

# 2015 Texas Lone Star Annotated Reading List



Alexander, Kwame. ***The Crossover***. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2014.

ISBN: 978-0544107717

Fourteen year old twin brothers, Jordan (JB) and Josh Bell (aka Filthy McNasty) are unstoppable on the court. Growing up they face struggles, changes, and challenges.

Also try these:

*Sasquatch in the Paint* by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

*Foul Trouble* by John Feinstein

Chen, Justina. ***A Blind Spot for Boys***. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 2014.

ISBN: 978-0316102537

Shana Wilde is on a self imposed boy moratorium. Her priority now is to spend time with her father who is going blind. She and her parents set out on an adventure to walk the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. The last thing she needs is to fall in love, but when Quattro rides into her life in Seattle and shows up in Peru, Shana learns a lesson or two about love and life.

Also try these:

*North of Beautiful* by Justina Chen

*Geography of You and Me* by Jennifer E. Smith

Fantaskey, Beth. ***Buzz Kill***. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2014.

ISBN: 978-0547393100

When a highly unpopular football coach is found dead, high school journalist Millie Ostermeyer is eager to uncover the truth, especially when it becomes clear that her father, the assistant coach, is the chief suspect!

Also try these:

*Cover up* by John Feinstein

*Killing Mr. Griffin* by Lois Duncan

Garcia, Kami. ***Unbreakable***. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers , 2013.

ISBN: 978-0316210171

Kennedy discovers she is a member of an ancient society to protect the world from a demon determined to get out of his dimension and into ours. She joins the Legion to find a weapon that can defeat him.

Also try these:

*Rebel Belle* by Rachel Hawkins

*Spirit and Dust* by Rosemary Clement-Moore

Gebhart, Ryan. ***There Will Be Bears***. Candlewick, 2014.

ISBN: 978-0763665210

Tyson is sad to see his grandpa moved to the nursing home that is three hours away. Not only is he losing one of his best friends, he is going to miss out on his first big hunting opportunity. But when grandpa comes up with an alternate plan to take Tyson to kill his first elk in an area with recent bear activity, the hunt is back on.

Also try these:

Books by Gary Paulsen

Books by Will Hobbs

Harrington, K.A. ***Forget Me***. Putnam Juvenile, 2014.

ISBN: 978-0399165290

Morgan Tulley is finally moving on after the hit and run death of her boyfriend Flynn, but when she posts a picture of him online, the face recognition tag suggests another boy named Evan Murphy. Is Flynn really dead or has Morgan been living a lie?

Also try these:

*Virals* by Kathy Reichs

*The Girl Who Was Supposed to Die* by April Henry

Hoover, P.J. ***Tut: The Story of My Immortal Life***. Starscape, 2014.

ISBN: 978-0765334688

Instead of dying, like the history books report, King Tut was granted the gift of immortality. He's been fourteen years old for 3,000 years. Suddenly, an enemy returns and Tut has the chance to exact revenge for betrayals long past. But at what cost?

Also try these:

Books by Rick Riordan

*The Savage Fortress* by Sarwat Chadda

Hopkinson, Deborah. ***The Great Trouble: A Mystery of London, the Blue Death, and a Boy Called Eel***. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2013.

ISBN: 978-0375848186

13 year old Eel is trying to survive the mean streets of 1850s London. Life is hard, but nothing prepares him for the devastating outbreak of Cholera that kills hundreds in his neighborhood. What can one boy do to help find the cause of the outbreak and end the great trouble?

Also try these:

*In the Shadow of Blackbirds* by Cat Winters

*A Death Struck Year* by Makiia Lucier

Jobin, Matthew. ***The Nethergrim***. Philomel, 2014.

ISBN: 978-0399159985

Valiant knight Tristan and the wizard Vithric destroyed the evil Nethergrim in a devastating battle decades ago...as the legend goes. No one knows for sure. The survivors aren't talking, but something dark is brewing. Edmund Bale, an aspiring wizard, is convinced the Nethergrim is back.

Also try these:

*The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

*Jinx* by Sage Blackwood

Johnson, Varian. ***The Great Greene Heist***. Arthur A. Levine Books, 2014.

ISBN: 978-0545525527

Oceans 11 meets middle school. Jackson Greene is a con artist trying to go straight since his last botched con lost him his best friend and hopefully future girlfriend, Gaby. However, when he discovers her bid for StuCo President is about to be rigged by his arch enemy, he decides to end his retirement and help ensure her victory.

Also try these:

*The Fourth Stall* by Chris Rylander

*Loot* by Jude Watson

London, Alex. ***Proxy***. Philomel, 2013.

