

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 Carter, Alden *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*
Fifteen-year-old Mark and his diabetic cousin Randy find their rite-of-passage canoe trip a fight for survival.
- 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.
- 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 George, Jean Craighead *Tree Castle Island*
After building his own canoe, fourteen-year-old Jack Hawkins goes to try it out in his beloved Okefenokee Swamp, where an accident tests his survival skills and leads him to a shocking discovery.

- YA Fic Giff, Patricia Reilly Nory Ryan's Song
When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive.
- 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 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 Hyde, Dayton Island of the Loons
 During the year he is held prisoner on an uninhabited island in Lake Superior, a young boy watches his captor change from a desperate criminal to a gentler man.
- 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 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 Lee, Tanith Piratica
 A bump on the head restores Art's memories of her mother and the exciting life they led, so the sixteen-year-old leaves Angels Academy for Young Maidens, seeks out the pirates who were her family before her mother's death, and leads them back to adventure on the high seas.
- 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 Mazer, Harry The Island Keeper
 Sixteen-year-old Cleo Murphy in despair over the death of her mother and sister, flees in secret to a desolate island.

- 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 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 Morgenroth, Kate Jude
Still reeling from his drug-dealing father's murder, moving in with the wealthy mother he never knew, and transferring to a private school, fifteen-year-old Jude is tricked into pleading guilty to a crime he did not commit.
- 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 Sebestyen, Ouida **The Girl in the Box**
 Kidnapped and left in an underground room, Jackie explores her psychological strengths and limitations as she tries to make contact with the outside world.
- 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 Tullson, Diane **Red Sea**
 When Libby, her mom, and her step dad set out on a year-long sailing adventure, Libby thinks missing her friends will be the worst part. That's before their boat is attacked by violent modern –day pirates.

- 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 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 Zindel, Paul Raptor
Zac and his Ute Indian friend find themselves trapped in a cave with a living dinosaur, the deadly Utahraptor.

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