



## Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

### **2009 Nominations**

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### ***Dead, Dying and the Undead***

Death can be an adventure, but not everyone lives to tell about it. Join us in exploring the often mysterious world of death and those who experience it.

Jillian Suback, Chair  
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Nominations:

**Anderson, M.T.** *Thirsty*. 2003. Candlewick. 978-0-763-62014-1 \$7.99

Chris is your typical guy: annoyed with his parents, irritated by his friends, ignored by girls...and rapidly turning into a vampire.

**Brook, Kevin.** *Road of the Dead*. 2007. Scholastic. 978-0-439-78624-9 \$7.99

When their sister is murdered, Ruben and Cole travel to the village where she was killed to claim her body. There the boys discover brutal and close-minded villagers determined to cover up the cause of their sister's death.

**Cabot, Meg.** *Shadowland: Mediator Book One*. 2004. HarperTeen. 978-0-060-72511-2 \$7.99

Suze is a mediator — forcing ghosts to move on from this world — whether they want to or not.

**Colfer, Eoin.** *The Wish List*. 2004. Scholastic. 978-0-439-44336-4 \$6.99

Meg was killed while committing a crime, so to get to heaven she must first go back to Earth and complete a task. Unfortunately, hell has sent someone back also.

**De la Cruz, Melissa.** *Blue Bloods*. 2006. Hyperion. 978-1-423-10126-0 \$8.99

The Blue Bloods, an ancient group of vampires, thought they were invincible until something starts hunting them.

**Delaney, Joseph.** *Night of the Soul Stealer: The Last Apprentice Book Three*. Illus. by Patrick Arrasmith. 2008. Harper Trophy. 978-0-060-76626-9 \$7.99

Tom Ward, apprentice to the Spook who gets rid of witches, must this time face a rogue Spook turned necromancer.

**Draper, Sharon.** *Tears of a Tiger*. 1996. Simon Pulse. 978-0-689-80698-8 \$5.99

A drunk driving accident causes the death of Robert Washington, captain of the basketball team at predominantly African American Hazelwood High. New articles, dialogues, and other innovative formats show how the student body reacts to the tragedy, and how Andy Jackson, who drove the car, is pulled down by his own feelings of guilt.

**Freyman-Weyr, Garret.** *Stay with Me*. 2006. Graphia. 978-0-618-88404-9 \$8.99

After Leila's sister commits suicide, Leila's anxious to learn why and what that means to her.

**Gaiman, Neil.** *Death, the High Cost of Living*. Illus. by Dave McKean, Chris Bachalo and Mark Buckingham. 1994. DC Vertigo. 978-1-563-89133-5 \$12.99

Death takes a holiday with a suicidal teen.

**Green, John.** *Looking for Alaska*. 2007. Penguin. 978-0-142-40251-1 \$7.99

Smart loner Miles, whose hobby is to memorize famous people's dying words, leaves home for boarding school in search of a "Great Perhaps." There he meets his first close friends, including enticing but screwed up Alaska Young, and experiences his first great tragedy.

**Hicks, Faith Erin.** *Zombies Calling*. 2007. SLG. 978-1-593-62079-0 \$9.95

Joss's friends think her obsession with zombie movies is ridiculous, but when their college campus comes under attack they're glad she knows the rules.

**Hino, Matsuri.** *Vampire Knight, Volume 1*. Illus. by Matsuri Hino. 2007. VIZ Media. 978-1-421-50822-1 \$8.99

Yuki Cross lives at Cross Academy, where she is caught up in the struggle to keep the peace between the Day Class of humans and the Night Class of vampires.

**Howard, Josh.** *Dead @ 17*. 2006. Viper Comics. 978-0-975-41936-6 \$14.95

Nara may be dead, but she's the last hope her town has of surviving the zombie invasion.

**Kagesaki, Yuna.** *Chibi Vampire*. 2006. Tokyopop. 978-1-598-16322-3 \$9.99

Karin is the middle child in a family of vampires. She is an unvampire producing blood instead of drinking it. The Vampires in this manga don't really drink blood; they drink basically sin in the blood (i.e. lies, stress, and misfortune).

**Kotegawa, Yua.** *Line*. Illus. by Yua Kotegawa. 2006. ADV Manga. 978-1-413-90249-5 \$9.99

Chiko found a cell phone and now it's up to her to save the lives of suicidal people calling with one last plea.

