

Suggested Reading for Teens **@ the New Brunswick Free Public Library**

Mystery & Suspense Books

If you like Mystery and Suspense, see if you can solve these thrillers:

Recommended for Grades 7 and Up

The Body of Christopher Creed by Carol Plum-Ucci

Torey Adams, a high school junior with a seemingly perfect life, struggles with doubts and questions surrounding the mysterious disappearance of the class outcast.

Awards:

- Printz Honor Book
- YALSA Best Book

Call Number: YA F PLU

The Rag and Bone Shop by Robert Cormier

Trent, an ace interrogator from Vermont, works to procure a confession from an introverted twelve-year-old accused of murdering his seven-year-old friend in Monument, Massachusetts.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Books

Call Number: YA F COR

The Face on the Milk Carton by Caroline Cooney

A photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity.

Awards:

- Young Readers Choice Award

Call Number: YA F COO

Shattering Glass by Gail Giles

When Rob, the charismatic leader of the senior class, turns the school nerd into Prince Charming, his actions lead to unexpected violence.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Book
- YALSA Quick Pick

Call Number: YA F GIL

Midnighters: The Secret Hour by Scott Westerfeld

Upon moving to Bixby, Oklahoma, fifteen-year-old Jessica Day learns that she is one of a group of people who have special abilities that help them fight ancient creatures living in an hour hidden at midnight; creatures that seem determined to destroy Jess.

Awards:

- YALSA Quick Pick
- YALSA Popular Paperbacks

Call Number: YA F WES

Montmorency: thief, liar, gentleman? By Eleanor Updale

In Victorian London, after his life is saved by a young physician, a thief utilizes the knowledge he gains in prison and from the scientific lectures he attends as the physician's case study exhibit to create a new, highly successful, double life for himself.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Book
- School Library Journal Best Book

Call Number: YA F UPD

Deep and Dark and Dangerous by Mary Downing Hahn

When thirteen-year-old Ali spends the summer with her aunt and cousin at the family's vacation home, she stumbles upon a secret that her mother and aunt have been hiding for over thirty years.

Awards:

- Grand Canyon Reader Award

Call Number: YA F HAH

The Big Splash by Jack D. Ferraiolo

Matt Stevens, an average middle schooler with a glib tongue and a knack for solving crimes, uncovers a mystery while working with "the organization," a mafia-like syndicate run by seventh-grader Vincent "Mr. Biggs" Biggio, specializing in forged hall passes, test-copying rings, black market candy selling, and taking out hits with water guns.

Awards:

- Edgar Allan Poe Nominee

Call Number: YA F FER

Getting the girl: a guide to private investigation, surveillance, and cookery by Susan Juby

Ninth-grader Sherman Mack investigates the "Defilers," a secret group at his British Columbia high school that marks certain female students as pariahs, at first because he is trying to protect the girl he has a crush on, but later as a matter of principle.

Awards:

- Edgar Allan Poe Nominee

Call Number: YA MY JUB

Eleven by Patricia Reilly Giff

When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past, and, with the help of a new friend at school and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are eventually answered.

Awards:

- Edgar Allan Poe Nominee

Call Number: YA F GIF

Recommended for Grades 9 and Up

I am the Cheese by Robert Cormier

A young boy desperately tries to unlock his past yet knows he must hide those memories if he *is* to remain alive.

Awards:

- YALSA 100 Best Books

Call Number: YA F COR

On the Head of a Pin by Mary Beth Miller

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.

Awards:

- Texas Tayshas Reading List

Call Number: YA F MIL

Madapple by Christina Meldrum

A girl who has been brought up in near isolation is thrown into a twisted web of family secrets and religious fundamentalism when her mother dies and she goes to live with relatives she never knew she had.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Book

Call Number: YA F MEL

Paper Towns by John Green

One month before graduating from his Central Florida high school, Quentin "Q" Jacobsen basks in the predictable boringness of his life until the beautiful and exciting Margo Roth Spiegelman, Q's neighbor and classmate, takes him on a midnight adventure and then mysteriously disappears.

Awards:

- School Library Journal Best Book
- Edgar Allan Poe Award
- YALSA Best Books

Call Number: YA F GRE

The Minister's Daughter by Julie Hearn

In 1645 in England, the daughters of the town minister successfully accuse a local healer and her granddaughter of witchcraft to conceal an out-of-wedlock pregnancy, but years later during the 1692 Salem trials their lie has unexpected repercussions.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Books
- USBBY Outstanding International Book

Call Number: YA F HEA

Black Duck by Janet Taylor Lisle

Years afterwards, Ruben Hart tells the story of how, in 1929 Newport, Rhode Island, his family and his best friend's family were caught up in the violent competition among groups trying to control the local rum-smuggling trade.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Books

Call Number: YA F LIS

Bog Child by Siobhan Dowd

In 1981, the height of Ireland's "Troubles," eighteen-year-old Fergus is distracted from his upcoming A-level exams by his imprisoned brother's hunger strike, the stress of being a courier for Sinn Fein, and dreams of a murdered girl whose body he discovered in a bog.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Books
- Edgar Allan Poe Nominee

Call Number: YA F DOW

Torn To Pieces by Margot McDonnell

When her mother disappears during a business trip, seventeen-year-old Anne discovers that her family harbors many dark secrets.

Awards:

- Edgar Allan Poe Nominee
- YALSA Quick Pick

Call Number: YA F MCD

The Killer's Cousin by Nancy Werlin

After being acquitted of murder, seventeen-year-old David goes to stay with relatives in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he finds himself forced to face his past as he learns more about his strange young cousin Lily.

Awards:

- Garden State Teen Book Award
- YALSA Best Book
- YALSA Quick Picks
- Edgar Allan Poe Award

Call Number: YA F WER

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