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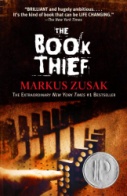
**45 Books Reluctant Readers Love to Read**

**(list constructed by Kelly Gallagher)**

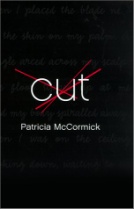
**Coming of Age/Peer Pressure/Relationships**

1.  **The Bluford series, Paul Langan.**

Life in an inner city school.

2.  ***The Book Thief*, Markus Zusak.**

Death narrates this story of a young girl who finds solace in books during the Holocaust.

3.  ***Cut*, Patricia McCormick.**

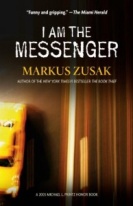
Callie, a fifteen-year old, is a “cutter” who seeks help for her self-destruction.

4.  ***Dreamland*, Sarah Dessen.**

This book explores the consequences of having an abusive boyfriend.

5.  ***Gossip Girl* series, Cecily Von Ziegesar.**

Life in side a New York City jet set private school.

6.  ***I am the Messenger*, Markus Zusak.**

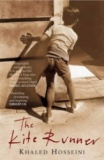
A botched bank robbery changes a nineteen-year-old’s life.

7. ***It’s Kind of a Funny Story*, Ned Vizzini.**

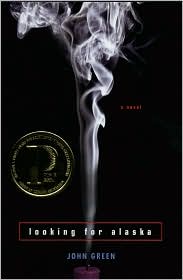
A teen seeks counseling in a psychiatric hospital.

8. ***Just Listen*, Sarah Dessen.**

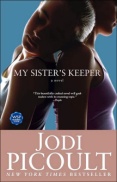
An incident at a high school party has far-reaching consequences.

9. ***The Kite Runner*, Khaled Hosseini.**

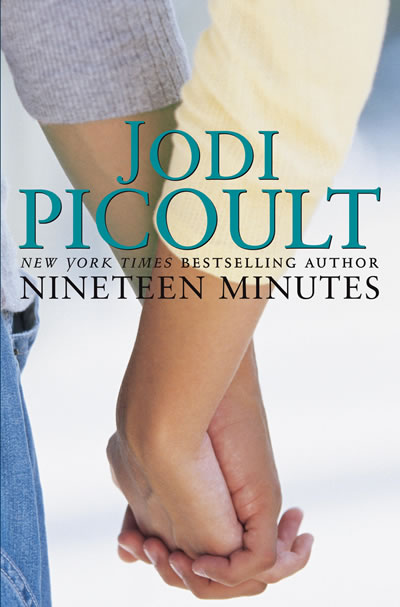
Two young boys in 1970s Afghanistan take very different paths.

10.  ***Looking for Alaska*, John Green.**

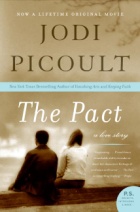
Miles, 16, is an outcast sent to a boarding school.

11. ***My Sister’s Keeper*, Jodi Picoult.**

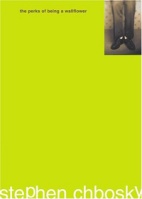
Examines the difficult choices a family must make when one of the children is diagnosed with a life-threatening illness.

12. ***Nineteen Minutes*, Jodi Picoult.**

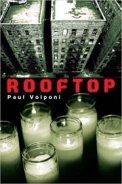
Another delicate topic: the consequences of a high school shooting.

13. ***The Pact*, Jodie Picoult.**

A teenage suicide has devastating consequences for two families.

14. ***The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, Stephen Chbosky.**

Charlie, a freshman, tries to find his way in a high school.

15. ***Rooftop*, Paul Volponi.**

A shooting becomes a focal point for social justice.

16. [See full size image](http://www.nassaulibrary.org/YABookLog/Cover%20of%20RULES%20OF%20SURVIVAL.jpg)***The Rules of Survival*, Nancy Werlin.**

The story of three siblings struggling to overcome child abuse.

17. [See full size image](http://kidsblogs.nationalgeographic.com/dogeared/promos/runningoutoftime.jpg) ***Running Out of Time*, Margaret Peterson Haddix.**

Jessica, who thinks it is 1840, is more than surprised to find out it is really 2006.

18. [](http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://photo.goodreads.com/books/1295712925l/816953.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/816953.Someone_Like_You&usg=__B9WX1ta-lcDlV1ULxUT45swNY_E=&h=475&w=310&sz=18&hl=en&start=1&zoom=1&tbnid=D35Pryj08weaIM:&tbnh=129&tbnw=84&ei=bbFbTp2xMdG1twfqkumYDA&prev=/images?q=Someone+Like+You,+Sarah+Dessen+picture&hl=en&sa=G&tbm=isch&itbs=1)***Someone Like You*, Sarah Dessen.**

Two best friends lean on each other when a calamity occurs.