**Kubo, Tite.** *Bleach, Volume 1*. Illus. by Tite Kubo. 2004. VIZ Media. 978-1-591-16441-8 \$7.95

Ichigo can see ghosts, but he's unprepared when he is forced into the world of Soul Reapers — warriors who fight Hollows, evil spirits who prey on human souls.

**Leavitt, Martine.** *Keturah and Lord Death*. 2006. Red Deer Press. 978-0-889-95370-3 \$11.99

Lost and hungry after following a stately hart through the forest, Keturah encounters Lord Death, who is ready to take her. Using her storytelling skills, she persuades Lord Death to set her free if she can find her true love in one day.

**McKinley, Robin.** *Sunshine*. 2004. Jove. 978-0-515-13881-8 \$7.99

Sunshine, a young woman with powers yet unknown, must pair up with an ostracized vampire to help defeat an evil force in a post-Voodoo Wars world.

**Marrone, Amanda.** *Uninvited*. 2007. Simon Pulse. 978-1-416-93978-8 \$8.99

Jordan's ex-boyfriend keeps trying to get in her window at night — she'd be thrilled, if he wasn't dead.

**Meyer, Stephenie.** *Twilight*. 2006. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 978-0-316-01584-4 \$10.99

Bella moves from Phoenix to Forks, Washington and finds her life in danger when she falls in love with a vampire named Edward. Luckily for Bella, the vampires in Edward's coven only drink the blood of animals, not human blood. While their passion for each other grows, so does the danger when another vampire coven passes through town setting their sights on Bella.

**Musk, Justine.** *Uninvited*. 2007. MTV Books. 978-1-416-53827-1 \$8.99

Kelly's brother Jasper disappears after a car wreck that killed two other people. One night, Jasper returns, but someone else has followed him home.

**Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds.** *Jade Green: A Ghost Story*. 2001. Simon Pulse. 978-0-689-82002-1 \$5.99

Orphaned Judith gets caught up in a series of mysterious events which may be tied to a previous orphan who lived in her house — a girl who died by cutting off her own hand.

**Nix, Garth.** *Sabriel*. 2008. Eos. 978-0-061-47435-4 \$9.99

When the dead cease to stay dead, budding necromancer Sabriel must take the place of her father, a necromancer who has journeyed too far into the land of the dead and becomes trapped.

**Ohba, Tsugumi.** *Deathnote, Volume 1.* Illus. by Takeshi Obata. 2005. VIZ Media. 978-1-421-50168-0 \$7.99 Light, a bored high school genius, finds a notebook that gives him the power of death. Soon he finds himself on the run from a special police task force, but they can't prove that he's the killer.

**Peach-Pit.** *Zombie-Loan, Volume 1.* Illus. by Peach-Pit. 2007. Yen Press. 978-0-759-52353-1 \$10.99

When rings that foretell their death appear on the necks of two boys at Michiru's school, she becomes caught in a struggle between the living and the dead.

**Pfeffer, Susan Beth.** *Life As We Knew It.* 2008. Harcourt Children's Books. 978-0-152-06154-8. \$6.95

Tsunamis, earthquakes, massive floods, volcanic eruptions, increasingly hazardous air quality are just the beginning. Millions of people just within the U.S. are dead in the first week. With electricity completely off line and warnings of oil and gas shortages, Miranda and her family must depend on each other if they have any hope of surviving the record breaking cold winter to come.

**Price, Charlie.** *Dead Connection.* 2006. Roaring Brook Press. 978-0-312-37966-7. \$7.99  
A loner, who communes with the dead in the town cemetery, hears the voice of a murdered cheerleader and tries to convince adults of what happened to her.

**Qualey, Marsha.** *Come in from the Cold.* 2008. Graphia. 978-0-547-01439-5 \$7.99  
Maud's sister died protesting the war, Jeff's brother died fighting it. Now they're both trying to make sense of their world — and each other.

**Richardson, E.E.** *Devil's Footsteps.* 2006. Random House Children's Books. 978-0-440-23916-1 \$5.99

Five years ago, Bryan lost his brother Adam to the Dark Man who haunts the town of Redford, England. Now another boy has seen the grim legend come to life, and the teens team up to bring down the Dark Man for good.

**Shan, Darren.** *Lord Loss.* 2006. Little, Brown. 978-0-316-01233-1 \$8.99

Grubbs Grady thinks he's a normal middle schooler until he comes home to find his family killed by demons. Suddenly, he's plunged into a world of werewolves, magic, and horror.

