

Hatchet

By Gary Paulsen

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

Holes

By Louis Sachar

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Miracle

By Elizabeth Scott

High school senior Megan Hathaway grapples with visions of the dead as she tries to understand why she was the sole survivor of an airplane crash and to cope with being treated like her existence is a miracle.

Treasure Island

By Robert Louis Stevenson

While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, Jim Hawkins and his innkeeper mother find a treasure map that may lead them to a pirate's fortune.

Nonfiction:

Undaunted Courage

By Stephen Ambrose

Chronicles the experiences of Meriwether Lewis, the man chosen by President Jefferson to lead a voyage from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, discusses the experiences of those who took part in the expedition. **Biography Ambrose**

How to Survive Anything: Shark Attack, lightning, Embarrassing Parents, Pop Quizzes, and Other Perilous Situations

By Rachel Buchholz

In this hilariously informative take on surviving the trials of middle school and the jungles of South America, we combine our expertise on nature and adventure with the fun-and-learning approach of our Nat Geo style...and *voila*, the perfect advice to conquer any obstacle, whether it threatens life or social status or both. **Teen Life Issues**

Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage

By Alfred Lansing

The astonishing saga of polar explorer Ernest Shackleton's survival for over a year on the ice-bound Antarctic seas. To write their authoritative story, Lansing consulted with ten of the surviving members and gained access to diaries and personal accounts by eight others. **History World**

In the Heart of the Sea

By Nathaniel Philbrick

Tells the story of the Essex, a whaleship that set sail from Nantucket in 1819 on a routine voyage, and was rammed and sunk by an enraged sperm whale in the South Pacific, setting the twenty-man crew adrift in three tiny boats. **History Discover**

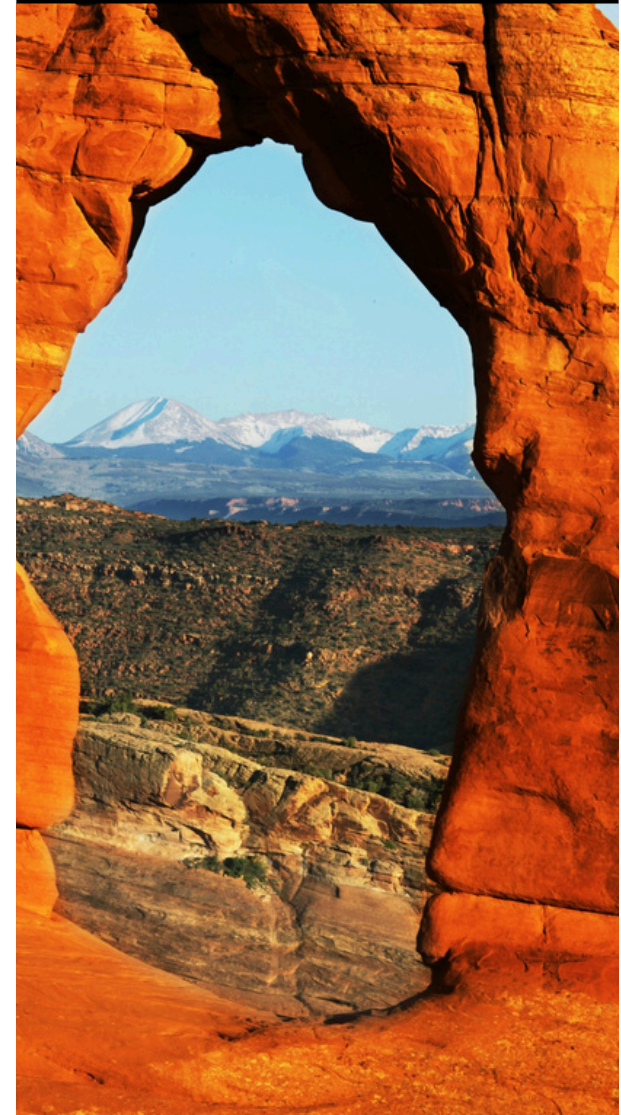
The Young Adventure's Guide to (almost) Everything

By Ben Hewitt

Once upon a time, kids learned the most amazing and unusual things. They learned how to shelter and clothe themselves, how to build a fire, tie knots, and read a compass. They learned how to spend a comfortable night in the forest without a nylon tent. The Young Adventurer's Guide brings back forgotten skills like using the stars instead of GPS and building forts out of foraged sticks. **Teen Sports**

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[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, but the real terror begins when the co-pilot Max pulls her onto the raft.

[Any Sign of Life](#)

By Rae Carson

Paige Miller fears she is the only person left alive in Ohio until she meets a handful of other survivors, and together they struggle with the knowledge that their new reality is the first part of an alien invasion.

[After the Snow](#)

By Sophie Crockett

Fifteen-year-old Willo Blake, born after the 2059 snows that ushered in a new ice age, encounters outlaws, halfmen, and an abandoned girl as he journeys in search of his family, who mysteriously disappeared from the freezing mountain that was their home.

[Julie of the Wolves](#)

By Jean Craighead George

While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.

[Downriver](#)

By Will Hobbs

Fifteen-year-old Jessie and the other rebellious teenage members of a wilderness survival school team abandon their adult leader, hijack his boats, and try to run the dangerous white water at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

[If We Survive](#)

By Andrew Klavan

High schooler Will Peterson and three friends journeyed to Central America to help rebuild a school. In a poor, secluded mountain village, they won the hearts of the local people with their energy and kindness. But in one sudden moment, everything went horribly wrong.

[What We Did To Survive](#)

By Megan Lally

While enjoying their spring break vacation in Mexico, four teens must fight for survival aboard a sailboat in the middle of a storm.

[No Safety in Numbers](#)

By Dayna Lorentz

Teens Shay, Marco, Lexi, and Ryan, quarantined in a shopping mall when a biological bomb goes off in an air duct, learn that in an emergency people change, and not always for the better, as many become sick and supplies run low.

[I Am Still Alive](#)

By Kate Alice Marshall

Jess is alone. Her cabin has burned to the ground. She knows if she doesn't act fast, the cold will kill her before she has time to worry about food. But she is still alive - for now.

[Be Not Far From Me](#)

By Mindy McGinnis

Lost in the Great Smoky Mountains, rising high school senior Ashley Hawkins must fight for survival without any tools, growing in awareness that the world is not tame, and neither are people.

[Touching Spirit Bear](#)

By Ben Mikaelson

After his anger erupts into violence, Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the Native American Circle Justice, and is sent to a remote Alaskan island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.

[The Recruit](#)

By Robert Muchamore

When James is recently orphaned, he is recruited by a secret agency for his math skills and must undergo one hundred days of grueling training in order to join CHERUB, a group of teenagers who go on a dangerous missions to spy on terrorists, hack into crucial documents, and gather intel on global threats.

[Ashfall](#)

By Mike Mullin

After the eruption of the Yellowstone supervolcano destroys his city and its surroundings, fifteen-year-old Alex must journey from Cedar Falls, Iowa, to Illinois to find his parents and sister, trying to survive in a transformed landscape and a new society in which all the old rules of living have vanished.

[Trapped](#)

By Michael Northrop

When seven high school students are stranded at their New England high school during a week-long blizzard that shuts down the power and heat, freezes the pipes, and leaves them wondering if they will survive.

[Airborn](#)

By Kenneth Oppel

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.