19. [](http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://2.bp.blogspot.com/_Q2QwaOPAePY/SxXITqGY_JI/AAAAAAAAAJY/ivAMXqJIQsM/s1600/that%2520summer.jpg&imgrefurl=http://paperbacktreasures.blogspot.com/2011/05/review-that-summer.html&usg=___95lMMrFuKyxqdQqQPyx2PsZroE=&h=700&w=447&sz=38&hl=en&start=2&zoom=1&tbnid=P1zUAC03BpjB8M:&tbnh=140&tbnw=89&ei=jrFbTvq8NsyBtgeOv_ivDA&prev=/images?q=That+Summer,+Sarah+Dessen+picture&hl=en&sa=G&tbm=isch&itbs=1)***That Summer*, Sarah Dessen**.

A teenage girl deals with her parents’ divorce.

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A teenager receives haunting audiotapes after a suicide.

21. [](http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-LR29Biflaek/TcOEi-D0ECI/AAAAAAAACho/VMPDywoGlgU/s1600/this+lullaby.jpg&imgrefurl=http://animegirlsbookshelf.blogspot.com/2011/05/book-review-this-lullaby-by-sarah.html&usg=__27BK1hcxb-kEGL8IIt-YEMF8-go=&h=475&w=305&sz=16&hl=en&start=3&zoom=1&tbnid=gOwff1savu97ZM:&tbnh=129&tbnw=83&ei=y7FbTuqLOcXAtgeok5mqDA&prev=/images?q=This+Lullaby,+Sarah+Dessen+picture&hl=en&sa=G&tbm=isch&itbs=1)***This Lullaby*, Sarah Dessen.**

A modern-day teen romance.

22. [](http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://www.marshall.edu/library/bannedbooks/Images/twisted.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.marshall.edu/library/bannedbooks/books/twisted.asp&usg=__S08BijuT3kz8XCh4iuBXr8klujQ=&h=2100&w=1390&sz=249&hl=en&start=2&zoom=1&tbnid=9GEwGo8Fp1ztIM:&tbnh=150&tbnw=99&ei=5rFbTpf4N8rv0gGTtLGVCQ&prev=/images?q=Twisted,+Laureie+Halse+Anderson+picture&hl=en&sa=G&tbm=isch&itbs=1)***Twisted*, Laureie Halse Anderson.**

Tyler, busted for tagging, tries to find his way through his senior year.

23. [](http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://www.audiobooksonline.com/media/Upstate_Kalisha_Buckhanon_unabridged_compact_discs_Audio_Renaissance.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.avon.k12.ma.us/librarymedia/streetlit.htm&usg=__4KcsPXUwAOL4CAcx4u58qIjyV-k=&h=400&w=324&sz=22&hl=en&start=2&zoom=1&tbnid=xUQDAJkZJHZ6KM:&tbnh=124&tbnw=100&ei=BLJbTt6XBNS9tgerkby6DA&prev=/images?q=Upstate,+Kalisha+Buckhanon+picture&hl=en&sa=G&tbm=isch&itbs=1)***Upstate*, Kalisha Buckhanon.**

Two lovers are separated by a horrendous crime.

**FANTASY/ SCIENCE FICTION/ VAMPIRE**

24. [](http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://www.laurawhitcomb.com/images/Certainslant-210-exp.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.laurawhitcomb.com/work2.htm&usg=__6TKXiWpqN2uSNb7ot8-xldbjGho=&h=320&w=210&sz=9&hl=en&start=1&zoom=1&tbnid=t3cVgQBx6sxJSM:&tbnh=118&tbnw=77&ei=JbJbTuG_Eajm0QHD5_2TCQ&prev=/images?q=A+Certain+Slant+of+Light,+Laura+Whitcomb+picture&hl=en&sa=G&tbm=isch&itbs=1) ***A Certain Slant of Light*, Laura Whitcomb**.

Helen died 130 years ago, but she’s still around.

25. **Cirque du Freak series, Darren Shan**.

There is more to a traveling freak show than meets the eye.

26. [](http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://www.teenreads.com/art/covers/140w/0374320918.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.teenreads.com/reviews/0374320918.asp&usg=__J16TL3uZlEFaSarKMfomCEd1idk=&h=199&w=140&sz=11&hl=en&start=2&zoom=1&tbnid=Mi49obLOsqcO5M:&tbnh=104&tbnw=73&ei=X7JbTuKRCOXt0gHO9-iUCQ&prev=/images?q=Elsewhere,+Gabrielle+Zevin+picture&hl=en&sa=G&tbm=isch&itbs=1)***Elsewhere*, Gabrielle Zebin.**

Liz is getting younger, not older, every day.