**Shiomi, Chika.** *Canon, Volume 1.* Illus. by Chika Shiomi. 2007. CMX. 978-1-401-21163-9 \$9.99

Canon survived a vampire attack that wiped out her entire class. Now she fights the undead from the inside as one of them.

**Shiomi, Chika.** *Yurara, Volume 1.* Illus. by Chika Shiomi. 2007. VIZ Media. 978-1-421-51350-8 \$8.99

Yurara thinks she's alone in her ability to see ghosts. When she starts high school,

however, she meets two handsome guys who also have powers and discovers a mysterious protector living inside herself.

**Shusterman, Neal.** *Everlost*. 2006. Simon Pulse. 978-0-689-87238-9 \$6.99

After dying in a car crash, Nick and Allie are on course towards an eternal light, but instead, they are detoured to a parallel universe known as Everlost. Determined to escape, they have to enlist the help of shady and dangerous souls.

**Spears, Rick.** *Black Metal, Volume 1*. Illus. by B.B. Chuck. 2007. Oni Press. 978-1-932-66472-0 \$11.95

Metal head twins Shawn and Sam Stronghand are outcasts wherever they go, but the appearance of a mysterious sword shows that their rightful place is in the Underworld.

**Stolarz, Laurie Faria.** *White is for Magic*. 2004. Llewellyn Worldwide. 978-0-738-70443-2 \$8.95

Seventeen-year-old Stacey is having nightmares again — creepy dreams where she is haunted by the ghosts of people who have been brutally murdered. Dreams that can clue her into potentially saving the lives of others.

**Takami, Koshun.** *Battle Royale*. 2003. VIZ Media. 978-1-569-31778-5 \$15.95

One ninth grade class, three days, only one can survive or else they all die.

**Whitcomb, Laura.** *A Certain Slant of Light*. 2005. Graphia. 978-0-618-58532-8 \$8.99

Sex, drugs and restless spirits.

**Willis, Connie.** *Passage*. 2002. Bantam. 978-0-553-58051-8 \$7.99

Dr. Joanna Lander is determined to figure out the truth behind why people have near-death experiences, but she never expected so many people to see the same thing...the Titanic?

**Woodson, Jacqueline.** *If You Come Softly*. 2006. Penguin. 978-0-142-40601-4 \$5.99

Ellie is Jewish; Miah is black. Both teens believe their love can overcome obstacles, even if their families don't agree. But after tragic, racially motivated violence, there are some hard truths to face.

**Wright, Eric.** *My Dead Girlfriend, Volume 1*. 2007. Tokyopop. 978-1-598-16996-6 \$9.99

Very much alive Finney falls in love with ghostly Jenny.

**Zevin, Gabrielle.** *Elsewhere*. 2007. Square Fish. 978-0-312-36746-6 \$6.95

Liz lives Elsewhere, aging backwards and waiting to be reborn. Can she leave her old life behind and embrace the new one?

**Zusak, Markus.** *The Book Thief*. 2007. Knopf. 978-0-375-84220-7 \$11.99

Death narrates the tale of Liesel and her experiences during World War II.

## *Fame and Fortune*

Stardom! Wealth! Notoriety! Read all about teens aspiring to make it big.

Todd Krueger, Chair  
Teresa Allen  
Elizabeth Schneider  
Elizabeth Mary Saxton  
Melanie Wachsmann  
Carlisle Kraft Webber  
Snow Wildsmith

Nominations:

**Barnholdt, Lauren.** *Reality Chick*. 2006. Simon Pulse. 978-1-416-91317-7 \$8.99  
Ally finds her calling, falls in and out of love, and survives her freshman year of college — all on reality TV.

**Blatt, Jessica.** *The Teen Girl's Gotta-Have-It Guide to Money: Getting Smart about Making It, Saving It, and Spending It!* 2008. Watson-Guption Publications. 978-0-823-01727-0 \$8.95

Covers financial basics, including how to enter the workforce and avoid economic pitfalls. Scenarios help illustrate wise decision-making.

**Burleson, Kimberly Spinks.** *Prepare to be a Teen Millionaire*. 2008. Health Communications, Inc. 978-0-757-30723-2 \$16.95

Teen entrepreneurs discuss the methods they have used to become millionaires at a young age.

