

2013 Texas Lone Star Annotated Reading List



Bardugo, Leigh. ***Shadow and Bone***. Henry Holt, 2012.

ISBN 978-0805094596

While crossing the vast, horrifying Fold, Alina discovers that she has magical powers. Attracting the attention of her country's most powerful leaders, Alina is whisked away, and her whole life changes in an instant.

Try these too:

The Demon King by Cinda Williams Chima

The Gathering Storm by Robin Bridges

Terrier by Tamora Pierce

Barnes, Jennifer Lynn. ***Every Other Day***. Egmont USA, 2012.

ISBN 978-1606841693

Every other day, Kali changes from a normal girl to an invincible monster killer. She is forced to reveal her secret and enlist the help of friends when she sees that a classmate is marked for death – and it's on the wrong day.

Try these too:

Paranormalcy by Kiersten White

Raised by Wolves by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Hex Hall by Rachel Hawkins

Bauer, Joan. ***Almost Home***. Viking, 2012.

ISBN 978-0670012893

Still grieving her beloved grandfather and with no father to count on, Sugar and her mother suddenly find themselves homeless. Life has dealt them a devastating blow, but Sugar Mae Cole is not one easily knocked down.

Try these too:

One for the Murphys by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Waiting for Normal by Leslie Connor

Runaway by Wendelin Van Draanen

Blumenthal, Karen. ***Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different***. Feiwel and Friends, 2012.

ISBN 978-1250015570

Love him or hate him, one cannot deny the impact Steve Jobs had on the twenty-first century. This is the honest story of the complicated man who truly thought different.

Try these other biographies too:

Bill Gates: Entrepreneur and Philanthropist by Jeanne M. Lesiniski

Robert F. Kennedy: A Twentieth-Century Life by Mark Aronson

Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Candace Fleming

Bragg, Georgia. ***How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous***. Walker & Co., 2011.

ISBN 978-0802798176

Some of the most famous people came to the most gruesome of deaths. Read all about it, if you have "the guts for gore!"

Try these other nonfiction titles too:

Poop Happened!: A History of the World from the Bottom Up by Sarah Albee

Guinea Pig Scientists: Bold Self-Experimenters in Science and Medicine by Leslie Dendy & Mel Boring

Bomb: The Race to Build – and Steal – the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin

Carvell, Tim. ***Planet Tad***. Harper Collins, 2012.

ISBN 978-0061934360

Tad begins the New Year with a blog and a resolution to survive the seventh grade. His blog posts chronicle his struggles with his annoying little sister, science projects, an embarrassing summer job, and many more middle school mishaps.

Try these too:

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger

Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life by James Patterson

Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life by Rachel Renee Russell

Davies, Stephen. ***Outlaw: A Novel***. Clarion Books, 2011.

ISBN 978-0547390178

Jake and his sister Kas are kidnapped from Burkina Faso, where their father serves as the British Ambassador, and end up in the hands of the famous outlaw Yakuba .

Try these too:

Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz

SilverFin by Charlie Higson

The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp by Rick Yancey

Flinn, Alex. ***Bewitching***. HarperTeen, 2012.

ISBN 978-0062024145

Kendra from *Beastly* is back and trying to help Emma in this *Cinderella* story with a modern day twist. Classic tales of *The Little Mermaid*, *Hansel and Gretel*, and *The Princess and the Pea* all play a part as well.

Try these too:

Beastly by Alex Flinn

Sisters Red by Jackson Pierce

The Goddess Test by Aimee Carter

Kincaid, S.J. ***Insignia***. Katherine Tegen Books, 2012.

ISBN 978-0062092991

Tom is drifting aimlessly with his washed up, gambler father when his life takes a completely unexpected turn. He is offered a place at the Pentagonal Spire, an elite military academy, where he will be trained as a WWII operative.

Try these too:

Brain Jack by Brian Falkner

Enders Game by Orson Scott Card

Epic by Conor Kostick

Kindl, Patrice. ***Keeping the Castle: A Tale of Romance, Riches, and Real Estate***. Viking, 2012.

ISBN 978-0670014385

Althea Crawley lives in a deteriorating castle with her mother, younger brother, and two stepsisters. Strong-willed, beautiful, and cunning, Miss Crawley must find a wealthy man to marry in order to preserve her family's home.

