenage years incredibly close, however, over the course of three years they drift apart due to their own dramatic experiences. I'll Give You the Sun tells the story from Jude and Noah's perspective as they find their way back to each other.

5. — Blue Lily, Lily Blue by Maggie Stiefvater into the open world to find out who she is, only to discover some heartache dong the way.

8. — Avalon by Mindee Arnett
Fans of Josh Whedon's Firefly will enjoy this suspenseful and fast-paced novel about Jeth Seagraves and his pirate crew. Forced to work for crime bosses stealing the valuable technology metatech, Jeth hopes to one day buy his families spacecraft, Avalon, back from them.

Egg and Spoon by Gregory Maguire

Elena Rudina lives with her dying mother and brother in their small cabin in Russia. However, their lives may soon take an unexpected turn when news of a train bearing a noble family reaches their ears.

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10. — The Tyrant's Daughter by J. C. Carleson

Laila is used to a life of luxury and privilege being royalty in the Middle East. However, after getting caught up in a coup which ends up killing her father, Laila and her mother flee to the United States. Just as she is settling in and moving forward, Laila's mother is focused on the past and regaining what she has lost.



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