**Cabot, Meg.** *Teen Idol*. 2004. Harper Trophy. 978-0-060-09618-2 \$8.99

Nice girl Jenny Greenley finds her world turned upside down when she has to play school hostess for undercover Hollywood hunk Luke Striker.

**Calonita, Jen.** *Secrets of My Hollywood Life*. 2007. Poppy. 978-0-316-15443-7 \$7.99

Teen television starlet tells all. Oh, and she wants a normal life.

**Cohn, Rachel.** *Pop Princess*. 2005. Simon & Schuster. 978-1-416-90263-8 \$6.99

Wonder Blake, small town girl with a big voice, is singing to herself in a Dairy Queen when a talent agent “discovers” her. Is she ready for pop stardom and everything it entails?

**Davis, Joyce E.** *Can't Stop the Shine*. 2007. Kimani Tru Harlequin. 978-0-373-83078-7. \$9.99

Kalia and Mariama are sisters with nothing in common but when a nationwide singing competition comes to their hometown, they agree that this could be Kalia's chance at stardom.

**Dessen, Sarah.** *Just Listen.* 2008. Puffin., 978-0-142-41097-4 \$8.99

Annabel Greene, a 16-year-old model, has everything — popularity, lots of friends, and a great family. After a misunderstanding with her ex-friend Sophie, she finds that she has lost it all.

**Douglas, Lola.** *More Confessions of a Hollywood Starlet.* 2006. Razorbill. 978-1-595-14129-3 \$6.99

Morgan's secret is out, and now she has to balance stardom with high school.

**Ferrer, Caridad.** *Adios to My Old Life.* 2006. MTV. 978-1-416-52473-1 \$9.95

Ali Montero, 17, has been brought up by her father, a music professor in Miami, to be a good Cuban American girl as well as a talented singer and guitarist. But he's not pleased when she makes the finals in a nationwide TV competition to find the "next Latin superstar."

**Godbersen, Anna.** *The Luxe.* 2008. HarperCollins. 978-0-061-34568-5 \$9.99

Gossip Girls set among the rich and famous of NYC society in 1899.

**Hogan, Mary.** *Susanna Sees Stars.* 2006. Delacorte. 978-0-385-73513-1 \$7.99

Susanna wants to make it big as a celebrity — celebrity reporter that is! Now if she can just survive her summer internship with Scene magazine.

**Kiyosaki, Robert T.** *Rich Dad, Poor Dad: the secrets about money — that you don't learn in school!* 2004. Warner Books. 978-0-446-69321-9 \$14.99

Simple, straight-forward tips and tactics to get teens on the right financial path, with a basic overview of economics.

**Lockhart, E.** *Dramarama.* 2007. Hyperion. 978-0-786-83817-2 \$7.99

Sadye and Demi find their friendship strained at a summer theater camp where he shines and she rebels.

**Mendle, Jane.** *Better off Famous?* 2007. St. Martin's Griffin. 978-0-312-36903-3 \$8.95

Who knew auditioning at Julliard for violin could land you an acting job?

**Millner, Denene and Mitzi Miller.** *Hotlanta.* 2008. Point. 978-0-545-00308-7 \$8.99

Twins Sydney and Lauren enjoy an upscale, lavish Atlanta lifestyle, but their mother's roots are in a much poorer neighborhood. After their biological father is released from prison, family secrets come bubbling to the surface.

**Nakamura, Yoshiki.** *Skip Beat, Volume 1.* Illus. by Yoshiki Nakamura. 2006. VIZ Media. 978-1-421-50585-5 \$8.99

**Nakamura, Yoshiki.** *Skip Beat, Volume 2.* Illus. by Yoshiki Nakamura. 2006. VIZ Media. 978-1-421-50586-2 \$8.99

**Nakamura, Yoshiki.** *Skip Beat, Volume 3.* Illus. by Yoshiki Nakamura. 2006. VIZ Media. 978-1-421-50587-9 \$8.99

**Nakamura, Yoshiki.** *Skip Beat, Volume 4.* Illus. by Yoshiki Nakamura. 2007. VIZ Media. 978-1-421-50588-6 \$8.99

Kyoko decides that best way to get revenge on her ex is to become an even bigger celebrity than he is, but how can she do that if she can't love anyone — even potential fans?

**Pagliarulo, Antonio.** *The Celebutantes: on the avenue.* 2007. Delacorte. 978-0-385-73404-2 \$9.99

The Trump kids meet Paris Hilton meet Nancy Drew in this tale of murder, high fashion, and family.

