

2015 SRP

Teen Reading List

NLS Edition

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Grades 3 to 6

Shelter Dogs: Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays by Peg Kehret **DB 52181**

Read by Renee Dutton-O'Hara. Reading time: 2 hours, 10 minutes

Features eight stray dogs that were adopted from shelters and went on to become service animals, actors, and heroes. "Zorro, the Champion That Nobody Wanted" relates how a large, lively canine became a star on a flyball team. 1999.

Grades 4 to 7

The Complete Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis **DB 50083**

Read by Erik Sandvold. Reading time: 35 hours, 32 minutes.

Seven stories presented in the chronological order in which C.S. Lewis intended them to be read. The first is *The Magician's Nephew*, telling how the journeys between the two worlds began and how the wardrobe came to be a doorway leading into Narnia. Contents include *The Magician's Nephew* -- *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* -- *The Horse and His Boy* -- *Prince Caspian* -- *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* -- *The Silver Chair* -- *The Last Battle*. 1998.

The Magician's Nephew by C. S. Lewis **BR 7215, BR 13945**

When Digory and Polly try to return the wicked witch Jadis to her own world, the magic gets mixed up and they all land in Narnia, where they witness Aslan blessing the animals with human speech.

The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis

BR 7236, BR 11912, DB 54964 (Spanish version)

Read by Maria Pino. Reading time: 4 hours, 31 minutes.

Four English children find their way through a huge wardrobe in an old house to the mysterious land of Narnia, which is under the spell of the White Witch.

The Horse and His Boy by C. S. Lewis

BR 7216, BR 13946

A talking horse and his boy escape from a barbaric army marching to attack the land of Narnia. Their race to warn of the army's advance on the king's castle is fraught with danger.

Prince Caspian: The Return to Narnia by C. S. Lewis

BR 7238, BR 13947, BR 17781

Four English children--siblings Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy--help Prince Caspian and his army of Talking Beasts to free Narnia from evil.

The Voyage of the Dawn Treader by C. S. Lewis

BR 7313, BR 13948

Lucy and Edmund, accompanied by their peevish cousin Eustace, sail to the land of Narnia where Eustace is temporarily transformed into a green dragon because of his selfish behavior and skepticism.

The Silver Chair by C. S. Lewis

BR 7237, BR 13949

English children Eustace and Jill undergo hair-raising adventures as they go on a search-and-rescue mission for the missing Prince Rilian, who is held captive in the underground kingdom of the Emerald Witch.

The Last Battle by C. S. Lewis

BR 8373, BR 13950

When evil comes to Narnia, Jill and Eustace help fight the great last battle, and Aslan leads his people to a glorious new paradise.

Grades 5 to 8

Spilling Ink: A Young Writer's Handbook by Anne Mazer and Ellen Potter

DB 73553

Read by Mary Kane. Reading time: 4 hours, 45 minutes.

Two authors playfully mix practical advice and personal anecdotes to demystify the craft of writing a story or novel. Topics covered include finding inspiration, naming characters, developing a narrative voice, crafting dialogue, dealing with writer's block, and establishing good work habits. 2010.

Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom by Sue Macy

DB 73553

Read by Nicola Daval. Reading time: 2 hours, 51 minutes.

Follows the development of women's bicycles in the 1880s and 1890s and explores the impact of the two-wheeler on everyday life during the beginning of women's liberation. Discusses celebrity cyclists, reaction to the new transportation mode, and fashion changes to accommodate riding. 2011.

Writing Magic: Creating Stories That Fly by Gail Carson Levine

BR 17206

Newbery Honor author of fiction provides advice, tips, and exercises to encourage aspiring writers. Covers story writing--from coming up with an idea and developing characters and plot to finding a publisher.

Recommends practicing a lot and saving everything you write. 2006.

Grades 6 to 9

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Robert Louis Stevenson

BR 3066, BR 9247, BR 10687, DB 43591, DB 57349

Read by John Polk. Reading time: 13 hours, 1 minute.

Read by Nick Sullivan. Reading time: 11 hours, 22 minutes.

A comprehensive edition of Twain's 1885 tale about a boy who runs away from home and floats down the Mississippi on a raft with an escaping slave. Includes four episodes originally deleted from the first edition, an introduction by Twain biographer Justin Kaplan, and an addendum of explanatory and interpretive notes. Strong language.

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

BR 8055, BR 13682, DB 52436

Read by Erik Sandvold. Reading time: 7 hours, 38 minutes.

