

Books from recommended high school reading lists in a range of Lexile Levels (Lexile levels are determined by sentence structure, difficulty of words, and paragraph length)

Link to Newbery Award winning books

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newberymedal.cfm>

Link to the top 100 books college bound high school students should read

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/plan/boost-your-skills/23628.html>

- 1. Moon over Manifest** by Clare Vanderpool **Lexile 800**
Fiction, 2011 Newbery Award winner
Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of In a constant struggle against oppression, a group of rabbits search for peaceful co-existence. Chronicles the adventures of a group of rabbits searching for a safe place to establish a new warren where they can live in peace. 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up, and where she hopes to find out some things about his past.
- 2. *Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins **Lexile 810**
Science Fiction
In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.
- 3. Far North** by Will Hobbs **Lexile 820**
Fiction
After the destruction of their floatplane, two teenage boys, a Texan and a Dene, struggle for survival in the wilderness along the South Nahanni River.
- 4. *Copper Sun** by Sharon Draper **Lexile 820**
Fiction
Two fifteen-year-old girls--one a slave and the other an indentured servant--escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves.
- 5. *Kite Runner** by Khaled Hosseini **Lexile 840**
Fiction
Traces the unlikely friendship of a wealthy Afghan youth and a servant's son, in a tale that spans the final days of Afghanistan's monarchy through the atrocities of the present day.
- 6. *A Child Called It** by David Pelzer **Lexile 850**
Nonfiction
Detailing a childhood of not only severe abuse by his mother, but apparent apathy to his plight by his father, A Child Called 'It' describes one of the most severe documented cases of child abuse in California history.
- 7. *Watership Down** by Richard Adams **Lexile 880**
Fiction
In a constant struggle against oppression, a group of rabbits search for peaceful co-existence. Chronicles the adventures of a group of rabbits searching for a safe place to establish a new warren where they can live in peace.

- 8. *Make Lemonade** by Virginia Wolff Euwer **Lexile 890**
Fiction/Realistic
In order to earn money for college, fourteen-year-old LaVaughn babysits for a teenage mother of two. Written in 66 chapters, with text lines that break at natural speaking phrases.
- 9. *The Bean Trees** by Barbara Kingsolver **Lexile 900**
Fiction
Taylor Greer hits the road wanting only to get as far away from Kentucky as possible, ending up in Arizona with a 3-year-old Cherokee girl she has inherited from a woman in a bar.
- 10. Code Talkers** by Joseph Bruhac **Lexile 910**
Historical Fiction
After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.
- 11. *Cannery Row** by John Steinbeck **Lexile 930**
Fiction
Vividly depicts the colorful, sometimes disreputable, inhabitants of a run-down area in Monterey, California.
- 12. The River** by Gary Paulsen **Lexile 960**
Fiction/Adventure
Because of his success surviving alone in the wilderness for 54 days, 15-year-old Brian, profoundly changed his time in the wild, is asked to undergo a similar experience to help scientists learn more about the psychology of survival.
- 13. Dairy Queen** by Catherine Gilbert Murdock **Lexile 990**
Fiction
After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.
- 14. *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court** **Lexile 1080**
By Mark Twain
Fiction
A Yankee of the late 19th century finds himself in King Arthur's English court and tries to show the people there how to change things.
- 15. *Lady of Avalon** by Marion Zimmer Bradley **Lexile 1100**
Fiction
Between AD 200 and 500, a priestess, a mother, and a son live through times during which Avalon is threatened, but they discover that personal sacrifice helps it survive.
- 16. *A Perfect Storm** by Sebastian Younger **Lexile 1140**
Nonfiction
The incredible true account of the most extraordinary storm of the 20th century, this is the story of a tempest born from so rare a combination of factors it was deemed "perfect" and of the doomed fishing boat with her crew of six that was helpless in the midst of a force beyond comprehension.

- 17. The Winter Room** by Gary Paulsen **Lexile 1170**
 Fiction
A young boy growing up on a northern Minnesota farm describes the scenes around him and recounts his old Norwegian uncle's tales of an almost mythological logging past.
- 18. *War of the Worlds** by H.G. Wells **Lexile 1170**
 Science Fiction
As life on Mars becomes impossible, Martians and their terrifying machines invade the earth.
- 19. *Prince and the Pauper** by Mark Twain **Lexile 1170**
 Fiction
Two boys who look alike, one of them poor, the other heir to the English throne, decide to switch places. When young Edward VI and the poor boy exchange places, each learns something about the other's very different station in life.
- 20. *Frankenstein** by Mary Shelly **Lexile 1170**
 Science Fiction/Horror stories
A monster assembled by a scientist from parts of dead bodies develops a mind of his own as he learns to loathe himself and hate his creator.
- 21. *Sense and Sensibility** by Jane Austen **Lexile 1190**
 Fiction
Two sisters, one practical and conventional and the other emotional and sentimental, find that only through compromise of their mutual differences can they get along.
- 22. *Pride and Prejudice** by Jane Austen **Lexile 1190**
 Fiction
Wealthy Mr. Darcy and spirited Elizabeth Bennett dislike each other at first sight, and each must contend with their pride and prejudices while Elizabeth's mother plots economically advantageous marriages for all her daughters.
- 23. *Hiroshima** by John Hershey **Lexile 1190**
 Nonfiction
*On August 6, 1945, an atomic bomb destroyed the city of **Hiroshima**, Japan. In this book, Hersey reveals what happened that day. Told through the memories of the six survivors, it is a timeless, powerful and compassionate document.*
- 24. *Left for Dead** by Peter Nelson **Lexile 1260**
 Nonfiction
Recalls the sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis at the end of World War II, the navy cover-up and unfair court martial of the ship's captain, and how a young boy helped the survivors set the record straight fifty-five years later.
- 25. *Little Women** by Louisa May Alcott **Lexile 1300**
 Fiction
Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young women in nineteenth-century New England.

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