**Perkins, Mitali.** *First Daughter: Extreme American Makeover.* 2008. Puffin. 978-0-142-41154-4 \$7.99

Sameera's dad is running for president, but his campaign staff is worried that a Pakistani daughter may not be "All-American" enough.

**Rowling, J.K.** *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.* 2002. Scholastic. 978-0-439-13960-1 \$9.99

When Harry's name is mysteriously entered in the Tri-Wizard tournament, he finds that the pressures of fame may be the least of his problems.

**Scorgie, Lesley.** *Rich by Thirty: A Young Adult's Guide to Financial Success.* 2007. Key Porter Books. 978-1-554-70038-7 \$12.95

A comprehensive plan for how to start young to become wealthy early. Encourages number-knowledge and organization.

**Senate, Melissa.** *Theodora Twist.* 2007. Delacorte. 978-0-385-73302-1 \$7.99

New Jersey-born starlet Theodora moves back to her hometown to star in a reality show.

**Shigematsu, Takako.** *Tenshi Ja Nai!! I'm No Angel! Volume 1.* Illus. by Takako Shigematsu. 2005. Go Comi! 978-0-976-89571-8 \$9.99

Hikaru was happy to leave her old school, where she'd been bullied for being a child model. The private girl's boarding school she's attending now would be perfect if it weren't for her roommate — famous idol Izumi, who's more than "she" seems.

**Shin, Ji-Sang and Geo.** *Chocolat, Volume 1.* Illus. by Ji-Sang and Geo Shin. 2005. Yen Press. 978-8-952-74453-1 \$10.95

**Shin, Ji-Sang and Geo.** *Chocolat, Volume 2.* Illus. by Ji-Sang and Geo Shin. 2006. Yen Press. 978-8-952-74472-2 \$10.95

Kum-Ji is too late to join the official fan club for the band she loves, so she decides to join the fan club for an up-and-coming band that often plays the same shows as her favorites.

**Shull, Megan.** *Amazing Grace*. 2006. Hyperion. 978-0-786-85691-6 \$6.99  
Tennis star Grace Kincaid walks away from celebrity to try to experience real life, and love, in a small Alaskan town.

**Souljah, Sister.** *The Coldest Winter Ever*. 2006. Simon & Schuster. 978-1-416-52169-3 \$7.99

Winter Santiago is the spoiled daughter of a drug dealer. But when the Feds arrest her father and seize his assets, Winter has to fend for herself. Can she use her street smarts to stay alive and still maintain her luxurious lifestyle?

**Strasser, Todd.** *Mob Princess: For Money and Love*. 2007. Simon Pulse. 978-1-416-93533-9 \$8.99

Kate's dad is a "businessman," but when her mother, the brains behind the organization, leaves, Kate finds that she might be able to put her skills to use for the family.

**Tashjian, Janet.** *The Gospel According to Larry*. 2003. Dell Laurel-Leaf. 978-0-440-23792-1 \$6.50

Josh starts an anonymous website ranting against consumerism, but as his identity becomes impossible to hide, he has some hard choices to make.

**von Ziegesar, Cecily.** *Gossip Girl*. 2002. Little, Brown. 978-0-316-91033-0 \$10.99

Being a rich kid in high school on Manhattan's Upper East Side can be rough, without your every move being watched and blogged.

**Walker, Melissa.** *Violet on the Runway*. 2007. Berkley Trade. 978-0-425-21704-. \$9.99  
Violet is tall, skinny and often overlooked until she's discovered by a modeling agent.

**Watsuki, Nobuhiro.** *Rurouni Kenshin, Volume I*. Illus. by Yoshiki Nakamura. 2003. VIZ Media. 978-1-591-16220-3 \$7.95

During the wars that closed the Bakumatsu Era, there was a famed assassin — Hitokiri Battosai. Eleven years after he disappeared, a mysterious wanderer appears at a young woman's dojo, bringing with him the baggage of his past.

**White, Ellen Emerson.** *The President's Daughter*. 2008. Feiwel & Friends. 978-0-312-37488-4 \$8.99

Meg Power's mother is running for President and the spotlight is on the entire family.

**Zindel, Lizabeth.** *Girl of the Moment*. 2008. Puffin. 978-0-142-41104-9 \$8.99

Academic Lily works as an intern to Hollywood hottie Samantha.

