

2016 TEXAS LONE STAR ANNOTATED READING LIST



Altebrando, Tara. **The Battle of Darcy Lane.** Running Press Kids, 2014.

ISBN: 9780762449484

Twelve-year-old Julia learns about standing her ground and the true meaning of friendship during summer vacation. Deals with bullying and the meanness that comes with middle school girls.

Also try these:

My Life in Dioramas by Tara Altebrando

The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place by E. L. Konigsburg

Shug by Jenny Han

Brown, Jennifer. **How Lunchbox Jones Saved Me from Robots, Traitors, and Missy the Cruel.**

Bloomsbury U.S.A. Children's Books, 2015.

ISBN: 9781619634541

When Luke's dad forces him to join the robotics team at Forest Shade MS (famous for never having won anything EVER), Luke has to wonder: could they reverse the trend? Maybe...but only if Luke can figure out how to take charge of his life and keep out of the clutches of Missy the Cruel--and the giant known as Lunchbox Jones may be just the guy to help him do it. Stranger things have happened.

Also try these:

Ungifted by Gordon Korman

The Worst Class Trip Ever by Dave Barry

I Represent Sean Rosen by Jeff Barron

Buckley, Michael. **Undertow.** Harcourt Brace and Company, 2015.

ISBN: 9780544348257

Three years ago, the Alpha walked out of the sea and set up camp at Coney Island. Lyric Walker has been hiding a secret for years--but now the secret has surfaced, just as Lyric is assigned to tutor Fathom, the Alphas' flaming-hot prince. There's no way this is going to end well.

Also try these:

The 5th Wave by Rick Yancey

The Testing Series by Joelle Charbonneau

Enclave by Ann Aguirre

Caine, Rachel. **Ink and Bone.** New American Library, 2015.

ISBN: 9780451472397

The Great Library controls all knowledge and prosperity in 2025. Jess is a book smuggler by family trade, an illegal and dangerous operation, though he loves books for what they represent. Jess is sent to study with the elite potential future librarians where mystery, intrigue, and deceit are revealed.

Also try these:

The Harry Potter Series by J. K. Rowling

The Demon King by Cinda Williams Chima

The Blythewood Series by Carol Goodman

Gonzalez, Christina Diaz. **Moving Target**. Scholastic Press, 2015.

ISBN: 9780545773188

Cassie Arroyo lives in Rome, the latest place she has traveled with her father, an art history professor. One day he arrives at her school in a panic; they are being chased and Cassie is the target!

Also try these:

PERSEPHONE Series by Michelle Gagnon

Scarlett Undercover by Jennifer Latham

Gallagher Girls Series by Ally Carter

Graff, Lisa. **Lost in the Sun**. Philomel Books, 2015.

ISBN: 9780399164064

In 5th grade Trent was involved in a freak sporting accident that resulted in the death of another child. Riddled with guilt Trent must come to terms with what happened. A moving story about forgiveness and redemption.

Also try these:

A Question of Miracles by Elana K. Arnold

The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin

Counting by 7s by Holly Sloan

Hoose, Phillip. **The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club**.

Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015.

ISBN: 9780374300227

Germany invades Denmark with no resistance from the government or armed forces. A group of teens feels they must do something to hinder the German invaders. Through sabotage and theft, the group is able to cause disruptions to the German forces in their town.

Also try these:

The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi by Neal Bascomb

I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Reader's Edition) by Malala Yousafzai

Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Larson, M. A. **Pennyroyal Academy**. Putnam Publishing Group, 2014.

ISBN: 9780399163241

A girl from the forest enlists at Pennyroyal Academy, where princesses and knights are trained to battle the two great menaces of the day: witches and dragons.

Also try these:

The Flame of Olympus by Kate O'Hearn

Princess of the Midnight Ball by Jessica George

Dealing with Dragons by Patricia C. Wrede

Laurie, Victoria. **When**. Disney-Hyperion, 2015.

ISBN: 9781484700082

Maddie can see the date someone will die on his/her forehead. When accused of killing kids who have disappeared, the FBI is determined to find Maddie and her best friend responsible because they knew at least one would die. They must solve the mystery first or possibly be victims themselves.

Also try these:

Numbers by Rachel Ward

The Raven Boys by Maggie Stiefvater

Forget Me by K. A. Harrington

Laybourne, Emmy. **Sweet.** Feiwel & Friends, 2015.

ISBN: 9781250055194

The rich and marginally famous get to try out a new weight loss drug called Solu on a "Lose Cruise" before it is released to the general public. However, Solu seems to have some extreme side effects. Lots of insight in to the artificialness of celebrity culture and promotes positive body image in a relatable way. Romance paired with horror makes this a hit for all audiences.

Also try these:

In the After by Demitria Lunetta

Rot & Ruin Series by Jonathan Maberry

The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness

Maetani, Valynne E. **Ink and Ashes.** Tu Books, 2015.

