



History of YA lit

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What is YA lit?

Young adult literature is a category or genre of books written for young adults, so about between the ages 12 to 20. These can also be books not intended for young adults, but adult books that appeal to teens. Young adults usually find themselves relating to the protagonist, whether it be age or experiences, or even just the subject matter.



History of YA lit

- Published in 1967, *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton is often regarded as the first YA novel.
- In the 1970s authors started writing realistic titles for teen readers.
- In the 1980s authors began to move past the controversy of YA literature and start writing a variety of genres.
- In the 1990s classic YA lit novels were written, like *The Giver*, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, and *Monster*.
- In the 2000s dystopian YA lit explodes, boasting titles like *Twilight* and *The Hunger Games*.
- This next era of YA lit is about representation, we are off to a good start with novels like *The Hate You Give* and *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*

Some Authorship Awards

- Stonewall Book Award
 - Given for exceptional merit relating to the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender experience.
- YA Book Prize
 - celebrates great books for teenagers and young adults and aims to get more teens reading and buying books.
- Schneider Family Book Award
 - honors an author or illustrator for a book that embodies an artistic expression of the disability experience for child and adolescent audiences.

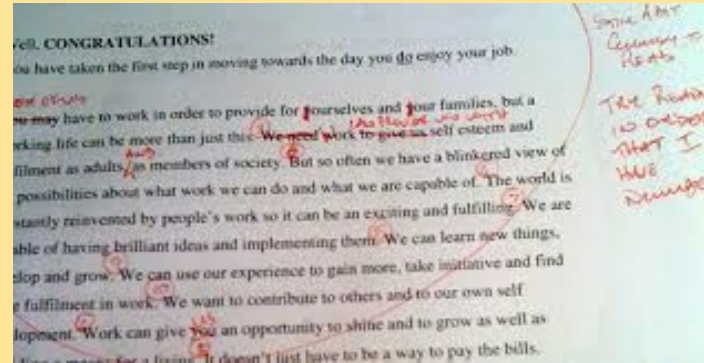
Industry Trends, Events, Careers

Careers in the Industry -

- Editor
- Publisher
- Author

Industry Events & Trends -

- Social media fiction
- National book festival
- LGBTQ+ novels



Famous and Contemporary Authors

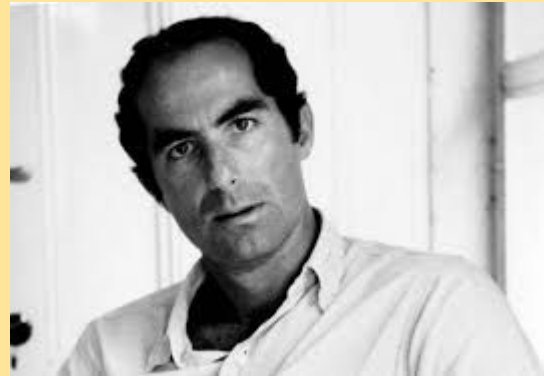
Famous YA Lit Authors -

- John Green
- Jenny Han
- Rainbow Rowell



Famous Contemporary Authors -

- Isabel Allende
- Ian McEwan
- Philip Roth



Reading History, Habits, and Memories

- My reading habits include doggy earring pages, annotating, forgetting what happened in earlier books in a series, binge-reading, and sharing books with my mom.
- My reading history is extensive thanks to my parents, they both love to read so we have always been encouraged to be proficient readers. I think the love of reading is one of the best things they have given me.
- A major reading memory is reading all of *The Series of Unfortunate Events* books, they changed my life and made me obsessed with books.

Where I Read and How Often

- I usually read in my room, on my bed. I also read upstairs in the living room because our couch is comfy.
- I try to read everyday so I bring a book with me everywhere.

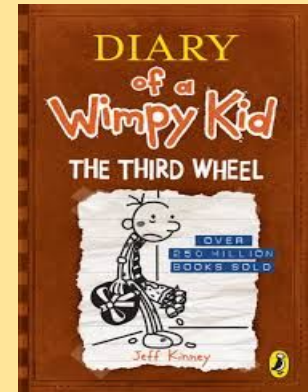


Reading Challenges

- When I get a new book I sometimes forget about the one i'm already reading, and never finish it.
- I have a hard time re-reading books.
- I forget how much I love reading sometimes and stop reading for a couple months.

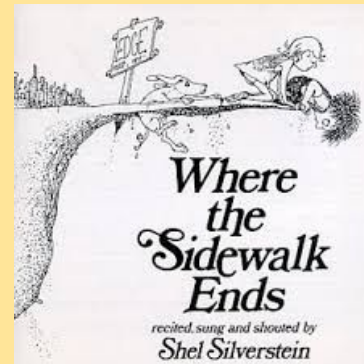
Reading Interests/Favorite Genres and Authors

- My favorite genres include mystery, romance novels, young adult novels, horror fiction.
- My favorite authors are Glennon Doyle, Stephen King, John Green, and Rupi Kaur.
- I like book series, I like reading books like *IT*, but I also like reading books like *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*



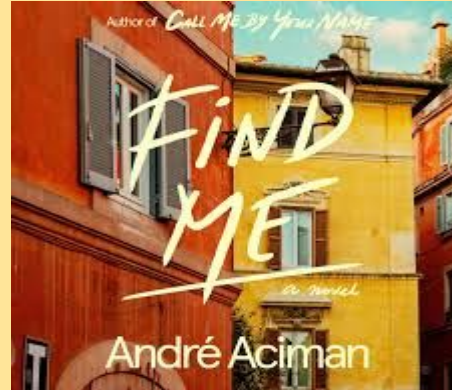
Reading Breakthrough Moments

- Reading my first book (Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Suess)
- Falling in love with my first book series (The Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket or Daniel Handler)
- Falling back in love with reading in 2018
- Getting into poetry through Rupi Kaur and Shel Silverstein



What I would read if I could read anything

- Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
- Find Me by André Aciman
- Love Warrior by Glennon Doyle
- Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them by J.K. Rowling
- Home Body by Rupi Kaur



Reading Goals for YA lit

- To make fulfilling and fun projects
- To make time for reading books i've been wanting to read
- To hear constructive and interesting conversations and ideas about reading
- To watch good movies



Reading Philosophy

"Salvation is certainly among the reasons I read. Reading and writing have always pulled me out of the darkest experiences in my life. Stories have given me a place in which to lose myself. They have allowed me to remember. They have allowed me to forget. They have allowed me to imagine different endings and better possible worlds." - **Roxane Gay**