



Reading Recommendations for Young Adults

1. *Ship Breaker* by Paolo Bacigalupi. In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl. New York: Little, Brown, 2010.
2. *The Raft* by S.A. Bodeen. Robbie's last-minute flight to the Midway Atoll proves to be a nightmare when the plane goes down in shark-infested waters. Fighting for her life, the co-pilot Max pulls her onto the raft, and that's when the real terror begins. New York: Feiwel and Friends (2012).
3. *Undertow* by Michael Buckley. Lyric Walker's life forever changes the night she witnesses the arrival of the Alpha, a five-nation race of ocean-dwelling warriors. Boston: New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. (2015).
4. *Everlasting* by Angie Frazier. In 1855, seventeen-year-old Camille sets out from San Francisco, California, on her last sea voyage before entering a loveless marriage, but when her father's ship is destroyed, she and a friend embark on a cross-Australian quest to find her long-lost mother who holds a map to a magical stone. New York: Scholastic Press (2010).
5. *The Girl from Everywhere* by Heidi Heilig. Sixteen-year-old Nix has sailed across the globe and through centuries aboard her time-traveling father's ship. But when he gambles with her very existence, it all may be about to end. *The Girl from Everywhere*, the first of two books, blends fantasy, history, and a modern sensibility. New York, NY: Greenwillow Books (2016).
6. *Escaping from Houdini* by Kerri Maniscalco. In 1889, the ship Etruria departs Liverpool, England, for New York carrying Audrey Rose Wadsworth and her crime-solving partner, Thomas, a famous escape artist, and a cold-blooded killer. New York; Boston: Jimmy Patterson Books, Little, Brown and Company (2018).
7. *Haunting the Deep* by Adriana Mather. Samantha Mather survived one curse, and now she's having recurring dreams about the Titanic, and walking the deck with first-class passengers like her aunt and uncle. Then missives from the Titanic begin finding their way to her, along with haunting visions of people who went down with the ship. Her friends in the Descendants are determined to help Sam. First, they must unravel who is behind the spell that is drawing her ever further into the dream ship-- and closer to sharing the same grim fate as its ghostly passengers. New York: Alfred A. Knopf (2017)
8. *And the Ocean Was Our Sky* by Patrick Ness. Presents a twist on themes from *Moby Dick* in the story of a proud warrior whale pod that attacks a ship before pursuing a near-mythical

adversary on a vengeful hunt that risks the worlds of both whales and humans. New York: HarperTeen, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers (2018).

9. *Challenger Deep* by Neal Shusterman. Caden Bosch is on a galleon that's headed for the deepest point on Earth: Challenger Deep, the southern part of the Marianas Trench. Caden Bosch is a brilliant high school student whose friends are starting to notice his odd behavior. Caden Bosch is designated the ship's artist in residence to document the journey with images. Caden Bosch pretends to join the school track team but spends his days walking for miles, absorbed by the thoughts in his head. Caden Bosch is split between his allegiance to the captain and the allure of mutiny. Caden Bosch is torn. Caden Bosch is dealing with schizophrenia... and as fantasy and paranoia begin to take over, his parents have only one choice left. New York, NY: HarperTeen (2015).
10. *The Ocean of Secrets: Volume 1* by Sophie-chan. Lia, a 17-year-old orphan living by the Atlantic, is swept away by the ocean currents during a ruthless storm. She is then saved by Moria and Albert, a duo of illegal runaways on their magical ship! Her normal, mundane life suddenly becomes a supernatural adventure as she learns about the powers of their kind and their relations to the human world. But Lia soon discovers that there is a dark secret hidden in a mysterious kingdom. Los Angeles: Tokyopop (2017).

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