

Vlahos, Len. *The Scar Boys*

Written as a college admission essay, eighteen-year-old Harry recounts a childhood defined by hideous scars and how forming a band brought self-confidence, friendship, and his first kiss.

Volponi, Paul. *The Final Four*

March Madness is in full swing, and the heavily favored Spartans and the underdog Trojans meet in the first game. and it's there that the fates of Malcolm, Roko, Crispin, and M.J. intertwine.

Westerfeld, Scott. *Leviathan*

In an alternate 1914 Europe, Prince Alek, on the run from the Clanker Powers who are attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery, forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who is learning to fly genetically-engineered beasts.

Yancey, Rick. *The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp*

Through a series of dangerous and violent misadventures, teenage slacker Alfred Kropp rescues King Arthur's legendary sword Excalibur from the forces of evil.

Zadoff, Allen. *Boy Nobody*

Sixteen-year-old Boy Nobody, an assassin controlled by a shadowy government organization, The Program, considers sabotaging his latest mission because his target reminds him of the normal life he craves.

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Great Reads for Guys



Alexander, Kwame. *The Crossover*

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court.

Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Twisted*

After finally getting noticed by someone other than bullies and his angry father, Tyler enjoys his new reputation. When life starts to go bad again, he must choose between transforming himself or giving in to his destructive thoughts.

Bacigalupi, Paolo. *Shipbreaker*

In a futuristic world, Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded ships for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper with a girl in the wreckage, he has to make a tough choice.

Bruchac, Joseph. *Code Talker*

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers in WWII.

Calame, Don. *Dan Versus Nature*

Dan spends his time creating comics inspired by his dream girl; then, his mom drops a bomb: she and her latest beau, Hank, are engaged. She's sending her "two favorite men" on a survivalist camping trip to bond. Serious shenanigans coming right up!

Chima, Cinda. *Warrior Heir*

After learning about his magical ancestry and his own warrior powers, sixteen-year-old Jack embarks on a training program to fight enemy wizards.

Falls, Kat. *Dark Life*

When Ty, who has always lived on the ocean floor, joins Topside girl Gemma to seek and stop outlaws who threaten his home, they learn that the government may pose an even greater threat.

Gratz, Alan. *Code of Honor*

When Iranian-American Kamran learns that his big brother has been labelled a terrorist, he sets out to piece together the codes and clues that will save his brother's life and his country from a deadly terrorist attack.

Green, Sally. *Half Bad*

In modern-day England where witches live alongside humans, Nathan, son of a White witch and the most powerful Black witch, must escape captivity before his seventeenth birthday and receive the gifts that will determine his future.

Hautman, Pete. *Eden West*

Nodd: it is all Jacob knows. Beyond the fence lies the World, a wicked, terrible place, doomed to destruction. While patrolling the borders, Jacob meets Lynna, a girl from the adjoining ranch, who tempts him to sample the forbidden pleasures that lie beyond cult's walls.

Herbach, Geoff. *Stupid Fast*

Just before his sixteenth birthday, Felton Reinstein has a sudden growth spurt that turns him from a small, jumpy, picked-on boy to a powerful athlete, leading to new friends, his first love, and the courage to confront his family's past and current problems.



Higson, Charlie. *The Enemy*

After a disease turns everyone over sixteen into zombies, a group of teenagers leave their shelter and set out on a harrowing journey across London.

Howard, JJ. *Tracers*

Cam is a bike messenger with no strings attached to anyone, but when he meets a mysterious stranger and is pulled into her dangerous world, he is torn between following his heart and sacrificing everything.

Inzana, Ryan. *Ichiro (graphic novel)*

Raised by a Japanese mother in New York City, Ichiro finds it difficult to figure out where he fits in. One night Ichi gets dragged down a hole by a monster. When he awakens he has entered into the domain of the gods.

Key, Watt. *Alabama Moon*

After the death of his father, Moon leaves their forest home and is sent to an institution, making good friends, a relentless enemy, and finally a new life.

