



# Adventure Stories



Lloyd Alexander- Chronicles of Prydain

The Book of Three  
The Black Cauldron  
The Castle of Ilyr  
Taran Wanderer  
The High King

Taran, the assistant pig-keeper, longs to be a hero. He begins his journey to heroism with a strange assortment of companions on a dangerous mission to save his beloved homeland, Prydain.

David Almond- Kit's Wilderness

Kit goes to live with his grandfather in the decaying coal mining town of Stoneygate, England, and finds both the old man and the town haunted by ghosts of the past.

Avi- Beyond the Western Sea

The Escape from Home  
Lord Kirkle's Money

Driven from their impoverished Irish village, Maura and her younger brother meet their landlord's runaway son in Liverpool while all three wait for a ship to America; their fates continue to intertwine on board the ship and in the New World.

Avi- Crispin: The Cross of Lead

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in 14th-century England flees his village and meets a juggler who holds a dangerous secret. Sequel: Crispin: At The Edge of the World

Avi- The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle

As the lone "young lady" on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns that the captain is murderous and the crew rebellious.

Sheila Burnford- The Incredible Journey

A Siamese cat, an old bull terrier, and a young Labrador retriever travel together 250 miles through the Canadian wilderness to find their family.

Eoin Colfer- Airman

In the late nineteenth century, when Conor Broekhart discovers a conspiracy to overthrow the king, he is branded a traitor, imprisoned, and forced to mine for diamonds under brutal conditions while he plans a daring escape from Little Saltee prison by way of a flying machine that he must design, build, and hardest of all, trust to carry him to safety.

Suzanne Collins- The Hunger Games

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

Caroline B. Cooney- The Terrorist

Laura, an American living in London, tries to find the person responsible for the death of her younger brother Billy, who has been killed by a terrorist bomb.

### **Caroline B. Cooney- Flight #116 is Down**

Heidi Landseth helps rescue people from a plane crash on her family's property and the experience changes her life forever.

### **Nancy Farmer- A Girl Named Disaster**

While journeying to Zimbabwe, Nhamo struggles to escape drowning and starvation and in so doing comes close to the luminous world of the African spirits.

### **Esther Friesner- Nobody's Princess**

Determined to fend for herself in a world where only men have real freedom, headstrong Helen, who will be called queen of Sparta and Helen of Troy one day, learns to fight, hunt, and ride horses while disguised as a boy, and goes on an adventure through

### **Jean Craighead George- My Side of the Mountain**

A young boy relates his adventures during the year he spends living alone in the Catskill Mountains including his struggle for survival, his dependence on nature, his animal friends, and his ultimate realization that he needs human companionship.

### **Jean Craighead George- Julie of the Wolves**

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.

### **David Gilman- The Devil's Breath**

When fifteen-year-old Max Gordon's environmentalist-adventurer father goes missing while working in Namibia and Max becomes the target of a would-be assassin at his school in England, he decides he must follow his father to Africa and find him before they both are killed.

### **William Golding- Lord of the Flies**

Following a world war, a group of school boys survives a plane crash on a deserted island and creates a hellish environment leading to savagery and murder.

### **Madaline Herlong- The Great Wide Sea**

Still mourning the death of their mother, three brothers go with their father on an extended sailing trip off the Florida Keys and have a harrowing adventure at sea.

### **Will Hobbs- Crossing the Wire**

Victor Flores journeys north in a desperate attempt to cross the Arizona border and find work in the United States to support his family in central Mexico.

### **Will Hobbs- Downriver**

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. Sequel: River Thunder

### **Will Hobbs- Far North**

After the destruction of their floatplane, Gabe and his friend Raymond, struggle to survive a winter in the wilderness of the Northwest Territories.

### **Will Hobbs- Ghost Canoe**

Nathan, fishing with the Makah in the Pacific Northwest, finds himself holding a vital clue when a mysterious stranger comes to town looking for Spanish treasure.

### Will Hobbs- Jason's Gold

When news of the discovery of gold in Canada's Yukon Territory in 1897 reaches Jason, he embarks on a 10,000-mile journey to strike it rich. Sequel: Down the Yukon

### Will Hobbs- Wild Man Island

After Andy slips away from his kayaking group to visit the wilderness site of his archaeologist father's death, a storm strands him on Admiralty Island, Alaska, where he manages to survive, encounters unexpected animal and human inhabitants, and looks for traces of the earliest prehistoric immigrants to America.

### Gordon Korman- Everest series

The Contest

The Climb

The Summit

Four kids are prepared to go into thin air in order to become the youngest person ever to climb Everest. But they are not prepared for the challenges that await them as they get closer to the summit. Supplies are low. Conditions are extreme. One of the kids is trying to sabotage the others. And then the storm hits.

### Iain Lawrence- The High Seas Trilogy

The Wreckers

The Smugglers

The Buccaneers

Shipwrecked after a vicious storm, John Spence attempts to save his father and himself while also dealing with an evil secret about the English coastal town where they are stranded.

### Iain Lawrence

The Convicts

The Cannibals

The Castaways

His efforts to avenge his father's unjust imprisonment force thirteen-year-old Tom Tin into the streets of nineteenth-century London, but after he is convicted of murder, Tom is eventually sent to Australia where he has a surprise reunion.

### Jack London- Call of the Wild

A dog is taken to Alaska where he becomes a leader of a wolf pack.

### John Marsden- Tomorrow When the War Began

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The Dead of The Night

The Third Day, The Frost

Darkness, Be My Friend

Burning for Revenge

The Night is for Hunting

The Other Side of Dawn

Seven Australian teenagers return from a camping trip in the bush to discover that their country has been invaded and they must hide to stay alive.