ISBN: 978-0399257766

Knox has everything a patron boy born of privilege could ever want including his own proxy, Syd, who takes Knox's punishment for any wrongdoing. When Knox kills a girl in a car wreck, Syd is sentenced to hard labor and death. Syd can no longer accept the hand of fate he has been dealt, and with Knox's help, he sets out to change his destiny.

Also try these:

*The Whipping Boy* by Sid Fleischman

*A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens

Lough, Amber. ***The Fire Wish***. Random House Books for Young Readers, 2014.

ISBN: 978-0385369763

Najwa is a jinni training to be a spy in the war against the humans. Zayeel is a human girl unwillingly on her way to marry the prince of Baghdad. But when Najwa is captured by Zayeel and is forced to grant her wish of switching places things get interesting.

Also try these:

*The Swap* by Megan Shull

*Castle in the Air* by Diana Wynne Jones

Lunetta, Demitria. ***In the After***. HarperTeen, 2013.

ISBN: 978-0062105455

A suspenseful, fast paced, post-apocalyptic page turner. Zombie-like aliens invade Earth with the single motivation of eating human flesh. Fourteen year old Amy is alone during the attack and the aliens seem to have annihilated all human traces... and so begins her survival story.

Also try these:

*Stung* by Bethany Wiggins

*The Fifth Wave* by Rick Yancey

Oppel, Kenneth. ***The Boundless***. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2014.

ISBN: 978-1442472884

Adventure on the Boundless, the greatest train ever built! Teenage Will enlists the aid of a traveling circus to save the train from villains.

Also try these:

*Airborn* by Kenneth Oppel

*Mark of the Dragonfly* by Jaleigh Johnson

Pearson, Mary E. ***The Kiss of Deception***. Henry Holt and Co., 2014.

ISBN: 978-0805099232

Lia doesn't want to marry as an alliance between countries, so she runs away. The prince is impressed by her audacity and tracks her in order to meet her. Meanwhile, a third country wants her dead to keep the alliance from happening, so they send an assassin. Consequences to Lia's decision are devastating. She must return. Time is up; the assassin must kill her and the prince must reveal the truth.

Also try these:

*The Winner's Curse* by Marie Rutkoski

*Throne of Glass* by Sarah J. Maas

Poblocki, Dan. ***The Haunting of Gabriel Ashe***. Scholastic Press, 2013.

ISBN: 978-0545402705

Gabriel Ashe and his friend Seth spend the summer playing a made up game of princes and monsters in the woods between their homes. It's a game passed down from Seth's older brother who supposedly ran away. What the boys don't realize is that they have awakened an evil spirit and it loves to play games.

Also try these:

*The Nightmares* by Dan Poblocki

*Doll Bones* by Holly Black

Sanderson, Brandon. ***Steelheart***. Delacorte Press, 2013.

ISBN: 978-0385743563

Ten years ago Calamity appeared in the sky, and it gave ordinary humans superhuman powers. They are called Epics, and one of the worst is Steelheart who rules what was once Chicago. Steelheart seems indestructible, but one boy has seen Steelheart bleed and he wants revenge for his father's death.

Also try these:

*Dangerous* by Shannon Hale

*Sylo* by D.J. MacHale

Sheinkin, Steve. ***The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights***.

Roaring Brook Press, 2014.

ISBN: 978-1596437968

Little-known Civil Rights milestone: During World War II, black sailors performed the dangerous job of loading ammunition, without training or safety procedures. After an explosion killed hundreds, sailors were courtmartialled for refusing to load ammo.

Also try these:

*Freedom Walkers* by Russell Freedman

*Courage Has No Color* by Tanya Lee Stone

Van Wagenen, Maya. ***Popular: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek***. Dutton Juvenile, 2014.

ISBN: 978-0525426813

Maya finds a copy of a 60 year old guide on how to be popular. She decides to follow the advice given and see how her experiment turns out. She changes her clothes, diet, and most importantly--her attitude.

Also try these:

*45 Pounds (More or Less)* by Kelly Barson

*Fat Cat* by Robin Brande

White, J.A. ***The Thickety***. Katherine Tegen Books, 2014.

ISBN: 978-0062257246

Kara Westfall lives on a remote island in a community known as The Path that abhors witches. Her mother was found to be a witch and was hanged and now, five years later, Kara deals with the aftermath on a daily basis. But when she finds a book in the forbidden forest known as The Thickety things will change.

Also try these:

*Dreamwood* by Heather Mackey

*The Night Gardener* by Jonathan Auxier

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