Two authors playfully mix practical advice and personal anecdotes to demystify the craft of writing a story or novel. Topics covered include finding inspiration, naming characters, developing a narrative voice, crafting dialogue, dealing with writer's block, and establishing good work habits. 2010.

Junior and Senior High

Go Ask Alice by Anonymous

BR 10978, DB 44179

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee. Reading time: 4 hours, 41 minutes.

Based on the diary of a fifteen-year-old girl who turned to drugs because of her feelings of loneliness and rebellion against the world. Though she tries to stop, she dies of an overdose three weeks after her seventeenth birthday. Strong language. 1971.

The Hobbit, or, There and Back Again by J. R. R. Tolkien

BR 7827, BR 11595, DB 48978, DB 61051 (Spanish version)

Read by Carole Jordan Stewart. Reading time: 9 hours, 25 minutes.

Read by Maria Pino. Reading time: 10 hours, 48 minutes.

The wandering wizard Gandalf recruits Bilbo Baggins, a Hobbit, to be the fourteenth member of an expedition. Hobbits prefer comfort to adventures, but Bilbo joins the quest and encounters many perils, including a dragon.

Lockdown by Alexander Gordon Smith

DB 72183

Read by Mark Delgado. Reading time: 7 hours, 29 minutes.

Thief Alex is framed for murder and sent deep underground to Furnace Penitentiary, where inmates are turned into vicious, unrecognizable creatures. Though no one has ever escaped, Alex and his friends tirelessly search for a way out. Some violence. 2009.

The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton

BR 8582, BR 11484, BR 17779, DB 22433

Read by Ray Foushee. Reading time: 4 hours, 58 minutes.

This classic young adult novel is set in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Ponyboy, the fourteen-year-old narrator, tells how it looks and feels to be a Greaser--from the wrong side of the tracks. He vividly describes the guerilla raids into his territory by their traditional, upper-middle-class enemy, the Socs, and of the beating that led to a murder charge and two deaths.

Seize the Story: A Handbook for Teens Who Like to Write by Victoria Hanley

BR 18564, DB 71098

Read by Kimberly Schraf. Reading time: 5 hours, 29 minutes.

Presents creative-writing tips and exercises, from freewriting to understanding the elements of fiction. Provides examples for character development, motivation, and perspective. Assesses difficult aspects of writing fiction, such as creating the setting and mood, and infusing your style and voice into the story. 2008.

Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different by Karen Blumenthal
DB 76396

Read by Carol Dines. Reading time: 6 hours, 55 minutes.

Recounts the life and career of the late founder of Apple, Steve Jobs (1955-2011). Covers his adoption and childhood, his friendship with Steve Wozniak, and his dynamic relationship with Apple--as chairman, head of the Mac department, advisor, and CEO--until his death. 2012.

White Fang by Jack London

BR 2591, BR 9693, DB 51689

Read by L. J. Ganser. Reading time: 7 hours, 39 minutes.

A wolf-dog, rescued from danger and tamed by a kind master, redeems his brute nature by defending his master's family against an escaped convict.

Senior High

Geektastic: Stories from the Nerd Herd by Holly Black

DB 69853

Read by Mark Delgado. Reading time: 11 hours, 40 minutes.

Short story anthology celebrating geekdom. In Holly Black's and Cecil Castellucci's "Once You're a Jedi, You're a Jedi All the Way," a Klingon and a Jedi fight their taboo attraction at a science fiction convention.

Edited by Holly Black and Cecil Castellucci. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2009.

Graceling by Kristin Cashore

DB 67938

Read by Kristin Allison. Reading time: 10 hours, 41 minutes.

In a world where some people are born with an extreme and often-feared skill, Katsa struggles with hers--the "grace" of killing. When she first encounters Prince Po, whose grace is incompatible with hers, she doesn't foresee the bond that will form between them. Seven Kingdoms series, book 1. Some violence. 2008.

So Yesterday by Scott Westerfeld

BR 16438

Hunter, a New York City teenager paid by corporations to spot what is "cool," combines his analytical skills with his girlfriend Jen's creative talents to find his missing boss Mandy. They thwart a plot to subvert a consumer system based on trends and profit. 2004.

The Vampire Diaries series by L. J. Smith

The Awakening and The Struggle by L. J. Smith

DB 70456

Read by James Konicek. Reading time: 11 hours, 36 minutes.