ISBN: 9781620142110

Claire discovers that her family has secrets that can put her and her brothers in mortal danger.

Also try these:

Shelter by Harlan Coben

The Fixer by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

The Silence of Murder by Dandi Daley Mackall

Nielsen, Jennifer A. **A Night Divided.** Scholastic Press, 2015.

ISBN: 9780545682428

The Berlin Wall goes up in one night literally dividing Greta's family in half. Years later there is hope of her family reuniting if they are willing to take a huge risk.

Also try these:

The Boy Who Dared by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Chasing Secrets by Gennifer Choldenko

Going Over by Beth Kephart

Nielsen, Susin. **We Are All Made of Molecules.** Wendy Lamb Books, 2015.

ISBN: 9780553496864

What happens when the parents of a socially awkward boy and the most popular girl in school decide for them all to move in together?

Also try these:

Goodbye Stranger by Rebecca Stead

Word Nerd by Susin Nielsen

Wonder by R. J. Palacio

Priest, Cherie. **I Am Princess X.** Arthur A. Levine Books, 2015.

ISBN: 9780545620857

May & Libby created Princess X, a comic character, who should have died when Libby drowned. But now May is seeing Princess X everywhere she goes--and she knows Libby must be alive. Together with hacker extraordinaire Patrick, she starts tracking Princess X online, little knowing that someone from the darknet is now tracking HER...

Also try these:

Don't Turn Around by Michelle Gagnon

In Real Life by Cory Doctorow

The Night She Disappeared by April Henry

Reynolds, Jason. **The Boy in the Black Suit**. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2015.

ISBN: 9781442459502

Matt's mother just died. His father begins spending his days drunk on the corner. He knows that he needs a job to take his mind off of everything, and when he is offered a position at the funeral home, he accepts. He begins to find himself through watching the grief of others.

Also try these:

Miracle's Boys by Jacqueline Woodson

Seeing Red by Kathryn Erskine

House Arrest by K. A. Holt

Schreiber, Joe. **Con Academy**. Harcourt Brace and Company, 2015.

ISBN: 9780544320208

Two con artists, one school: Will and Andrea figure out right away the place just isn't big enough for both of them. So they make a bargain--the first one to get \$50,000 out of super-rich jerk Brandt Rush gets to stay, and the other one has to pack it up. May the best con win.

Also try these:

Loot by Jude Watson

Trust Me, I'm Lying by Mary Elizabeth Summer

The Great Greene Heist by Varian Johnson

Shine, Joe. **I Become Shadow**. Soho Teen, 2014.

ISBN: 9781616953584

When Ren Sharpe was fourteen, she was kidnapped by a shadowy organization called FATE and trained to be a human weapon. Now, four years later, she receives her assignment: protect Texas A & M student Gareth Young (a "FIP"--future important person) at all costs. But when disaster strikes, Ren will have to turn on her maker. Together with Junie, a fellow abductee and the one person she trusts, Ren takes Gareth on the run. Because whatever else happens, failure is not an option.

Also try these:

W.A.R.P. Series by Eoin Colfer

Urban Outlaws by Peter Black

Boy Nobody by Allen Zadoff

Swendson, Shanna. **Rebel Mechanics: All is Fair in Love and Revolution**.

Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015.

ISBN: 9780374300098

When Verity Newton set out for New York City in 1888, she never expected to witness a train robbery, see the first ride of a mostly-illegal steam car, or get hired as a governess by one of the most powerful magical families in the British American colonies. But then again, nothing's quite what you'd expect in this dashing alternative history featuring steampunk and swashbucklers!

Also try these:

Curtsies & Conspiracies by Gail Carriger

Mechanica by Betsy Cornwell

The Rithmatist by Brandon Sanderson

Toten, Teresa. **The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B**. Delacorte Press, 2015.

ISBN: 9780553507867

The two teens meet in a group for those struggling with obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD). Each group member takes on a superhero persona for sessions at the urging of their psychologist. Adam chooses Batman, and is floored when his crush Robyn chooses Robin in order to be his sidekick. Adam has a knack for helping others who struggle with their own issues but is so overwhelmed by his compulsions to realize his gifts. Interesting exploration of the trials and tribulations of OCD as well as everyday teen issues such as love, friendships, school, and divorce.

Also try these:

Colin Fischer by Ashley Edward Miller

Navigating Early by Clare Vanderpool

Finding Audrey by Sophie Kinsella

Yeh, Kat. **The Truth About Twinkie Pie**. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2015.

ISBN: 9780316236621

Twelve-year-old GiGi and her big sister DiDi move to NY from SC for GiGi to attend a fancy private school. GiGi has a new recipe for success and makes friends, but discovers a family secret that turns her life upside-down.

Also try these:

Genuine Sweet by Faith Harkey

Footer Davis Probably is Crazy by Susan Vaught

All the Answers by Kate Messner

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