### *Journey > Destination*

Take a journey of your own by reading about authentic and imagined road trips and journeys by any and all means of transport in the world.

Jane Ellen Gibson, Chair  
Megan Honig  
Todd B. Krueger  
Elizabeth Schneider  
Elizabeth Mary Saxton  
Ann Sloan  
Jillian Subach  
Shauna Yusko

Nominations:

**Barnholdt, Lauren.** *Two-Way Street*. 2007. Simon Pulse. 978-1-416-91318-4 \$8.99  
When Courtney made plans to take a road trip to college with her boyfriend, Jordan, she had no idea he'd dump her three weeks before their trip. But does Jordan have secrets to reveal?

**Bauer, Joan.** *Rules of the Road*. 2005. Penguin. 978-0-142-40425-6 \$7.99  
Jenna drives her elderly boss cross country to help save a shoe store and help Jenna live with the reality of her alcoholic father.

**Brashares, Ann.** *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*. 2004. Laurel Leaf. 978-0-440-22970-4 \$6.99  
Before four friends split up for the first time one summer, they discover a magical pair of pants that looks good on each of them.

**Cassidy, Cathy.** *Dizzy: A Novel*. 2005. Puffin. 978-0-142-40474-4 \$6.99  
Dizzy is nabbed by her Mom and heads out on the festival circuit for the summer.

**CLAMP.** *Tsubasa Reservoir Chronicle*. 2004. Del Rey. 978-0-345-47057-7 \$10.95  
A sorcerer, warrior, archaeologist, and a princess from different dimensions begin a journey across the worlds in search of the girls' memories which are manifested as magical feathers.

**Cooney, Caroline B.** *Hit the Road*. 2008. Laurel Leaf. 978-0-440-22929-2 \$6.50  
Brit's on an adventure with a bunch of senior citizens.

**DeKeyser, Stacy.** *Jump the Cracks*. 2008. Flux. 978-0-738-71274-1 \$9.95  
When she spots an abused little boy left alone on the train, 15-year-old Victoria decides it is her responsibility to see that he doesn't fall through the cracks.

**DuPrau, Jeanne.** *Car Trouble*. 2006. Harper Teen. 978-0-060-73675-0 \$6.99  
Duff has it all planned out: his car, his laptop, and a fantastic job waiting for him in California. But when his car breaks down less than a hundred miles from home, he's got to find a way to continue the road trip that will change everything for him.

**Friedman, Aimee.** *South Beach*. 2005. Scholastic Point. 978-0-439-70678-0 \$8.99  
Spoiled diva Alexa and sporty, sheltered Holly are unlikely travel companions to Miami's hottest spring break destination. But maybe the two girls aren't as different as they think — especially when it comes to their taste in boys.

**Gallo, Donald R. (editor).** *Destination Unexpected*. Candlewick. 978-0-763-63119-2 \$8.99  
Discoveries and transformations follow for teens on journeys both real and figurative in this outstanding short story collection.

**Gerber, Linda.** *S.A.S.S.: Now and Zen*. 2006. Speak. 978-0-142-40657-1 \$6.99  
Nori may look Japanese, but she's as American as apple pie. Will being an exchange student in Japan bring her Zen?

**Green, John.** *An Abundance of Katherines*. 2008. Puffin. 978-0-142-41070-5 \$7.99  
Having been recently dumped for the nineteenth time by a girl named Katherine, recent high school graduate and former child prodigy Colin sets off on a road trip with his best friend to try to find some new direction in life while also trying to create a mathematical formula to explain his relationships.

**Johnson, Maureen.** *13 Little Blue Envelopes*. 2006. Harper Teen. 978-0-060-54143-9 \$8.99  
After the death of her aunt, Ginny receives \$1,000, a plane ticket to London, and 13 letters of instructions written by her aunt before her death, sending Ginny on a quest all over Europe.

**Kerouac, Jack.** *On the Road*. 1957. Penguin. 978-0-140-04259-7 \$15.00  
Sal and Dean take a road trip across America.

**Kiyuduki, Satoko.** *Shoulder-a-Coffin Kuro, Volume 1*. 2008. Yen Press. 978-0-759-52897-0 \$10.99  
Wanderer Kuro travels with a coffin strapped to her back, accompanied by a sarcastic bat and two young cat-girls on a rambling journey, but no one knows what she is searching for.

