

## Nominations for the 2007 Teens' Top Ten Books

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Abbott, Tony	<b><i>Firegirl</i></b>	<b>Little, Brown and Co.</b>	<b>Realistic</b>	<b>2006</b>
	Tom tells about the arrival of Jessica, a new student who was badly burned in a fire. Little by little Tom begins to look beyond her exterior.			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"It shows that small daily gestures from others can lift someone's spirits and also your own. People will remember this book long after it's over."</i>			
Almond, David	<b><i>Clay</i></b>	<b>Delacorte</b>	<b>Fantasy</b>	<b>2006</b>
	Stephen has a talent, the gift of creation—and he knows that Davie has this talent, too. Davie allows Stephen to convince him to help bring a life-size figure to life—and Clay is born. Stephen has special plans for this innocent creation. What has Davie helped to unleash on the world?			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"A very compelling book with some of the same ideas as 'Frankenstein.' It was mysterious and fun to read."</i>			
Brooks, Kevin	<b><i>Road of the Dead</i></b>	<b>Chicken House</b>	<b>Mystery</b>	<b>2006</b>
	Fourteen-year-old British half-gypsy Ruben is frightened when he finds himself psychically witnessing the vicious attack and murder of his sister. When the official investigation stalls, Ruben and his brother attempt to put together the pieces of the crime themselves.			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"I think a lot of people can relate to the characters because they are going through emotions that many people experience."</i>			
Calonita, Jen	<b><i>Secrets of My Hollywood Life</i></b>	<b>Little, Brown and Co.</b>	<b>Realistic</b>	<b>2006</b>
	What if everyone in America wanted to know what you were doing when you weren't filming your TV show? Kaitlin Burke, a 16-year old TV star, is exhausted from this glamorous life. So much so she decides to go undercover as an ordinary high school student. But could it be that high school is just as tough as Hollywood?			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"It grabs the reader's attention and you want to find out more."</i>			
Cushman, Karen	<b><i>The Loud Silence of Francine Green</i></b>	<b>Clarion</b>	<b>Historical</b>	<b>2006</b>
	Francine Green doesn't speak up much, and who can blame her? But when outspoken, passionate Sophie Bowman transfers into Francine's class, she finds herself thinking about new things that never concerned her before. Eventually, Francine discovers that she not only has something to say, she is absolutely determined to say it.			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"A wonderful and sad book about friendship, speaking out, and our right as American citizens to free speech."</i>			
Dessen, Sarah	<b><i>Just Listen</i></b>	<b>Viking Children's Books</b>	<b>Realistic</b>	<b>2006</b>
	Annabel is nice. Too nice to say why she is unhappy with her life and what happened the night her life changed. That doesn't work in the world of her only remaining friend, anger-management alum and alternative-music nut, Owen. Can she learn to speak, argue, and finally to say the truth?			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"What Annabel is going through—dealing with her family, not wanting to be a model anymore, old friends, a sister with an eating disorder, and the secret—is gripping."</i>			
Elkeles, Simone	<b><i>How to Ruin a Summer Vacation</i></b>	<b>Flux</b>	<b>Realistic</b>	<b>2006</b>
	The last thing 16-year-old Amy wants to do for the summer is go to Israel with her estranged Israeli father, who's dragging her to meet a family she's never known. What could be worse than a summer in a place without friends, shopping or a cell phone?			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"This book was probably on my top 10 most funny books list...a hilarious book about one teenage girl's adventure through a surprise vacation in Israel, friends, and the meaning of Moshav."</i>			
Ellsworth, Loretta	<b><i>In Search of Mockingbird</i></b>	<b>Henry Holt</b>	<b>Realistic</b>	<b>2007</b>
	Erin waits as long as she can, until she decides that running away from home is her only choice. Then she goes on a mission: to find the reclusive author of <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> . This takes Erin on a bus journey, knowing that if she can find Harper Lee she will also be closer to her mother, who adored that book more than all others.			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"Gutsy. Says that any kind of person can be your friend."</i>			