Try these too:

Emma by Jane Austen

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Jane Austen: A Life Revealed by Catherine Reef

Levine, Kristin. ***The Lions of Little Rock***. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2012.

ISBN 978-0399256448

Marlee finds her voice to speak out against racism and segregation when she makes a real friend in Liz, an African-American girl passing for white, in her 1958 Little Rock junior high school.

Try these too:

Glory Be by Augusta Scattergood

We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March by Cynthia Levinson

Sources of Light by Margaret McMullen

Lu, Marie. ***Legend***. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2011.

ISBN 978-0399256752

June, a prodigy and government "golden girl", is on the hunt for Day, a famous criminal and hero of the people. But when she finds him, he is not what she expected.

Try these too:

Divergent by Veronica Roth

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Enclave by Ann Aguirre

McCall, Guadalupe Garcia. ***Under the Mesquite***. Lee & Low Books, 2011.

ISBN 978-1600604294

Lupita's heart belongs both in her native Mexico and in her American home in Eagle Pass. The oldest of eight siblings, she is resilient as she struggles to help raise her siblings in the face of a family illness.

Try these too:

Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai

Orchards by Holly Thompson

Second Chance Summer by Morgan Matson

Meyer, Marissa. ***Cinder***. Feiwel and Friends, 2012.

ISBN 978-0312641894

Cinder is the best mechanic in New Beijing, and, unfortunately, she is also an unloved stepchild and a cyborg. When Crown Prince Kai seeks her skills to fix a beloved android, Cinder unwittingly finds herself drawn into a deadly game of planetary politics.

Try these too:

The Looking Glass Wars by Frank Beddor

Graceling by Kristin Cashore

A Long, Long Sleep by Anna Sheehan

Morpurgo, Michael. ***An Elephant in the Garden***. Feiwel and Friends, 2011.

ISBN 978-0312593698

Lizzie, an ailing elderly woman, recounts her childhood memories of life in Dresden, Germany during the 1945 allied bombings that destroyed the city. She and her family fled the city, taking with them an orphaned elephant her mother has cared for since its birth.

Try these too:

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

The Boy Who Dared by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam by Cynthia Kadohata

Nielsen, Jennifer A. ***The False Prince***. Scholastic Press, 2012.

ISBN 978-0545284134

Sir Conner, a nobleman in the kingdom of Carthya, scours the country searching for an orphan who will pass as the long-lost prince and carry out his deceptive plan. The four orphans must compete to be chosen as the prince or face certain death.

Try these too:

The Unfortunate Son by Constance Leeds

The False Princess by Ellis O'Neal

The Ruins of Gorlan by John Flanagan

Palacio, R.J. ***Wonder***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2012.

ISBN 978-0375869020

Auggie, a boy with extreme facial anomalies, takes a big step entering middle school after a life of homeschooling. Will his classmates accept him as just a normal kid?

Try these too:

Out of my Mind by Sharon Draper

Rules by Cynthia Lord

Reaching for Sun by Tracie Vaughn Zimmer

Petrucha, Stefan. **Ripper**. Philomel, 2012.

ISBN 978-0-399255243

Orphan Carver Young is taken in and trained by a retired detective. Carver's first assignment is to find his long lost father, and all he has to go on is a letter, a letter with handwriting that matches that of the infamous murderer, Jack the Ripper.

Try these too:

The Hunchback Assignments by Arthur Slade

The Name of the Star by Maureen Johnson

The Inquisitor's Apprentice by Chris Moriarty

Sonnenblick, Jordan. **Curveball: The Year I Lost My Grip**. Scholastic Press, 2012.

ISBN 978-0545320696

How do you go on when your whole life has been about baseball and an elbow injury ends your playing career in an instant? Devastated Peter Friedman is forced to find out.

Try these too:

Notes from the Midnight Driver by Jordan Sonnenblick

Pop by Gordon Korman

The Big Field by Mike Lupica

Strohmeier, Sarah. **Smart Girls Get What They Want**. Balzer + Bray, 2012.

ISBN 978-0061953408

Overachievers Gigi, Bea and Neerja have been friends forever. They have their sights set on top colleges where their lives will *really* start. But when the girls realize that grades aren't everything, they each take on a new challenge to push their own personal envelope and learn that they are more than just the sum total of their GPA.

Try these too:

I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You by Ally Carter

Anna and the French Kiss by Stephanie Perkins

Fat Cat by Robin Brande

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