King, AS. *Everybody Sees the Ants*

Overburdened by his parents' bickering and a bully's attacks, Lucky begins dreaming of being with his grandfather, who went missing during the Vietnam War. Imaginary (?) ants lead the way...

Klavan, Andrew. *The Last Thing I Remember*

Charlie awakens injured in a concrete bunker, only to discover that he has lost a year of his life and remembers nothing about escaping from prison after being convicted of murdering his best friend.

Korman, Gordon. *Slacker*

When Cameron creates the Positive Action Group at school he intends it as a trick to fool his family and teachers into letting him continue to concentrate on his video-gaming--but before he knows it other kids are taking it seriously.

Lynch, Chris. *Killing Time in Crystal City*

Kevin tries to reinvent himself when he runs away from home and the father he hates, but living with a mysterious uncle and befriending two homeless girls just adds more complications.

Maberry, Jonathan. *Rot and Ruin*

In a post-apocalyptic world where fences and border patrols guard the few people left from the zombies that have overtaken civilization, fifteen-year-old Benny Imura is finally convinced that he must follow in his older brother's footsteps and become a bounty hunter.

Matthews, Owen. *The Fixes*

Eric is crumbling under the weight of his dad's expectations, but when he meets the mysterious, free-spirited Jordan Grant, his dad's rules seem so much less important than they used to.

Mullins, Mike. *Ashfall*

After the eruption of the Yellowstone super volcano destroys his city and its surroundings, fifteen-year-old Alex must make a journey to find his family, trying to survive in a transformed world.

Northrup, Michael. *Surrounded by Sharks*

On the first day of vacation Davey wakes up early, slips out of his family's hotel room without telling anyone, and heads for the beach and a swim in the warm Floridian waters--and a fateful meeting with a shark.

Patterson, James. *Middle School: the worst years of my life*

When Rafe Kane enters middle school, he teams up with his best friend, "Leo the Silent," to create a game to make school more fun by trying to break every rule in the school's code of conduct.

Quick, Matthew. *Boy 21*

Finley, a quiet boy who is the only white player on his high school's varsity basketball team, lives in a dismal Pennsylvania town that is ruled by the Irish mob. When his coach asks him to mentor an African American student he finds that they have a lot in common in spite of their apparent differences.

Reedy, Trent. *Divided We Fall*

Danny Wright, seventeen, joined the National Guard to serve the country as his father had, but when the Guard is sent to a protest and Danny's gun accidentally fires, he finds himself at the center of a conflict that results in the federal government declaring war on Idaho.

Reynolds, Jason. *All American Boys*

Two teens--one black, one white--grapple with the repercussions of a single violent act that leaves their school, their community, and, ultimately, the country bitterly divided by racial tension.

Ritter, William. *Jackaby*

Newly arrived in 1892 New England, Abigail Rook becomes assistant to R.F. Jackaby, an investigator of the unexplained with the ability to see supernatural beings.

Schmidt, Gary. *Orbiting Jupiter*

Jack tells the gripping story of Joseph, who joins his family as a foster child. Joseph wants nothing more than to find his baby daughter, Jupiter. When Joseph has begun to believe he'll have a future, he is confronted by demons from his past.

Shusterman, Neal. *Unwind*

In a future world where teenagers can have their lives "unwound" and their body parts harvested for use by others, three teens go to extreme lengths to uphold their beliefs--and, perhaps, save their own lives.

Smith, Andrew. *Grasshopper Jungle*

Austin narrates the end of humanity as he and his best friend Robby accidentally unleash an army of giant, unstoppable bugs and uncover the secrets of a decades-old experiment gone terribly wrong.

Sonnenblick, Jordan. *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*

Steven is a typical eighth grader, until his younger brother, Jeffrey, is diagnosed with leukemia, and life begins to unravel.

Sullivan, Derek. *Biggie*

Henry has hidden behind his weight for years; he prefers academic success until the girl of his dreams suggests he join the baseball team, and, with his stepbrother's help, he discovers he is a great pitcher.