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	When Cameryn asks to be her father's assistant at the county coroner's office, she never expects that her first case will be a friend in a serial killer case.			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"It's a good, suspenseful book overall. You will REALLY like it if you are into forensics and murder mysteries."</i>			
Giles, Gail	<b><i>What Happened to Cass McBride</i></b>	<b>Little, Brown and Co.</b>	<b>Mystery</b>	<b>2006</b>
	After his younger brother's suicide, Kyle Kirby exacts revenge on the person he holds responsible: He kidnaps 17-year-old Cass from her house and buries her alive, chastising her with a walkie-talkie. Can Detective Ben Grey discover Cass's whereabouts before it's too late?			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"This is an incredible book with a mind bogging plot."</i>			
Goobie, Beth	<b><i>Hello, Groin</i></b>	<b>Orca Book Publishers</b>	<b>Realistic</b>	<b>2006</b>
	When Dylan agrees to create a display for her high school library, she has no idea of the trouble it's going to cause—for the school principal, her family, her boyfriend Cam and his jock friends, her best friend Jocelyn, not to mention Dylan herself. Dylan also has to face her deepest fear and the way she was letting it run her life.			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"This book is an amazing read about a girl going through struggles with her boyfriend, best friend, censorship, and herself. It really makes you think about the things in your life and the way you view them."</i>			
Hale, Shannon	<b><i>River Secrets</i></b>	<b>Bloomsbury</b>	<b>Fantasy</b>	<b>2006</b>
	Razo is one of Bayern's weaker soldiers. He is sure he is only on an important mission out of pity. But in the strange southern country of Tira, Razo befriends both the high and low born, people who can perhaps provide him with vital information. Razo is the one who must embrace his own talents in order to get the Bayern soldiers home again, alive.			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"This book could be made into a movie. All of the book is really compelling!"</i>			
Henry, April	<b><i>Shock Point</i></b>	<b>Putnam Juvenile</b>	<b>Mystery</b>	<b>2006</b>
	When fifteen-year-old Cassie Streng discovers that her psychiatrist stepfather is giving a dangerous experimental drug to his teenaged patients, she is determined to expose him. Instead, he sends her to a boot camp for troubled teens in order to keep her quiet. Cassie is in danger at this "school." Can she escape, expose her stepfather, and stop the school?			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"The action and suspense escalated to an intense point. It captivated me."</i>			
Jaffe, Michele	<b><i>Bad Kitty</i></b>	<b>HarperCollins</b>	<b>Mystery</b>	<b>2006</b>
	Jasmine had to give up her police internship to go on her family vacation. But it doesn't take long before Jas stumbles upon a murder mystery while vacationing in Las Vegas.			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"It's a huge, hilarious page-turner that keeps you reading: 36% great mystery, 49% unstoppable crush, and 15% fashion emergency."</i>			
Korman, Gordon	<b><i>Born to Rock</i></b>	<b>Hyperion</b>	<b>Realistic</b>	<b>2006</b>
	After ultra-straight-laced Leo Caraway discovers that his biological father is none other than millionaire King Maggot, lead singer of the punk band Purge, he accepts a roadie job on King's tour in hopes of securing badly needed college tuition to Harvard.			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"This book is about finding one's roots and discovering rock music, while figuring out your true self...the book has many surprising twists and turns, and it's a great laugh-out-loud book"</i>			
Meyer, Stephanie	<b><i>New Moon</i></b>	<b>Little, Brown and Co</b>	<b>Fantasy</b>	<b>2006</b>
	Edward leaves Forks to keep Bella safe, sending her into a deep depression that lasts until she befriends Jacob, a sophomore with a penchant for motorcycles. Their fun, wild adventures soon turn dangerous, especially after she finds out Jacob's real identity.			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"I love the relationship between Bella and Edward, not because it is perfect, but because of its faults. Their relationship is so complicated and takes so many turns that it is hard not to want to know what happens next."</i>			

