



ALA Top Ten Young Adult Books for 2009

It's Complicated: The American Teenager By Robin Bowman, 305.235 Bowm

Bowman's five-year journey into the heart of teenage America created a series of 414 "collaborative portraits," wherein she shares her discoveries of a generation now coming of age.

The Hunger Games By Suzanne Collins, YAFic Coll

The acclaimed New York Times best-selling author delivers equal parts suspense and philosophy, adventure and romance, in a stunning novel set in a future with unsettling parallels to the present.

Waiting for Normal By Leslie Connor, JFic Connor

Addie is waiting for normal, but Addie's mom has an all-or-nothing approach to life. In spite of life's twists and turns, Addie remains optimistic that someday, she'll find normal.

Mexican Whiteboy By Matt De La Pena, YA Fic Pena

Danny throws a mean 95 mph fastball, but the boy's not even on a team. His school doesn't expect much from him because he's half-Mexican. Danny has to face the demons he refuses to see before he can find himself.

Bog Child By Siobhan Dowd, YA Fic Dowd

Digging for peat in the mountain with his Uncle Tally, Fergus finds the body of a child, and it looks like she's been murdered. The mystery of the bog child unfurls.

Ten Cents a Dance By Christine Fletcher, YA Fic Flet

Set in 1940s Chicago, this novel follows a 15-year-old who, in order to support her family, finds herself swept up in the complex world of a taxi dancer--a girl paid ten cents to dance with any man.

Baby By Joseph Monninger, YAFic Monn

Baby is a teenager in trouble, and her last chance is a foster home with a couple whose idea of fun is dog sledding. Over time, When her old boyfriend shows up, trouble finds Baby.

Nation By Terry Pratchett, YAFic Pratch

The author of the phenomenally successful Discworld Series delivers the mesmerizing story of a boy whose journey to manhood requires the strength to defy expectations and the courage to forge new beliefs.

Skim By Mariko Tamaki and Jillian Tamaki, YA Fic Tama

The time is the early 1990s, the setting a girls' academy in Toronto. Enter "Skim," aka Kimberly Keiko Cameron, a not-slim, would-be Wiccan goth. It's a weird time to fall in love, but Skim does.

The Brothers Torres By Coert Voorhees, YA Fic Voor

Frankie Towers has always looked up to his older brother, Steve, and with good reason. Steve is a popular senior who always gets what he wants. Frankie, on the other hand, is not cool but tries to be.

