

Young Adult

SURVIVAL/ADVENTURE BOOKS

- YA Fic Anderson, Laurie Halse *Fever, 1793*
In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.
- YA Fic Armstrong, Jennifer *The Kindling*
In 2007, a small band of children have joined together in a Florida town, trying to survive in a world where it seems that all the adults have been killed off by a catastrophic virus.
- YA Fic Bauer, Joan *Backwater*
While compiling a genealogy of her family of successful attorneys, sixteen-year-old Ivy treks into the mountain wilderness to interview a reclusive aunt who helps her know herself and her family.
- YA Fic Bodeen, SA *Compound*
Fifteen-year-old Eli and his family live in the Compound, a state-of-the-art underground shelter designed by their billionaire father to withstand a nuclear attack and protect them for the 'next fifteen years in luxurious comfort.' After six years of isolation, Eli still thinks about his twin brother Eddy and his grandmother, who were 'accidentally' left behind the fateful night his father herded everyone else into the Compound and locked the door. Eli wonders why his mother keeps producing children, why his father stays in his locked study and why certain supplies are running out. When Eli unexpectedly connects to the Internet, he discovers his father has sealed them away from the real world
- YA Fic Carter, Ally *Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy*
Cameron Morgan is still a sophomore at Gallagher Academy for Exceptional Young Women (otherwise known as a spy training ground). Still reeling from the end of her short-lived relationship with non-spy Josh, she is shocked to learn that her school will soon be infiltrated by male students from Blackthorne, a spy school for boys. The Gallagher girls are thrown for a loop and begin acting like normal teens, except that they know of more than one use for a curling iron. Despite the constant reminder that these girls don't know much about boys, the characters still succeed in keeping readers interested in the unexpected "missions" around every turn.

- YA Fic Colfer, Eoin Airman
 In the 1890s, Conor Broekhart is a boy living on the Saltee Islands off the Irish coast, where his father works as the king's bodyguard. But his happy, carefree life is changed forever when he finds out that the power-hungry Marshall Hugo Bonvilian is organizing a military coup to overthrow the king. When Conor is unable to stop Bonvilian, the king is murdered, and Conor is falsely accused of the crime and thrown into prison. In prison, the boy passes the solitary months by scratching designs for flying machines onto the walls. After two years, Conor is finally able to build a glider, and executes a daring escape to the mainland.
- YA Fic Cooney, Caroline Code Orange
 While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and all of New York City.
- YA Fic DuPrau, Jeanne City of Ember
 In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.
- Newbery Farmer, Nancy A Girl Named Disaster
 While journeying to Zimbabwe, eleven-year-old Nhamo struggles to escape drowning and starvation and in so doing comes close to the luminous world of the African spirits.
- YA Fic Fahy, Thomas Unspoken
 Five years ago six children who lived with their families in Jacob Crawley's Divine Path religious cult escaped by burning the compound to the ground. They are reunited at the funeral of Jacob's son, Harold. Harold died of drowning -- his worst fear -- even though his body was found miles from any water. And it seems that each of the teens is marked for murder -- as Crawley had predicted years earlier. Can any of these teens save themselves?
- YA Fic Flanagan, John Ruins of Gorlan (and sequels)
 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.

- YA Fic Gaiman, Neil Interworld
 Joey Harker isn't a hero. In fact, he's the kind of guy who gets lost in his own house. But then one day, Joey gets really lost. He walks straight out of his world and into another dimension. Joey's walk between the worlds makes him prey to two terrible forces-armies of magic and science who will do anything to harness his power to travel between dimensions.
- YA Fic Golding, William Lord of the Flies
 More than a simple adventure story of boys on a desert island.
- YA Fic Harmon, Michael Skate
 In a fit of anger, Ian breaks Coach Florence's jaw. To avoid foster care, he grabs his little brother and flees into the wilderness around Spokane in search of their absentee father.
- YA Fic Higgins, Jack Sure Fire
 After their mother is killed, 15-year-old twins Rich and Jade are shocked when their long-lost father, John Chance, arrives. After Chance suddenly disappears, Rich and Jade uncover the truth: He's a spy--and whoever has kidnapped their father is after them as well, in this first novel for young adults by the bestselling author of espionage.
- YA Fic Higson, Charles Silverfin: a James Bond Adventure
 Meet James Bond at 14, before he became the suave, lady-killing international spy. An orphan, he attends Eton and lives with his Aunt Charmian during school breaks. On the train to Scotland, James meets a friend and learns that his cousin is missing.
- YA Fic Hill, David Take it Easy
 Sent on a five-day wilderness hike in the rugged New Zealand mountains, Rob and five other less-experienced teenagers must go it alone when their leader suddenly dies.
- YA Fic Hobbs, Will Wild Man Island
 After fourteen-year-old Andy slips away from his kayaking group to visit the wilderness site of his father's death, a storm strands him in Alaska, where he manages to survive, encountering animals, humans and looks for traces of the earliest prehistoric immigrants to America.
- YA Fic Hobbs, Will Jason's Gold
 When news of the discovery of gold in Canada's Yukon Territory in 1897 reaches fifteen-year-old Jason, he embarks on a 10,000-mile journey to strike it rich.