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	When Ananka Fishbein ventures into an enormous sinkhole near her New York City apartment, she finds things that change her life: a million rats, delinquent Girl Scouts, and a secret city.			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"This book is so original and creative. It has so many twists and adventure. This book is beyond amazing."</i>			
Nelson, Blake	<b><i>Prom Anonymous</i></b>	<b>Viking</b>	<b>Realistic</b>	<b>2006</b>
	Chloe Thomas is the last person that anyone expects to see at the prom. She agrees to go when her two oldest friends ask her to go. What will happen in the three weeks leading up to the big night?			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"It talks about what goes on during prom night through couples, crushes, and high school life."</i>			
Patterson, James	<b><i>Maximum Ride: School's Out – Forever</i></b>	<b>Little, Brown and Co</b>	<b>Adventure</b>	<b>2006</b>
	Max and her flock are discovered by an FBI agent and forced to go to "school." There is no such thing as an ordinary day there, and Max faces her greatest enemy.			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"The plot is super believable, and it's a page-turner."</i>			
Pfeffer, Susan Beth	<b><i>Life As We Knew It</i></b>	<b>Harcourt</b>	<b>Science Fiction</b>	<b>2006</b>
	When a meteor knocks the moon closer to Earth, Miranda and her family need to prepare for tsunamis, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, extreme weather, food shortages, and disease.			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"Just the whole idea of having a meteor crash into the moon and seeing how it affects a girl around my age is fascinating."</i>			
Reich, Susanna	<b><i>Penelope Bailey Takes the Stage</i></b>	<b>Marshall Cavendish</b>	<b>Historical</b>	<b>2006</b>
	Left in the care of family with rigid views of proper behavior in the late 1800s, Penny is determined not to give up her dreams of an acting career. She starts by plotting to star in the school play.			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"It's about an 11-year-old girl who wants to act."</i>			
Vande Velde, Vivian	<b><i>All Hallows Eve (13 Stories)</i></b>	<b>Harcourt</b>	<b>Short Stories</b>	<b>2006</b>
	A spine-tingling collection of scary stories. Take Halloween night and add a possessed car, a crypt a psychic...and ten more!			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"They are twilight zone stories that make you think about life."</i>			
Vrettos, Adrienne Maria	<b><i>Skin</i></b>	<b>Simon &amp; Schuster</b>	<b>Realistic</b>	<b>2006</b>
	The one normal person in Donnie's family is his older sister, Karen. His family has to make huge changes when they admit that Karen has an eating disorder, and suddenly Donnie feels more on his own than ever. Will things be able to become normal again?			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"I was not expecting anything this powerful. I felt what they felt. An amazing story of an anorexic girl told through the eyes of her younger brother and the emotions of the whole family."</i>			
Welsh, T.K.	<b><i>The Unresolved</i></b>	<b>Dutton</b>	<b>Historical</b>	<b>2006</b>
	The 1904 "General Slocum" steamship disaster killed more than 1000 people from the part of New York City known as Kleindeutschland. One victim was 15-year-old Mallory Meer. Her boyfriend, Dustin Brauer, is accused of setting the fire by a leader in the German neighborhood. Mallory, now insubstantial, sees everything and helps the truth to emerge.			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"Brilliant story, beautifully written."</i>			
Wilce, Ysabeau S.	<b><i>Flora Segunda: Being the Magickal Mishaps of a Girl of Spirit, Her Glass-Gazing Sidekick, Two Ominous Butlers (One Blue), a House with Eleven Thousand Rooms, and a Red Dog</i></b>	<b>Harcourt</b>	<b>Fantasy</b>	<b>2007</b>
	Flora gets lost in her own eleven thousand room house and stumbles upon the long-banished butler of Crackpot Hall. Soon she finds herself in the middle of a mind-blowing muddle of intrigue and betrayal that changes her world forever.			
	<b>Teen Reviewer:</b> <i>"Flora discovers her family's ancient butler; after helping him, she almost disappears into the abyss."</i>			

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