



A very useful source of information on Teenage books is [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk) where, not only do you get details of the stories, but you can also read reviews sent in by teenagers who have read the book. They also have “Top 10” lists sent in by readers.

Keep on reading magazines and newspapers as the ability to understand non-fiction, information and bias is a key skill .

This list is of authors whose books are all very good and very enjoyable - I have given some suggestions of titles but look at others by the same author and choose one which your child will like.

1. David Almond - “ Skellig”
2. Malorie Blackman - “Noughts and Crosses” ( *an excellent “Romeo & Juliet style story with political intrigue and danger*) *There are lots of stories by this author – all excellent*
3. Melvin Burgess - “Junk” ( *this deals with the realities of drug abuse*) “Bloodtide” ( *a frightening and thought provoking vision of the future*)
4. Kate Cann - her books deal with teenage romance and have characters that you could see being real.
5. Eoin Colfer - “Artemis Fowl” ( *a series of fantasy thrillers - fairies with guns!*)
6. Robert Cormier - thrillers and mysteries – “The Chocolate War” is very powerful.
7. Terry Deary - Horrible histories ( *Simply brilliant and good fun!*)
8. Berlie Doherty – Lots of excellent stories about families.
9. Anne Fine - huge range of topics, lots related to school and young people.
10. Michael Foreman - “War Game” - ( *good for motivating reluctant readers*)
11. Jamilla Gavin - “ Coram Boy” ( *this author’s novels increase knowledge of history and other cultures*)
12. Alan Gibbons - “Chicken” “ Julie , me and Michael Owen” “The Edge” “The Shadow of the Minotaur” “Sacred to Death” ( *all this man’s books are excellent and you could get to meet him during DLD*)
13. Cathy Hopkins – girls’ lives : romance, families, friends ,school .....
14. Anthony Horowitz - adventure and thrillers – ( *especially the Alex Rider series e.g “ Stormbreaker”* ). “Ravensgate” – magical/ horror thriller
15. Robin Jarvis - “The Whitby Witches” “ The Deptford Mice” “The Woven Path” ( horror, sorcery, fantasy)
16. Joan Lingard - range of teenage issues - very easy to read.
17. Michelle Magorian - “ Goodnight Mister Tom” “Back Home” ( *these two books deal with children’s experiences of the Second World War*) “Just Henry “ – *her new one is very good indeed!*
18. Linda Newberry - a huge range of novels dealing with lots of challenging issues ( *her “ Some other War “ trilogy about a sister and brother’s life in World war 1 is excellent.*)
19. William Nicholson - “ The Wind Singer”
20. Darren Shan - “Cirque du Freak” ( *horror and vampires!*)

21. Terry Pratchett - fantasy, satire.
22. Philip Pullman - "Northern Lights" "The Ruby in the Smoke" "The Gas-Fitters' Ball" "Spring heeled Jack" (*this one is particularly good for reluctant readers who like a giggle!*)
23. Celia Rees - "Witch Child" - good historical knowledge
24. Louise Rennison - teenage girl diaries - hilarious "Angus, Thongs and Full frontal Snogging" "It's OK I'm wearing really big Knickers"
25. Robert Swindells - lots of life issues - "Stone Cold" "Smash" "Wrecked" "Brother in the Land" (*Very short and easy to read with cracking stories.*)
26. Jean Ure - amazing range of storylines
27. Robert Westall - huge range - lots on Second World War - "Blitzcat" "The Machine Gunners"
28. Jacqueline Wilson - superb ! (*Her "Girls in Love" series is excellent.*)
29. Robert Muchamore – "The Recruit" Book 1 in the Cherub series – (*teenage gangsters, terrorists and spies. There is a whole series of these and they are full of intrigue, gossip and action; these books have proved hugely popular.*)
30. Michael Lawrence - "The Poltergeist" "The Killer Underpants" - very funny stories!
31. Andy Griffiths - "The Day my Bum went Psycho" - as mad as it sounds!
32. Matthew Reilly - "Hover Car Racers" (*very exciting, formula one racing in the air!*)
33. Charlie Higson - "Silverfin" –another junior James Bond (*there is a whole series of these books*)
34. Jeremy Strong - "Stuff- the life of a cool demented dude" (*teenage boy with girlfriend problems!*)
35. Sam Llewellyn - "The Return of Death Eric" (*aged rock star makes a hilarious come back*)
36. Alex Shearer - "Bootleg" (*what happens when chocolate is banned.*)
37. Catherine Forde – "Fat Boy Swim" (*a good old triumph over adversity story*)
38. Julia Golding – "Diamond of Drury Lane" "Cat among the Pigeons" (*excellent stories about a girl living in Drury lane theatre at the time of the Slave trad; the whole series becomes more fascinating*)
39. Beverley Naidoo – "The other side of truth" (*powerful story which highlights the plight of child refugees*)
40. Michael Morpurgo – "Private Peaceful" (*excellent story about the first world war – this had had Year 9 gripped this year!*) "Alone on a Wide Wide Sea" (*beautiful story about world war two orphans and the power of human love*)  
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41. Benjamin Zephaniah – "Face" (*excellent story about the dangers and consequences of reckless driving*) "Gansta Rap" "Teacher's Dead"
42. Tom Becker – "Darkside" (*spooky story about a whole world that exists beneath London*)
43. Julie Hearn – "Merrybegot" , "Hazel" , "Ivy" *stories that take a girl in a particular period of history and tell her story in relation to those time e.g. Merrybegot is all about a girl who is accused of being a witch because of her knowledge of herbs .*