27. [](http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-ezI8iv_521A/Tg3wbyYYRoI/AAAAAAAAAI4/3r2WS8i1GY4/s1600/A+Great+And+Terrible+Beauty.jpg&imgrefurl=http://thereadersbookblog.blogspot.com/2011/07/great-and-terrible-beauty-libba-bray.html&usg=__nA_tyHjILlJfwCF-lhnUaaSqCBM=&h=700&w=453&sz=42&hl=en&start=2&zoom=1&tbnid=3AKxwofhTtOl8M:&tbnh=140&tbnw=91&ei=fbJbTo2iHqX50gGIp_SVCQ&prev=/images?q=A+Great+and+Terrible+Beauty,+Libba+Bray+picture&hl=en&sa=G&tbm=isch&itbs=1)***A Great and Terrible Beauty,* Libba Bray.**

The School Library journal calls this novel “an interesting combination of fantasy, light horror, and historical fiction, with a dash of romance thrown in for good measure.”

28. [](http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://www.yourlibrary.ws/ya_webpage/ritba/ritba04/scorpion.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.yourlibrary.ws/ya_webpage/ritba/ritba04/scorpion.htm&usg=__DiTxVTaqlZa_79llRyPNn1q2-u4=&h=475&w=314&sz=40&hl=en&start=3&zoom=1&tbnid=sm7SfQh7ovXLnM:&tbnh=129&tbnw=85&ei=prJbTs3lFcXE0AHzn9mTCQ&prev=/images?q=House+of+the+Scorpion,+Nancy+Farmer+picture&hl=en&sa=G&tbm=isch&itbs=1)***House of the Scorpion*, Nancy Farmer.**

In the future, a scientist brings a number of clones to life.

29. [](http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://1.bp.blogspot.com/_0FaVi6ZfwpU/TJGa2_vKL5I/AAAAAAAAAmo/hzTdhdPCHss/s1600/life-as-we-knew-it.jpg&imgrefurl=http://readingforsanity.blogspot.com/2011/02/life-as-we-knew-it-susan-beth-pfeffer.html&usg=__mXRsA7Xdm8MoxWyHxW2mmRxkCEU=&h=700&w=467&sz=25&hl=en&start=3&zoom=1&tbnid=KFt-17tBWWS1qM:&tbnh=140&tbnw=93&ei=vrJbTqzxMM6ftwf6tq2oDA&prev=/images?q=Life+as+We+Knew+It,+Susan+Beth+Pfeffer+picture&hl=en&sa=G&tbm=isch&itbs=1) ***Life as We Knew It*, Susan Beth Pfefs,**

A meteor collides with the moon, with disastrous results for Earthlings.

30. [](http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://2.bp.blogspot.com/_lDfLZcXx1gM/TDYsAxbWReI/AAAAAAAAAb8/5P2j3b6uNVc/s1600/rebel-angels.jpg&imgrefurl=http://sleepeatread.blogspot.com/2010/07/rebel-angels-by-libba-bray.html&usg=__zfn1f725oUIURbBQCe5-QgaU8dI=&h=500&w=339&sz=44&hl=en&start=2&zoom=1&tbnid=72e9AQqwa6oyfM:&tbnh=130&tbnw=88&ei=5LJbTtWBKMLZ0QHkoJyVCQ&prev=/images?q=Rebel+Angels,+Libba+Bray+picture&hl=en&sa=G&tbm=isch&itbs=1)***Rebel Angels*, Libba Bray.**

A sequel to A Great and Terrible Beauty.

31. [](http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://3.bp.blogspot.com/_9J1UqfCFc44/TDIugNNOTGI/AAAAAAAACdA/klvjRc7uaOk/s1600/twilightsaga231.jpg&imgrefurl=http://lmeteenspace.blogspot.com/2011/05/baa-update.html&usg=__55-lYtHLIfC16XMdAPR59sYylcA=&h=640&w=428&sz=29&hl=en&start=4&zoom=1&tbnid=B2lYorlU__gYZM:&tbnh=137&tbnw=92&ei=CrNbTpP8J-a70AGh7_STCQ&prev=/images?q=The+Twilight+Saga+series.+Stephen+Meyer&hl=en&sa=G&tbm=isch&itbs=1) **The Twilight Saga series. Stephen Meyer.**

A teenage romance with a vampire twist.

