

2012 Texas Lone Star Annotated Reading List

Dionne, Erin. **Notes from an Accidental Band Geek**. Dial Books, 2011.

ISBN 978-0-8037-3564-4

Elsie Wyatt is a serious musician whose dream is to play as a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. But first she has a lot to learn from her high school marching band, The Screaming Hellcats of Henry Herbert High School.

Frost, Helen. **Hidden**. Farrar Strauss Giroux, 2011. ISBN 978-0-374-38221-6

When Darra's father steals a car, Wren is hiding in the back seat. This accidental kidnapping changes the lives of the two girls forever. Years later they come face-to-face and try to make sense of what happened that ill-fated day.

Gibbs, Stuart. **Belly Up**. Simon & Schuster, 2010. ISBN 978-1-41698-731-4

FunJungle theme park's not so beloved mascot, Henry the Hippo, is found belly up in his wading pool; the list of suspects that wanted him dead could stretch clear across the state of Texas! It's up to 12 year old Teddy Fitzroy to catch the killer before the killer catches him.

Gidwitz, Adam. **A Tale Dark and Grimm**. Dutton's Children's Books, 2010.

ISBN 978-0-525-42334-8

Once upon a time, there was a story about a boy named Hansel and his sister Gretel. The tale was disturbing and grim, bloody and... totally awesome! And happily ever after... forget about it!

Gier, Kerstin. **Ruby Red**. Henry Holt, 2011. ISBN 978-0-8050-9252-3

Gwen's perfect cousin Charlotte has been preparing her whole life for time travel; so the family is shocked when it's Gwen, not Charlotte, who inherits the time travel gene. With no warning or training, Gwen is launched into the mysterious past with only the accompaniment of the arrogant, annoying, but breathtakingly handsome Gideon.

Hobbs, Will. **Take Me to the River**. Harper, 2011. ISBN 978-0-06-074145-7

When Dylan and his cousin Rio set out to raft down the Rio Grande River, they are ready for adventure. But, they get more than they expected when they must face a tropical storm and a member of the Mexican drug cartel on the run.

Lane, Andy. **Death Cloud**. Farrar Strauss Giroux, 2010. ISBN 978-0-374-38767-9

Young Sherlock Holmes spends his break from boarding school with his distant uncle and is assigned an American tutor whose unique approach teaches Sherlock how to think. He soon finds himself caught up in a mystery and a dangerous adventure when he discovers a Baron's secrets.

Maberry, Jonathan. **Rot & Ruin**. Simon & Schuster, 2010. ISBN 978-1-44240-232-4

Benny lives the world after First Night; one where the dead walk. Now that he is 15, he has to decide what role he will play in this world. While most people assume he will follow in the footsteps of his brother, the famous Zombie Hunter Tom Imura, Benny is uncertain. When a series of events force Benny to leave his protected settlement and join Tom out in the Rot & Ruin, he learns a great deal about human nature...both dead and alive. Remember: "Zombies were people too."

Monninger, Joseph. **Wish**. Delacorte Press, 2010. ISBN 978-0-385-90788-0

The trip is supposed to be all about Bee's little brother, cystic fibrosis sufferer Tommy, getting his wish: to dive with the great white sharks. But, Bee may end up having some wishes granted too.

Ness, Patrick. **A Monster Calls: A Novel**. Candlewick Press, 2011. ISBN 978-0-7636-5559-4

Ever since his mother started cancer treatments, Conor has been having nightmares. Then one night, a monster, unlike anything he's seen in his earlier nightmares, shows up outside his window. The monster demands something Conor is not sure he can give – the truth.

Oppel, Kenneth. ***This Dark Endeavor***. Simon & Schuster, 2011. ISBN 978-1-44240-315-4
Victor Frankenstein will stop at nothing to save the life of his twin brother Konrad. His desperate quest to obtain the ingredients for the Elixir of Life, leads him on a path to an all-consuming obsession with death and resurrection.

Paulsen, Gary. ***Paintings from the Cave: Three Novellas***. Wendy Lamb Books, 2011. ISBN 978-0-385-90921-1
What do you do when life is *really* bad and the thought of things getting better "someday" is just too far away? Jake, Jo, and Jamie find hope in the beauty of art and the love of dogs.

Roth, Veronica. ***Divergent***. Katherine Tegen Books, 2011. ISBN 978-0-06-202402-2
Beatrice lives in a dystopian Chicago where citizens are divided into 5 factions. Having turned 16, she is able to choose the group where she will belong and serve. But, she doesn't actually fit into a faction and is technically "divergent." This is extremely dangerous and a secret she must keep hidden at all costs.

Rylander, Chris. ***The Fourth Stall***. Walden Pond Press, 2011. ISBN 978-0-06-199496-8
Got a problem? Need a couple of tests answers? Bullies stealing your lunch money? Mac Barrett can help. Mac is a fixer, and he and his crew can help you, for a price or a favor. Let him make you an offer you can't refuse.

Schmidt, Gary D. ***Okay for Now***. Clarion Books, 2011. ISBN 978-0-547-15260-8
During the 1960s, 8th grade Doug, from an abusive home, is now the new boy in a small town. He discovers a talent, new friends, and what it truly means to be liked.

Sepetys, Ruta. ***Between Shades of Gray***. Philomel Books, 2011. ISBN 978-0-399-25412-3
Lina, her mother, and little brother are taken from their Lithuanian home by Soviet officials and sent on a horrific journey. The only thing keeping Lina going is her secretly-created art and the hope that she will one day be reunited with her father, a prisoner in another camp.

Stephens, John. ***The Emerald Atlas***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2011. ISBN 978-0-375-96870-9
Since the fateful night when siblings Kate, Michael, and Emma were taken from their parents to protect them from an evil wizard, they have moved from one orphanage to another for 10 years hoping their parents would someday reclaim them. When they come into the care of the mysterious Dr. Pym, they discover an ancient book of magic and an age-old prophecy begins to unfold.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. ***The Running Dream***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2011.
ISBN 978-0-375-96667-5
Track star Jessica has always boldly taken on the toughest opponents on the track. But when her leg is crushed in an accident and amputated below the knee, she faces a challenge she could never have imagined.

White, Kiersten. ***Paranormalcy***. HarperTeen, 2010. ISBN 978-0-06-198584-3
Evie works for the International Paranormal Containment Agency, tracking down paranormal creatures using her unique ability to see through glamours. She has always seen herself as just another normal teen, but soon discovers she may just be the most paranormal of them all.

Young, Moira. ***Blood Red Road***. Margaret K. McElderry, 2011. ISBN 978-1-44242-998-7
In a dry and desolate future, Sabba and younger sister Emmi set out from the only home they have ever known to find their brother. In their quest to rescue Lugh from kidnappers, the sisters encounter multiple dangers, both human and fantastic. When Sabba is captured and forced to fight for her life in a weekly sporting event, alliances are formed and foes revealed.