

Adventure & Survival



for Teens

Star Climber

by Kenneth Oppel

As members of the first crew of astralnauts, Matt Cruse and Kate De Vries journey into outer space on the Star Climber and face a series of catastrophes that threaten the survival of all on board

Born for Adventure

by Kathleen Karr

In 1887, as assistant to Henry Morton Stanley, renowned explorer of the African continent, sixteen-year-old Tom Ormsby makes a perilous trek to help rescue the kidnapped Emin Pasha, learning much about leadership, African people, and himself along the way.

The Door of no Return

by Sarah Mussi

Sixteen-year-old Zac never believed his grandfather's tales about their enslaved ancestors being descended from an African king, but when his grandfather is murdered and the villains come after Zac, he sets out for Ghana to find King Baktu's long-lost treasure before the murderers do.

The Dead and Gone

by Susan Beth Pfeffer

After a meteor hits the moon and sets off a series of horrific climate changes, seventeen-year-old Alex Morales must take care of his sisters alone in the chaos of New York City.

Nation

by Terry Pratchett

After a devastating tsunami destroys all that they have ever known, Mau, an island boy, and Daphne, an aristocratic English girl, together with a small band of refugees, set about rebuilding their community and all the things that are important in their lives.

Airman

by Eoin Colfer

In the late nineteenth century, when Conor Broekhart discovers a conspiracy to overthrow the king, he is branded a traitor, imprisoned, and forced to mine for diamonds under brutal conditions while he plans a daring escape from Little Saltee Prison by way of a flying machine that he must design, build, and, hardest of all, trust to carry him to safety.

The Escape

by Robert Muchamore

Summer, 1940. Hitler's army is advancing towards Paris, and millions of French civilians are on the run. Amidst the chaos, two British children are being hunted by German agents. British spy Charles Henderson tries to reach them first, but he can only do it with the help of a twelve-year-old French orphan. The British secret service is about to discover that kids working undercover will help to win the war. For official purposes, these children do not exist.

The Season

by Sarah MacLean

Showing no interest in the sumptuous balls, lavish dinner parties, and country weekends enjoyed by the rest of early nineteenth-century London society, seventeen-year-old Lady Alexandra Stafford seeks adventure as she investigates the puzzling murder of the Earl of Blackmoor, father of devilishly handsome Gavin.

A Girl Named Disaster

by Nancy Farmer

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.

Peek

by Roland Smith

A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.

Exodus

by Julie Bertagna

In the year 2100, as the island of Wing is about to be covered by water, fifteen-year-old Mara discovers the existence of New World sky cities that are safe from the storms and rising waters, and convinces her people to travel to one of these cities in order to save themselves.

Quantum Prophecy

by Michael Owen Carroll

Years after the supposed disappearance of the world's super-humans, the secret identities of three newly endowed superheroes are mysteriously leaked to the press, and the teenagers must take refuge at a hidden military installation that houses and trains other new super-humans.

Thieves Like Us

by Stephen Cole

A mysterious benefactor selects a group of teen geniuses to follow a set of clues leading to the secrets of everlasting life, secrets which they must steal and for which they risk being killed.

Crossing the Wire

by Will Hobbs

Fifteen-year-old Victor Flores journeys north in a desperate attempt to cross the Arizona border and find work in the United States to support his family in central Mexico.

Camel Rider

by Prue Mason

Two expatriates living in a Middle Eastern country, twelve-year-old Adam from Australia and Walid from Bangladesh, must rely on one another when war breaks out and they find themselves in the desert, both trying to reach the same city with no water, little food, and no common language.

Vendetta

by Chris Humphreys

After realizing the enormity of his Norwegian grandfather's betrayal, fifteen-year-old Sky leaves England to follow his visions to Corsica, the homeland of his other ancestors, hoping to find some ways to defeat his grandfather's powers and restore his cousin Kristin's free will.

Sure Fire

by Jack Higgins

Resentful of having to go and live with their estranged father after the death of their mother, fifteen-year-old twins, Rich and Jade, soon find they have more complicated problems when their father is kidnapped and their attempts to rescue him involve them in a dangerous international plot to control the world's oil.

The Highwayman's Footsteps

by Nicola Morgan

In eighteenth-century England, William runs away from his father, only to be captured by an armed highwayman who turns out to be a girl, and together they seek vengeance against William's cruel father and the soldiers who killed the girl's parents. Inspired by Alfred Noyes' poem "The Highwayman."

Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports

by James Patterson

The time has come for Max, Fang, Iggy, Nudge, Gasman, and Angel to face their ultimate enemy and, despite many obstacles, try to save the world from a sinister plan to re-engineer a select population into a scientifically superior master race.

Into the Ravine

by Richard Scrimger

When a tornado brings down a big maple tree, three boys make a raft of the branches and set off downstream. After all, at thirteen they are old enough to take a day trip by themselves. On their way, the boys meet with a series of adventures that are funny at first glance but resonate deeply. They rescue a diabolical dog, confront a hydrophobic gang, and survive a waterfall. They are bombarded by bicycles, hoodwinked by hobos, and bewitched by bikinis. By accident, they crash a funeral, and, by design, they crash a pool party – with tragic results.

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