32. [](http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-q6lSDaLr5T4/Tdau6XP-D-I/AAAAAAAAAI4/7aIP0lTX-VI/s1600/Uglies.jpg&imgrefurl=http://cjsbookshelf.blogspot.com/2011/05/uglies-series-by-scott-westerfeld.html&usg=__LGHeXPTWjNvmxJpEdWuAVwI42Sg=&h=276&w=197&sz=20&hl=en&start=1&zoom=1&tbnid=A2rUdapjqC3UUM:&tbnh=114&tbnw=81&ei=KbNbTt-9OaL40gHd87GUCQ&prev=/images?q=The+Uglies+series,+Scott+Westerfeld+pictures&hl=en&sa=G&tbm=isch&itbs=1) **The Uglies series, Scott Westerfeld.**

Life in a futuristic society where everyone is “ugly.

33. [](http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://2.bp.blogspot.com/_1bPsMiUaMX0/TOaqzALA3yI/AAAAAAAAABI/k6Pkpx0NSbg/s1600/Eye_of_the_world_cover.jpg&imgrefurl=http://thetruthandthefantasy.blogspot.com/2010/11/wheel-of-time-series-by-robert-jordan.html&usg=__Ao9ixcLBFaoQCJqBfGPXw2DWlBk=&h=860&w=563&sz=113&hl=en&start=4&zoom=1&tbnid=CDOjPgYdyBhkCM:&tbnh=145&tbnw=95&ei=QrNbTrecCIi00AGYt6iUCQ&prev=/images?q=Wheel+of+time+series,+Robert+Jordan+pictures&hl=en&sa=G&tbm=isch&itbs=1) **Wheel of time series, Robert Jordan.**

The world has been broken by a phenomenal power in this series that is

reminiscent of J.R.R. Tolkien.

34. [](http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://horrorsnotdead.com/images/WorldWarZ-coverlarge.jpg&imgrefurl=http://horrorsnotdead.com/wpress/2006/review-world-war-z-an-oral-history-of-the-zombie-war/&usg=__-762hRigZWP39cosNpWW30XXT0A=&h=546&w=370&sz=148&hl=en&start=1&zoom=1&tbnid=sgjhbZRNbV6rdM:&tbnh=133&tbnw=90&ei=ZLNbTq6qLcP20gHJvaWUCQ&prev=/images?q=World+War+Z:+An+Oral+History+of+the+Zombie+War,+Max+Brooks.+pictures&hl=en&sa=G&tbm=isch&itbs=1) ***World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War*, Max Brooks.**

The world is threatened by a zombie invasion.

**MEMOIR AND NONFICTION**

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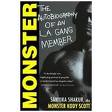
A sixteen-year old is hospitalized in a psychiatric hospital.

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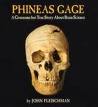
Another account of growing up in an eccentric, dysfunctional family.

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A twelve-year-old’s account of surviving civil war in Sierra Leone.

38. [](http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://di1-3.shoppingshadow.com/images/pi/cb/cd/ec/2000592879-260x260-0-0_Monster_by_Sanyika_Shakur.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.shopping.com/Monster_by_Sanyika_Shakur/info&usg=__IieswEJ7vfQjNXzlq5QdJgu5oiI=&h=260&w=260&sz=14&hl=en&start=2&zoom=1&tbnid=rYvJMCWFoyrjFM:&tbnh=112&tbnw=112&ei=zrNbTp2FJKnX0QH8zOyTCQ&prev=/images?q=:+The+Autobiography+of+an+L.A.+Gang+Member,+Sanyika+Shakur+pictures&hl=en&sa=G&tbm=isch&itbs=1)***Monster: The Autobiography of an L.A. Gang Member*, Sanyika Shakur**.

The personal account of an L.A. gangbanger.

39. [](http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://i43.tower.com/images/mm101994910/phineas-gage-gruesome-but-true-story-about-brain-john-fleischman-paperback-cover-art.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.tower.com/phineas-gage-gruesome-but-true-story-about-brain-john-fleischman-paperback/wapi/101994910?download=true&type=1&usg=__yUA-OzhI0LQ7pNXgUSgYZ6khYvw=&h=219&w=200&sz=7&hl=en&start=1&zoom=1&tbnid=HwQOqiX1uzCOaM:&tbnh=107&tbnw=98&ei=9LNbTo-cH8rb0QG4_PSUCQ&prev=/images?q=Phineas+Gage:A+Gruesome+but+True+Story+About+Brain+Science,+John+Fleischman+pictures&hl=en&sa=G&tbm=isch&itbs=1) ***Phineas Gage:A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science,* John Fleischman**

The incredible story of a recovery from severe trauma, and what it taught the scientific community.

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An account of growing up in an eccentric, dysfunctional family.

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