**Korman, Gordon.** *Born to Rock*. 2008. Hyperion. 978-0-786-80921-9 \$8.99  
When he stands up for another student and the resulting scandal loses him his free ride to Harvard and gets him kicked out of the Young Republicans, Leo knows he only has one place to turn for tuition money — his father, punk rock god, King Maggot. But Maggot insists that Leo spend the summer on tour with his band Purge, a trip that teaches Leo a lot about family, friends, and himself.

**Kurata, Hideyuki.** *Train + Train, Volume 1*. Illus. by Tomomasa Takuma. 2007. Go Comi! 978-1-933-61718-3 \$10.99  
Deloca educates students from all over the galaxy on trains that traverse the planet.

Reiichi's plans for a quiet study on the General Studies train are derailed when he gets involved with the impulsive Arena, a girl bound for the infamous Special Train.

**Levithan, David.** *Are We There Yet?* 2007. Knopf. 978-0-375-83956-6 \$8.99  
Danny and Elijah have been tricked by their parents into taking a trip to Italy together. What will they discover about themselves — and each other?

**McKernan, Victoria.** *Shackleton's Stowaway.* 2006. Laurel Leaf. 978-0-440-41984-6 \$5.99  
This work of historical fiction tells the story of a young man who stows away on Ernest Shackleton's fateful attempted voyage to the South Pole.

**Reeve, Philip.** *Larklight.* 2007. Bloomsbury. 978-1-599-90145-9 \$7.95  
Art and his sister Myrtle are in for some high adventure when their house in the ether is attacked by space spiders, they are rescued by alien pirates, and they have to save the Victorian Empire from destruction.

**Rivers, Karen.** *The Quirky Girls' Guide to Rest Stops and Road Trips.* 2006. Polestar/Raincoast. 978-1-551-92907-1 \$10.95  
A VW van, a laptop named "Junior," and a stalkerish frenemy: let the road trip begin!

**Sanchez, Alex.** *Rainbow Road.* 2007. Simon & Shuster. 978-1-416-91191-3 \$8.99  
"Rainbow Boys" Kyle, Jason and Nelson drive from Virginia to California for the opening day of a gay high school. On the way, they discover diverse aspects of the LGBTQ experience — Radical Faeries, a transgender Britney impersonator, and a gay couple who've been together for decades — as well as the limitations and possibilities of their own friendships and loves.

**Simmons, Michael.** *Finding Lubchenko.* 2006. Penguin. 978-1-595-14075-3 \$8.99  
Smarmy, entitled Evan is making a killing selling laptops from his CEO dad's company on eBay. Then his dad is framed for murder and the computer that should contain exonerating evidence is "missing"...in Evan's best friend's garage. Now Evan can either turn himself in...or fly to Paris to solve the mystery himself.

**Sloan, Brian.** *A Really Nice Prom Mess.* 2008. Simon & Schuster. 978-1-416-95389-0 \$8.99  
Cameron and his boyfriend Shane aren't out as a couple, so they bring female dates to the prom. Cameron's date figures out she's not getting any action on prom night and starts off the evening rip-roaringly, puking-in-the-fishtank drunk...and that's just the beginning of the group's madcap, high-speed journey from pool party to dance floor to go-go bar to D.C. landmarks, one step ahead of the police.

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When the government comes for him, Jimmy finds out that not only is he not his parents' son — he isn't even completely human.

**Flewelling, Lynn.** *Luck in the Shadows: Nightrunner Volume 1*. 1996. Spectra. 978-0-553-57542-2 \$7.50  
Orphan Alec is drawn into the world of spying and court intrigue by the charming Seregil at a time his country, Skala, is facing an old enemy with a new, supernatural threat.

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Working for a top-secret government agency should be cool. But Alex never gets in on the action — only her parallel universe version does.

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Renegade Girls Scouts explore a hidden city beneath Manhattan.

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There is an organization that operates in secret to protect the world in times of greatest peril. The organization has nine operatives that are the best, and the best of the best is #9 — Musashi.

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Minder two, Tara Chace, is a SIS field agent working in the world of terrorism and espionage.

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Otto Malpense is kidnapped and taken to the Higher Institute of Villainous Education where he and other pupils learn to become the super-villains of tomorrow.

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If James Bond were an awkward, oversized teenage orphan boy thrown into the middle of a life-or-death search for the sword Excalibur, he'd be Alfred Kropp.