### Robin McKinley- The Outlaws of Sherwood

A retelling of the adventures of Robin Hood and his band of outlaws who live in Sherwood Forest in twelfth-century England.

L.A. Meyer- Jacky Faber

Bloody Jack

The Curse of the Blue Tattoo

Under the Jolly Roger

In the Belly of the Bloodhound

Mississippi Jack

My Bonny Light Horseman

Rapture of the Deep

Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a thirteen-year-old orphan disguises herself as a boy and connives her way onto a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates.

Ben Mikealsen- Touching Spirit Bear

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 he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life. Sequel: Ghost of Spirit Bear

Scott O'Dell- The Black Pearl

In claiming as his own the magnificent black pearl he finds, a sixteen-year-old youth enrages the sea devil who legend says is its owner.

Scott O'Dell- Black Star, Bright Dawn

After an accident prevents Bright Dawn's father from competing in the Iditarod, Alaska's annual long-distance dog sled race, his sponsors agree to let Bright Dawn take his place.

Scott O'Dell- Island of the Blue Dolphins

Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends eighteen years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life.

Kenneth Oppel-

Airborn

Skybreaker

Starclimber

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 a mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.

James Patterson- Maximum Ride series

Maximum Ride The Angel Experiment

School's Out Forever

Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports

The Final Warning

Max

After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.

Gary Paulsen- Dogsong

A fourteen-year-old Eskimo boy who feels assailed by the modernity of his life takes a 1400-mile journey by dog sled across ice, tundra, and mountains seeking his own "song" of himself.

## Gary Paulsen- Brian's Saga

Hatchet  
The River  
Brian's Winter  
Brian's Return  
Brian's Hunt

On his way to visit his recently divorced father in the Canadian mountains, Brian is the only survivor when the single-engine plane crashes. His body battered, his clothes in shreds, Brian must now stay alive in the boundless Canadian wilderness.

## Gary Paulsen- Canyons

Finding a skull on a camping trip in the canyons outside El Paso, Texas, Brennan becomes involved with the fate of a young Apache Indian who lived in the late 1800s.

## Gary Paulsen- The Tucket Adventures

Mr. Tucket  
Call Me Francis Tucket  
Tucket's Ride  
Tucket's Gold  
Tucket's Home

In 1848, while on a wagon train headed for Oregon, fourteen-year-old Francis Tucket is kidnapped by Pawnee Indians and then falls in with a one-armed trapper who teaches him how to live in the wild.

## Gary Paulsen- The Voyage of the Frog

When David goes out on his sailboat to scatter his recently deceased uncle's ashes to the wind, he is caught in a fierce storm and must survive many days on his own as he works out his feelings about life and his uncle.

## Terry Pratchett- Nation

After a devastating tsunami destroys all that they have ever known, Mau, an island boy, and Daphne, an aristocratic English girl, together with a small band of refugees, set about rebuilding their community and all the things that are important in their lives.

## Phillip Pullman- The Golden Compass

Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

## Celia Rees- Pirates

In 1722, after arriving with her brother at the family's Jamaican plantation where she is to be married off, sixteen-year-old Nancy Kington escapes with her slave friend, Minerva Sharpe, and together they become pirates traveling the world in search of treasure.

## Rick Riordan- Percy Jackson and the Olympians

The Lightning Thief  
The Sea of Monsters  
The Titan's Curse  
The Battle of the Labyrinth  
The Last Olympian

Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

### John Smelcer- The Trap

In alternating chapters, seventeen-year-old Johnny Least-Weasel, who is better known for brains than brawn, worries about his missing grandfather, and the grandfather, Albert Least-Weasel, struggles to survive, caught in his own steel trap in the Alaskan winter.

### Roland Smith- Peak

A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.

### Robert Louis Stevenson- Kidnapped

The adventures of a sixteen-year-old orphan who was kidnapped by his villainous uncle but later escaped and became involved in the struggle of the Scottish highlanders against English rule.

### Robert Louis Stevenson- Treasure Island

While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads to a pirate fortune as well as great danger.

### Theodore Taylor- The Cay

When the freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, a boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old man are stranded on a tiny Caribbean island where the boy acquires a new kind of vision, courage, and love from his old companion. Sequel: Timothy of the Cay

### J.R.R. Tolkien- The Hobbit

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.

### Jules Verne- 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

Retells the adventures of a French professor and his two companions as they sail above and below the world's oceans as prisoners on the fabulous electric submarine of the deranged Captain Nemo.

### Jules Verne- Around the World in 80 Days

In 1872 Phileas Fogg wins a bet by traveling around the world in seventy-nine days, twenty-three hours, and fifty-seven minutes.

### Jules Verne- Journey to the Center of the Earth

A team of explorers makes an expedition into a crater in Iceland which leads to the center of the earth and to incredible and horrifying discoveries.

### Johann David Wyss- Swiss Family Robinson

The story of a shipwrecked family who are cast up on a desert island, build a wonderful house in a tree, and survive so cleverly and happily apart from the world that they never want to be rescued.

### Andrea White- Surviving Antarctica: Reality TV 2083

In the year 2083, five fourteen-year-olds who were deprived by chance of the opportunity to continue their educations reenact Scott's 1910-1913 expedition to the South Pole as contestants on a reality television show, secretly aided by a Department of Entertainment employee.

### Richard Yancey- The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp

Through a series of dangerous and violent misadventures, teenage loser Alfred Kropp rescues King Arthur's legendary sword Excalibur from the forces of evil. Sequel: Alfred Kropp: The Seal of Solomon

### Paul Zindel- Reef of Death

While helping a beautiful Aboriginal girl search for her people's missing treasure near the Great Barrier Reef, PC finds himself fighting an evil scientist and a deadly underwater monster.