

Adventure Books for Teens

Ark Angel by Anthony Horowitz (Alex Rider series)

In the latest book featuring Alex Rider, the teenage spy is recovering from a near fatal gunshot wound and about to embark on a new mission to stop a group of eco-terrorists from sabotaging the launch of the first outer space hotel.

BloodFever by Charlie Higson (Young Bond series, Bk 2) (younger teens?)

Young James Bond and some of his classmates from Eton, have travelled to Sardinia to study a site of archaeological ruins. While staying with his cousin, James discovers that one his teachers is spying for a society that is organizing art heists throughout Europe.

Car Trouble by Jeanne Du Prau

“The great cross-country journey of Duffy Pringle” is about to begin. Or at least that’s what Duff tells himself as he readies his Ford Escort to drive from Richmond, Virginia to San Jose, California. He’s just landed his first job out of high school and is eager to head west and make the big bucks promised at a California high-tech company. Unfortunately, his car breaks down, less than a hundred miles from home.

Divine Madness by Robert Muchamore (Cherub series)

CHERUB agents look like regular kids, but they're actually trained professionals (under the age of 17) who are sent to spy on known known terrorists and drug dealers. The newest book takes James on a mission to the Australian Outback where he's going to infiltrate an eco-toerrorist group.

Forest of the Pygmies by Isabel Allende

18 year-old Alexander Cold and his eccentric grandmother travel to Africa on an elephant-led safari, but discover a corrupt world of poaching and slavery.

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

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

I Am a Taxi by Deborah Ellis (younger teens?)

Diego is living in the Bolivian Cochabamba prison for women, with his mother and sister, because his parents have been falsely accused of drug smuggling. He's able to earn a little money being a "taxi", running errands for other prisoners, but is persuaded to go into the jungle where he's promised big money. Work in the jungle turns out to be dangerous; stomping coca leaves for the illegal cocaine industry.

In the belly of the bloodhound : being an account of a particularly peculiar adventure in the life of Jacky Faber by L. A. Meyer (4th in *A Bloody Jack Adventure* series)

Jacky Faber and her classmates at the Lawson Peabody School for Young Girls in Boston are kidnapped while on a school outing and transported in the hold of a slave ship bound for the slave markets of North Africa.

Into thin air / Jon Krakauer

Eight climbers died during a harrowing day on Mt Everest in March 1996. Journalist and experienced climber, Jon Krakauer, wrote a true account of the tragic adventure while also remembering the stories of earlier Everest expeditions.

Life of Pi / Yann Martel

16-year-old Pi Patel and his family left their home in India for Canada aboard a freighter. Following a harrowing shipwreck, Pi finds himself trapped on a 26-foot lifeboat with an orang-utan, a zebra, a hyena, and a huge Bengal tiger. Eventually it is Pi and the tiger, named Richard Parker, who drift for over seven months.

Operation Red Jericho by Joshua Mowll (Guild Trilogy, Bk 1)

In 1920s Shanghai, Becca and Doug McKenzie are sent to live aboard their uncle's ship, the *Expedient*. Once on board, they become involved in the dangerous activities of a mysterious secret society called the Honourable Guild of Specialists.

Piratica by Tanith Lee

Sixteen-year-old Artemesia, aka Art, leaves Angels Academy for Young Maidens to seek out the pirates who were her family before her mother's death. Somehow, she missed the fact that her mother and her friends, were only actors in a pirate drama. Nonetheless, when Art has established a crew and met a pirate ship called the *Enemy*, she realizes she'll have to battle it out for the title of pirate queen and pirate treasure

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

15 year old Thomas Peaceful lied about his age so that he could enlist as a British soldier during World War I. Now he's at the front of battle in France and reminiscing about his family, his close relationship with his older brother Charlie, and the horrors of war.

Red Sea by Diane Tullson

14 year old Libby isn't thrilled to be going on a year long sailing adventure with her mom and stepfather. Unhappy about leaving her dad, her best friend, and her boyfriend, Libby does little to help with the trip. When their boat is boarded by pirates, Libby is forced to take some responsibility and fight for her life.

Siberia by Ann Halam

A courageous girl makes a 1,000 mile journey across the frozen north to save the future of all animals in a unique and compelling story that deftly combines magic realism and science.

Surviving Antarctica: Reality TV 2083 - by Andrea White

Contestants in this reality show are to relive reenactments of historical adventures. Five 14-year olds are taken to Antarctica to re-create Robert Scott's 1912 doomed attempt to the South Pole. Will their trip be deadly as well or will they survive where Scott couldn't?

Tomorrow When the War Began by John Marsden

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.

Touching the void by Joe Simpson (1998)

A true story of a harrowing mountain climbing trip that took place in the Peruvian Andes in 1985. Believing his climbing partner had died, Simon Yates made the difficult decision to cut his partner loose. However, Joe Simpson had survived and managed to crawl back to base camp over four days without food or water.

We All Fall Down by Eric Walters

Will and his father aren't exactly close. His dad works at the World Trade Centre in Manhattan and spends little time with his family, so Will isn't thrilled with the idea of spending the day at his dad's workplace for a school assignment. The date is September 11, 2001 and Will is not prepared for the day that is about to unfold.

The Wreckers / Iain Lawrence (1988)

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