

Young Adult Lit



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What is YA Lit?

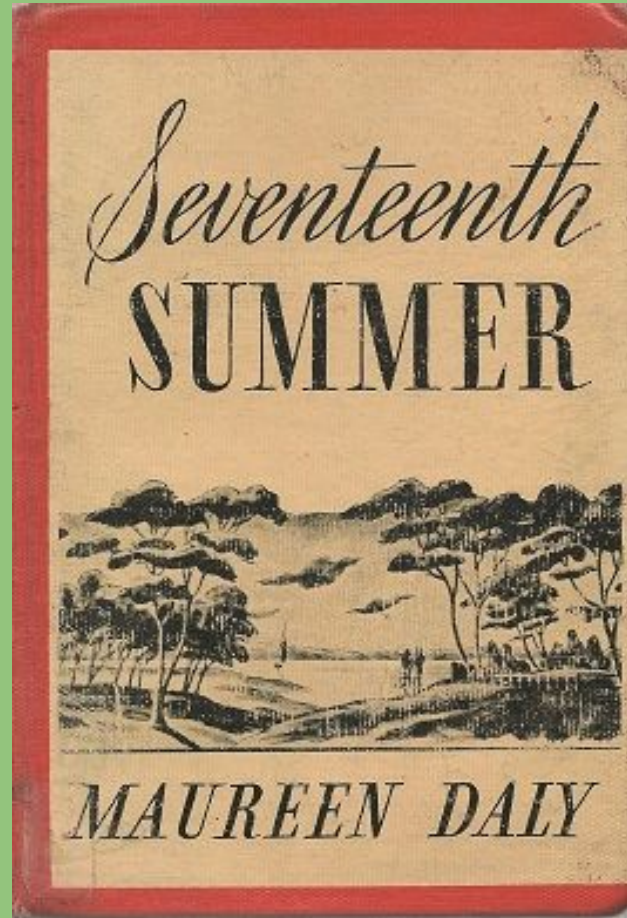
YA literature are novels that are written specifically to relate to teenagers. The protagonist is around that age and are easy to connect with. There are many genres that go along with YA lit such as romance, paranormal, mystery, horror, and literary fiction.

History of YA Lit

The term “young adult” was first introduced by the Young Adult Library Services Association in the 1960’s. It began to be really popular starting in the 70’s. As it got more popular, authors started to write about simple first world problems that teenagers had. This eventually got boring and many authors turned to different genres including horror books. Since then, it has only continued to grow and become more popular.

First YA Book

One of the first young adult lit books was *Seventeenth Summer*, written by Maureen Daly in 1942. It was published during World War II and was very popular amongst teenagers since they could relate to the book.

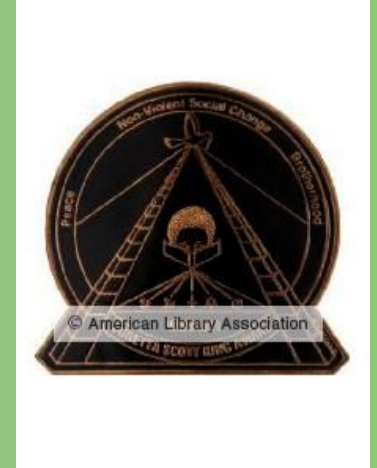


Awards

Michael L. Printz Award: this award annually recognizes “best book written for teens, based entirely on its literary merit.”



Coretta Scott King Award: this award is given to excellent African American authors and illustrators of children and young adult books that portray African American culture.



Reading Goals

My reading goals for this class is to be able to explore different genres that I would never think of reading before. I would really like to read a book that offers a different perspective that I haven't heard of before. I would also like to read an older book that still applies to life now. I want to learn something about life that I didn't know before.