- YA Fic Hokenson, Terry **The Winter Road**
Seventeen-year-old Willa, still grieving over the death of her older brother and the neglect of her father, decides to fly a small plane to fetch her mother from Northern Ontario, but when the plane crashes she is all alone in the snowy wilderness.
- YA Fic Howe, Norma **The Adventures of Blue Avenger**
Sixteen-year-old David, mourning the unexpected death of his father decides--or does he?--to change his name to Blue Avenger, hoping to find a way to make a difference in his neighborhood.
- YA Fic Jaramillo, Ann E. **La Linea**
When fifteen-year-old Miguel's time finally comes to leave his poor Mexican village, cross the border illegally, and join his parents in California, his younger sister's determination to join him soon imperils them both.
- YA Fic Karr, Kathleen **Skullduggery**
In 1839, twelve-year-old Matthew's job as assistant to the phrenologist Dr. Cornwall takes him up and down the eastern seaboard and to Europe, as they rob graves and try to find out who is following them and why.
- YA Fic Key, Watt **Alabama Moon**
After the death of his father, ten-year-old Moon leaves their forest shelter home and is sent to an Alabama institution, becoming entangled in the outside world he has never known and making good friends, a relentless enemy, and finally a new life.
- YA Fic Lawrence, Iain **The Smugglers**
In eighteenth-century England, after his father buys a schooner called the Dragon, sixteen-year-old John sets out to sail it from Kent to London and becomes involved in a dangerous smuggling scheme.
- YA Fic MacPhail, Catherine **Underworld**
Five Scottish teenagers must deal with their own fears and rivalries when they are trapped in caverns on an island in the North Sea.
- YA Fic Marsden, John **Tomorrow, when the War Began**
Seven Australian teenagers return from a camping trip in the bush to discover that their country has been invaded and they must hide to stay alive.

- YA Fic McCaughrean, Geraldine White Darkness
Taken to Antarctica by the man she thinks of as her uncle for what she believes to be a vacation, Symone--a troubled fourteen year old--discovers that he is dangerously obsessed with seeking Symme's Hole, an opening that supposedly leads into the center of a hollow Earth.
- YA Fic McNamee, Graham Acceleration
Stuck working in the Lost and Found of the Toronto Transit Authority for the summer, seventeen-year-old Duncan finds the diary of a serial killer and sets out to stop him.
- YA Fic Meyer, L.A. Bloody Jack: Being an Account of the Curious Adventures of Mary "Jacky" Faber, Ship's Boy
Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a thirteen-year-old orphan disguises herself as a boy and connives her way onto a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates.
- YA Fic Meyer, L.A. Mississippi Jack : being an account of the further waterborne adventures of Jacky Faber, midshipman, fine lady, and the Lily of the West
In 1806, the exploits of Jacky Faber continue as she heads west to avoid capture by the British and discovers adventure aboard a keelboat on the mighty Mississippi River.
- YA Fic Miller, Mary Beth On the Head of a Pin
While drinking alcohol and playing with a loaded gun at a party, a teenage boy accidentally shoots and kills another student and then tries to conceal her death.
- YA Fic Myers, Edward Climb or Die
After a car accident in a snowy Colorado pass seriously injures their parents, fourteen-year-old Danielle and her brainy younger brother must scale a mountain to find help.
- YA Fic O'Dell, Scott Sarah Bishop
Left alone after the deaths of her father and brother who took opposite sides in the War for Independence, Sarah struggles to shape a new life for herself in the wilderness.
- YA Fic Paulsen, Gary Brian's Winter
Instead of being rescued from a plane crash as in Hatchet, this story portrays what would have happened to Brian had he been forced to survive a winter in the wilderness with only his survival pack and a hatchet.

