

Pennsylvania Young Readers Choice, 2010-2011

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ABR
Abrahams, Peter. *Reality Check*. New York: Harper Teen, 2010.
After a knee injury destroys sixteen-year-old Cody's college hopes, he drops out of high school and gets a job in his small Montana town, but when his ex-girlfriend disappears from her Vermont boarding school, Cody travels cross-country to join the search.
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ASH
Asher, Jay. *Thirteen Reasons Why: A Novel*. New York: Razorbill, 2007.
High school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing seven cassette tapes recorded by his crush, Hannah Baker, who committed suicide, and spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death.
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DAS
Dashner, James. *The Maze Runner*. New York: Delacorte Press, 2009.
Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.
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EFA
Efaw, Amy. *After*. New York: Viking, 2009.
Devon Davenport is a straight-A student and prominent player on her school's soccer team, but when she is linked to an abandoned baby found in the trash she is accused of attempted murder.
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ELK
Elkeles, Simone. *Perfect Chemistry*. New York: Walker, 2009.
When wealthy, seemingly perfect Brittany and Alex Fuentes, a gang member from the other side of town, develop a relationship after Alex discovers that Brittany is not exactly who she seems to be, they must face the disapproval of their schoolmates--and others.
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FAN
Fantaskey, Beth. *Jessica's Guide to Dating on the Dark Side*. Boston: Graphia, 2009.
Seventeen-year-old Jessica, adopted and raised in Pennsylvania, learns that she is descended from a royal line of Romanian vampires and that she is betrothed to a vampire prince, who poses as a foreign exchange student while courting her.
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FOR
Forman, Gayle. *If I Stay: A Novel*. New York: Speak, 2010.
While in a coma following an automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, seventeen-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death.
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HRD
Hrdlitschka, Shelley. *Gotcha!* Victoria, WA: Orca Book, 2008.
The administration at Slippery Rock High School has banned the grad game called "Gotcha," so the students bring the game underground, resulting in very dangerous results.

- PB Jabaley, Jennifer. *Lipstick Apology*. New York: Razorbill, 2009.
JAB After her parents' sudden death, sixteen-year-old Emily leaves Pennsylvania for her aunt's New York City apartment, private school, and disconcerting new relationships, all the while puzzling over her mother's mysterious apology to her.
- B Kamara, Mariatu. *The Bite of the Mango*. Buffalo, NY: Annick Press, 2008.
KAM Describes the life of Mariatu Kamara, focusing on her experiences as a child during the civil war in Sierra Leone where she was raped, tortured, and had her hands cut off by juvenile rebel soldiers; and discusses her experiences after the war.
- Ollestad, Norman. *Crazy for the Storm: A Memoir of Survival*.
- 741.5 Small, David. *Stitches: A Memoir*. New York: W.W. Norton, 2009.
SMA A graphic novel that chronicles the life of American author and illustrator David Small, detailing his sickly childhood and teenage years, relationship with his parents, his cancer, and more.
- Stiefvater, Maggie. *Shiver*.
- PF Westerfeld, Scott. *Leviathan*. New York: Simon Pulse, 2009.
WES In an alternate 1914 Europe, fifteen-year-old Austrian 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, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically-engineered beasts.
- PF Williams, Carol Lynch. *The Chosen One*. New York: St. Martin's Griffin, 2009.
WIL In a polygamous cult in the desert, Kyra, not yet fourteen, sees being chosen to be the seventh wife of her uncle as just punishment for having read books and kissed a boy in violation of Prophet Childs' teachings, and is torn between facing her fate and running away from all that she knows and loves.