44. Derek Landy – “Skulduggery Pleasant” ( *wild and whacky story about a strange detective - excellent humour and action packed!*)
45. Siobhan O Dowd – “The London Eye Mystery” ( *excellent story about a boy who loses his cousin on the London Eye ! Told through the eyes of the main character – this does make you think!*)
46. Eva Ibbotson – “Journey to the River Sea” “ The Countess” “ The Star of Kazan” ( *lovely stories about characters who triumph over adversity - plots are full of mystery and intrigue with baddies you can really hate and heroes and heroines you will get inspired by*)
47. Cathy Cassidy -“Scarlett” ( *good , feel good stories about people who at first don’t fit in but then discover themselves and their talents*)
48. Cressida Cowell – “ How to Train your Dragon” & “How to be a Pirate” - *great fun stories about Hiccup horrendous Haddock the Third!*
49. Morris Gleitzman – “Two Weeks with the Queen” , “Bumface” , “Once” ( *all beautifully written stories which deal with dramatic and emotional situations in a way that enables young people to fully understand them*)
50. Sophie McKenzie – “ Blood Ties”, “Girl Missing” ( *intriguing stories for older teenagers* )
51. Kevin Brooks - All of his books are dramatic , fast paced and thrilling but are definitely for older teenager readers – Year 9 upwards .
52. Stephanie Meyer – “Twilight” and the rest of the series - these books actually contain more excitement and adventure than the films! It’s Vampire, Werewolves and romance!
53. Chris Ryan – lots of thrillers and adventure stories that are fast paced and easy to read.
54. Louis Sachar – “Holes” *brilliant triumph over adversity story about a boy wrongly accused of stealing and sentenced to dig holes , but looking for what?*
55. Marcus Sedgewick – “My Sword hand is Singing” – *chilling vampire tale* “The Foreshadowing” - *moving story about the First World War.*
56. Jack Gantos – “ Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key” - *funny and moving story of a child who has difficulties keeping his brain on task and keeping himself still. A very lovable and heart warming story*
57. Angie Sage – “Magyk” , “Flyte” and others. *A fascinating series set in a fantasy world with magic , myth and adventure and a hole range of characters that you get to know really well. If you have liked Harry Potter and want something a bit different and unusual, but still with a good dose of magic, then try these books.*
58. Rick Riordan – “ Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief” *Percy is a god and has special powers but this does mean he has to fight and battle against all the gods and monster of myth and legend. Very exciting and son to be released as a film.*
59. Jeff Kinney – “ Diary of a Wimpy Kid” - *really popular books, funny, easy to read and with excellent cartoon pictures.*

Obviously this is not a complete list – there is so much more out there. Hopefully this will give you some ideas and all you need to do is experiment to see what you like to read.

Don’t forget : JK Rowling , Roald Dahl, Enid Blyton , JRR Tolkein - they are still brilliant.

If I have missed out some authors which you think should be on this list then please let me know:  
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