- YA Fic Paulsen, Gary **The River**
 Because of his success surviving in the wilderness for fifty-five days, fifteen-year-old Brian is asked to undergo a similar experience to learn more about the psychology of survival.
- YA Fic Paulsen, Gary **Voyage of the Frog**
 When David goes out on his sailboat to scatter his recently deceased uncle's ashes, he is caught in a fierce storm and must survive many days on his own.
- YA Fic Roberts, Willo Davis **Hostage**
 When eleven-year-old Kaci interrupts burglars in the process of robbing her house, she and her nosy elderly neighbor Mrs. Banducci are kidnapped and held hostage by the desperate and ruthless criminals.
- YA Fic Rosoff, Meg **How I Live Now**
 To get away from her pregnant stepmother in New York City, fifteen-year-old Daisy goes to England to stay with her aunt and cousins, with whom she instantly bonds, but soon war breaks out and rips apart the family while devastating the land. The war is everywhere, and Daisy and her cousins must lead each other into a world that is unknown in the scariest, most elemental way.
- YA Fic Selfors, Suzanne **Saving Juliet**
 Seventeen-year-old Mimi Wallingford's stage fright and fight with her mother on the closing night of Romeo and Juliet are nothing compared to the troubles she faces when she and her leading man are transported to Shakespeare's Verona, where she decides to give the real Juliet a happy ending.
- YA Fic Smelcer, John **The Trap**
 Johnny Least-Weasel must find his grandfather, racing against the dropping temperature as Albert Least-Weasel must try to survive with little food while keeping menacing wolves at bay. Stuck in a wilderness that is strangely familiar, they must realize what Nature really is in order to survive.
- YA Fic Sorrells, Walter **Fake ID**
 After a lifetime of moving and assuming new identities, sixteen-year-old Chass begins to piece together the disturbing past that haunts her and her mother and which involves a mysterious tape, a deceased popular singer, and the secrets of several people in a small Alabama town.

- YA Fic Taylor, Theodore Sweet Friday Island
While on a camping trip with her father to an island paradise, Peg discovers that someone doesn't want them to leave alive.
- YA Fic Vance, Susanna Deep
Somewhere in the Caribbean, seventeen-year-old Morgan and thirteen-year-old Birdie, two girls whose lives are worlds apart, are brought together by the maniacal Nicholas.
- YA Fic Voigt, Cynthia Homecoming
Abandoned by their mother, four children begin a search for a home and an identity.
- YA Fic Walden, Mark Overlord Protocol
Still trapped at the Higher Institute of Villainous Education, or H.I.V.E., evil-genius-in-training Otto Malpense is nearly assassinated and must now not only try to escape, but also find out who murdered his best friend--and save himself.
- YA Fic Werlin, Nancy Locked Inside
After she is kidnapped from the exclusive boarding school she attends, heiress Marnie Skyedottir must rethink her idealized relationship with her mother, her own sense of who she is, and her relationships with others.
- YA Fic Wyss, Johann D. Swiss Family Robinson
Fortunes of a shipwrecked family as they imaginatively adapt to life on an island with abundant plant and animal life.
- YA Fic Yancy, Richard Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp (and sequel)
Through a series of dangerous and violent misadventures, teenage loser Alfred Kropp rescues King Arthur's legendary sword Excalibur from the forces of evil.
- YA Fic Young, EL Storm: The Infinity Code (and sequels)
In London, the teenaged geniuses of STORM, a secret organization dedicated to eliminating the world's misery through science and technology, uncover plans for a deadly weapon and race to find and dismantle it, then confront the corrupt scientist behind the scheme.
- YA Fic Zindel, Paul Raptor
Zac and his Ute Indian friend find themselves trapped in a cave with a living dinosaur, the deadly Utahraptor.