First two novels in the Vampire Diaries series and the basis for the 2009 television show. In *The Awakening* brother vampires Stefan and Damon vie for the attention of Elena Gilbert. In *The Struggle* Elena's relationship with Stefan intensifies.

The Fury and Dark Reunion by L. J. Smith

DB 70514

Read by James Konicek. Reading time: 12 hours, 43 minutes.

The third and fourth novels in the Vampire Diaries series. In *The Fury* Elena is tricked by Damon and confronts her worst fears. In *Dark Reunion* Elena, Stefan, and Damon join forces to fight an evil enemy.

Senior High and Older

A Brief History of Time by Stephen W. Hawking

DB 26996

Read by Bob Butz. Reading time: 5 hours, 51 minutes.

The famous theoretical physicist, affected by Lou Gehrig's disease since graduate school, is best known for his inquiries into the nature of black holes. This work recaps modern physicists' attempts to understand how and why the universe exists. Hawking claims that these attempts reach ever closer to a single theory that, if complete and convincing, would enable us "to know the mind of God." Bestseller. 1988.

Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell

DB 77545

Read by Abigail Maupin. Reading time: 11 hours, 55 minutes.

Eighteen-year-old Cath's adoration of fantasy character Simon Snow leads to her penning a fanfiction story that is popular online. Offline, shy

Cath is out of her comfort zone at her new college--until romance finds her. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2013.

Grace, Gold, and Glory: My Leap of Faith by Michelle Burford
DB 76347

Read by Jill Fox. Reading time: 5 hours, 26 minutes.

Autobiography of Olympic gold-medal gymnast Gabrielle Douglas. Recounts her early life in Virginia, her professional training in Iowa, and the sacrifices she and her family made to support her dream. Credits her faith and family for her success at the 2012 London games. 2012.

Heroes by Robert Cormier
BR 11993, DB 64704

Read by Ray Childs. Reading time: 3 hours, 22 minutes.

Soldier Francis Cassavant returns home from World War II so disfigured that no one recognizes him. His only goal is to kill his personal enemy, Larry LaSalle, for a crime Larry committed while on leave. Everyone mistakenly considers the two men war heroes. 1998.

How to Practice: The Way to a Meaningful Life by Dalai Lama
DB 53769

Read by Ray Childs. Reading time: 3 hours, 22 minutes.

Specific Buddhist techniques for overcoming such everyday obstacles as anger, mistrust, jealousy, and insecurity and thus gaining mental peace and compassion. Recommends developing a good heart and mind through a moral attitude and an understanding of reality. Bestseller. 2002.

I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban by Malala Yousafzai
DB 35363

Read by George Holmes. Reading time: 60 hours, 3 minutes.

Jean Valjean, a poor French peasant, is imprisoned for stealing a loaf of bread to feed his hungry children. He escapes, hiding his identity and devoting his life to noble causes, until once again he becomes the victim

of cruel circumstances. Hugo's epic novel about the human capacity for goodness and society's penchant for evil is set during the turmoil of the eighteenth-century French Revolution. 1992.

I, Robot by Isaac Asimov

BR 828, DB 15779

Read by Bob Askey. Reading time: 7 hours, 15 minutes.

U. S. Robots and Mechanical Men, Inc, headed by the strong-minded Susan Calvin, manufactures and sells intelligent, human-like robots. Nine stories illustrate how the robots are programmed with the three Laws of Robotics to serve man, despite many of the ingrained fears and prejudices humans have against them. 2007.

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë

BR 1216, BR 10514, DB 47868

Read by Jennifer Mendenhall. Reading time: 20 hours, 15 minutes.

Nineteenth-century English novel about a plain and intelligent woman who becomes the governess at an estate, is caught up in the mysteries of the manor, and falls in love with the master of the house.

The Joys of Love by Madeleine L'Engle

BR 18238, DB 67472

Read by Gabriella Cavallero. Reading time: 6 hours, 30 minutes.

After graduating from college in 1946, Elizabeth pursues her dream of acting and lands an apprenticeship in a summer theater company. She falls in love with an aspiring director, not realizing how much her friendship with a fellow apprentice means to her.

Les Misérables by Victor Hugo

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Long Walk to Freedom: The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela by Nelson Mandela

BR 9951, DB 39555

Read by Ralph Lowenstein. Reading time: 26 hours, 54 minutes.

