

Clean Reads for Tweens and Teens

~books that won't offend!~

Down the Rabbit Hole by Peter Abrahams

Like her idol Sherlock Holmes, 8th grader Ingrid uses her intellect to solve a murder case in her home town of Echo Falls. (Mystery/ 1st in series)

Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

Matilde Cook practically runs her parents' coffee shop in Philadelphia. She is growing tired of her humdrum life, but everything changes in 1793 when the yellow fever hits. (Historical Fiction)

Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer

16-year-old Hope had no idea what was in store for her when she and her aunt moved from Brooklyn to rural Wisconsin to work at a small-town diner.

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko

A 12-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 where his father is a guard. Moose must contend with this extraordinary environment as well as life with his autistic sister. (Historical Fiction / 1st in series)

All American Girl by Meg Cabot

Samantha, a fairly typical high school girl, inadvertently stops a presidential assassination attempt. She becomes a national hero, is made Teen Ambassador to the United Nations, and catches the eye of the President's very cute son.

Princess of the Midnight Ball by Jessica Day George

Rose is one of twelve princesses forced to dance through the night in an underground palace. The key to breaking the spell lies in magic knitting needles, an invisibility cloak, and—of course—true love. (Fantasy)

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

12-year-old Roy is the new kid in Coconut Cove, Florida. He finds himself among some very quirky characters, including potty-trained alligators, a fake-fart champion, some burrowing owls, a renegade eco-avenger, and several extremely poisonous snakes.

A Mango-Shaped Space by Wendy Mass

Afraid that she is crazy, 13-year-old Mia can see special colors in sounds, letters, and numbers (a real condition called "Synesthesia"). She keeps this a secret until she has no choice but to reveal her unusual gift.

Dairy Queen by Catherine Gilbert Murdock

15-year-old DJ is a bit of a tom-boy, and she becomes even more so when she takes over most of the work on her father's dairy farm. (1st in series)

Coffeehouse Angel by Suzanne Selfors

16-year-old Katrina's kindness to a homeless man sleeping behind her grandmother's coffeehouse leads to a strange reward as the man is actually a teenage guardian angel who insists on granting her deepest wish.

Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen by Dyan Sheldon

Lola is distraught when she moves from her hometown New York City to a suburb in New Jersey but soon finds her popularity soaring thanks to her vibrant personality and exaggerated stories. The school's reigning drama queen, however, is not about to give up the crown.

Never Trust a Dead Man by Vivian Vande Velde:

17-year-old Selwyn is wrongly convicted of murder, and his punishment is to be entombed with the man that he is believed to have killed. An old witch finds Selwyn and decides to help him. His only chance at survival is to summon the spirit of the dead man to discover the real killer. (Mystery)

Uglies by Scott Westerfeld

15-year-old Tally lives in a society where everyone is given an extreme makeover when they turn sixteen. The "pretties" only job is to have fun. Tally can't wait for her makeover, but when her best friend runs away to a colony of rebels who choose to remain "ugly," Tally is given a choice: track down her friend and turn her in, or never become pretty. (Science Fiction / 1st in series)