Memoirs of the South African leader who spent twenty-seven years in prison for opposing apartheid. Son of a tribal chief, Mandela had a traditional country childhood and a college education. As a leader of the African National Congress, he began talks that led to the mitigation of apartheid. Released from prison in 1990, he became president in 1994, with blacks voting for the first time. Bestseller.

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

BR 1595, BR 9480, DB 48388

Read by Christopher Walker. Reading time: 7 hours, 18 minutes.

With horrifying implications, a group of English boys are wrecked on a desert island and have to establish their own system of government.

Oliver Twist by Dalai Lama

BR 3374, DB 22868

Read by Patrick Horgan. Reading time: 17 hours, 15 minutes.

The story of an orphan boy from an English workhouse who falls into the hands of rogues and is trained as a pickpocket.

The Phantom of the Opera by Gaston Leroux

BR 7266, DB 27821

Read by Ronald B. Meyer. Reading time: 8 hours, 20 minutes.

The story of a demented musician hiding in the labyrinth of the Paris Opera House. Known as the Phantom of the Opera, the creature masterminds a series of mysterious and terrifying events to further the career of a beautiful young singer.

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

BR 1583, BR 11521, DB 50549, DB 70966 (Spanish Version)

Read by Jennifer Mendenhall. Reading time: 12 hours, 8 minutes.

Read by Maria Pino. Reading time: 14 hours, 25 minutes.

A classic novel of social customs in late eighteenth-century England.

Depicts the personality clash between Elizabeth Bennet, one of five daughters of a country gentleman, and prosperous, aristocratic landowner Fitzwilliam Darcy, which eventually develops into courtship.

The Princess Bride by William Goldman

DB 58817

Read by Bruce Nelson. Reading time: 14 hours, 32 minutes.

The most beautiful woman in the world falls in love with Westley, the perfect man. Their pending romance, however, is interrupted by fate and the wicked prince Humperdinck, ruler of Florin. Thirtieth anniversary edition of the classic fairy tale spoof features a 2003 introduction. 1973.

Sookie Stackhouse series (True Blood) by Charlaine Harris

Dead Until Dark by Charlaine Harris

BR 18384, DB 69645

Read by Kristin Allison. Reading time: 8 hours, 45 minutes.

While telepathic waitress Sookie Stackhouse serves tables at Merlotte's bar in Bon Temps, Louisiana, she meets handsome vampire Bill. But when a rowdy vampire gang moves into town and murders remain unsolved, Sookie's attraction to Bill puts her in danger. Violence, explicit descriptions of sex, and some strong language. Bestseller. 2001.

Living Dead in Dalla by Charlaine Harris

BR 18388, DB 69897

Read by Kristin Allison. Reading time: 7 hours, 47 minutes.

The morning after Sookie Stackhouse takes drunk Andy Bellefleur's car keys, she discovers the Merlotte's flamboyant cook, Lafayette, dead in Andy's car. Before she can investigate, vampire Eric summons Sookie and vampire Bill for an errand in Dallas. Violence, explicit descriptions of sex, and some strong language. Bestseller. 2002.

Club Dead by Charlaine Harris

BR 18389, DB 70210

Read by Kristin Allison. Reading time: 7 hours, 33 minutes.

After Sookie's cheating boyfriend, vampire Bill, disappears, his boss Eric convinces Sookie to rescue Bill from kidnappers. She travels to Jackson, Mississippi, where werewolf Alcide helps Sookie search nightclubs for her wayward lover. Strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. 2003.

Dead to the World by Charlaine Harris

BR 18472, DB 69448

Read by Kristin Allison. Reading time: 8 hours, 45 minutes.

Dumped by her vampire lover Bill, Sookie finds Bill's boss vampire Eric half-naked on the side of the road--acting strangely and with no memory. She investigates to protect Eric but soon realizes her heart is in danger too. Strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. 2004.

Dead as a Doornail by Charlaine Harris

BR 18270, DB 64117

Read by Lindsay Ellison. Reading time: 9 hours, 3 minutes.

Louisiana. Telepathic cocktail waitress Sookie Stackhouse helps the were-people, who are being attacked by a stalker, even though Sookie's shapeshifting brother Jason is a suspect. Sookie asks sexy vampire Eric for help before becoming the killer's next target. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2005.

Definitely Dead by Charlaine Harris

BR 18473, DB 63483

Read by Lindsay Ellison. Reading time: 10 hours, 22 minutes.

Mind-reading waitress Sookie Stackhouse of Bon Temps, Louisiana, heads to New Orleans where the vampire queen of Louisiana has ordered her to clean out the apartment of Sookie's deceased cousin Hadley. Sookie soon finds herself neck-deep in trouble. Explicit

descriptions of sex, strong language, and some violence. 2006.

All Together Dead by Charlaine Harris

BR 18474, DB 64954

Read by Kristin Allison. Reading time: 9 hours, 6 minutes

Telepathic barmaid Sookie Stackhouse attends the vampire summit where Louisiana vampire queen Sophie-Anne, whose power is already weakened by Hurricane Katrina, will face murder charges. Sookie and her weretiger lover, Quinn, contend with shifting alliances, preternatural politics, and more deaths. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2007.

From Dead to Worse by Charlaine Harris

BR 18475, DB 66959

Read by Kristin Allison. Reading time: 9 hours, 5 minutes.

Telepathic cocktail waitress Sookie Stackhouse becomes embroiled in a struggle for control of Louisiana's vampire and supernatural community. Sookie also contends with the disappearance of her weretiger love, Quinn, and the arrival of her great-grandfather--a fairy prince--who reveals to Sookie her true heritage. Some violence and some strong language. 2008.

Dead and Gone by Charlaine Harris

BR 18476, DB 70203

Read by Kristin Allison. Reading time: 7 hours, 40 minutes

Wereanimals publicly announce their existence to the human world in the Great Reveal. But when a mutilated werepanther is discovered outside of Merlotte's bar, Sookie Stackhouse finds herself in the middle of a murder and a creature war. Explicit descriptions of sex, some strong language, and some violence. Bestseller. 2009.

Dead in the Family by Charlaine Harris

BR 18931, DB 71229

Read by Kristin Allison. Reading time: 9 hours, 6 minutes

Telepath Sookie suffers from the aftermath of being tortured and grief

for those she lost in the fae war. But paranormal politics, family issues, her relationship with Eric, and an angry enemy force her to recover quickly. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2010.

Dead Reckoning by Charlaine Harris

BR 19314, DB 73332

Read by Kristin Allison. Reading time: 9 hours, 44 minutes

After a Molotov cocktail sets fire to Merlotte's bar and Sookie and Sam barely escape, they investigate who targeted them--and why. Meanwhile Eric, who has issues of his own, arrives on the scene. Some violence, some strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2011.

Deadlocked by Charlaine Harris

BR 20097, DB 74696

Read by Kristin Allison. Reading time: 9 hours, 44 minutes

Jealous after catching Eric feeding off another woman, Sookie holds her temper because vampire king Felipe de Castro is in town. But when the same woman is found dead in Eric's front yard, Sookie and her ex-lover Bill investigate. Descriptions of sex, some strong language, and some violence. Bestseller. 2012.

Dead Ever After by Charlaine Harris

BR 20101, DB 76741

Read by Kristin Allison. Reading time: 9 hours, 31 minutes

Sookie Stackhouse's world is still in turmoil: Arlene wants her barmaid job back at Merlotte's Bar--even after trying to kill Sookie--and Sookie's relationship with Eric is on hold. Then a murder leaves Sookie with one last mystery to solve. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2013.

After Dead by Charlaine Harris

DB 77711

Read by Kristin Allison. Reading time: 50 minutes

Series author Charlaine Harris reveals the fate of each character in Bon Temps's world of vampires, werewolves, and faeries. Did Sookie marry Sam? Could Eric stay true to Freyda? What became of Fangtasia? And which favorite went on to make a fortune creating video games? 2013.

Throne of Glass by Sarah J. Maas

BR 19817, DB 76152

Read by Theresa Conkin. Reading time: 13 hours, 34 minutes.

After serving a year of hard labor in the salt mines of Endovier for her crimes, assassin Celaena Sardothien receives an offer from Crown Prince Dorian. She will be freed--if she acts as his champion in a new royal assassin competition. Throne of Glass series, book 1. Violence. 2012.

Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë

BR 1218, BR 11902, DB 25178

Read by Dale Hodges. Reading time: 14 hours, 47 minutes.

This classic nineteenth-century English novel, set in the wild moor country of Yorkshire, is about Heathcliff, a foundling raised in the Earnshaw home, who passionately loves Catherine. He dedicates his life to the realization of that love and revenge on those who oppose him.