

## HEROIC READS for teens

### Heroes vs dragons, orcs and wizards!

#### ***Standard Hero Behavior***

John David Anderson

YA AND

When 15-year old Mason Quayle finds out that his town is about to be attacked by orcs, goblins, ogres and trolls, he goes in search of some heroes to save the day.

#### ***The Last Knight***

Hilari Bell

YA BEL

A noble knight and his street-wise squire go on a quest to bring the Lady Ceciél to justice while trying to solve her husband's murder.

#### ***Heir Chronicles series (Warrior Heir, etc)***

Cinda Williams Chima

YA CHI

Forces of good battle evil in this fantasy series.

#### ***The Chronicles of Kazam series (The Last Dragonslayer, etc)***

Jasper Fforde

YA FFO

Fifteen year old Jennifer Strange runs an agency for underemployed magicians in a world where magic is fading away, but when visions of the death of the world's last dragon begin, all signs point to Jennifer, and Big Magic.

#### ***Paladin Prophecy series***

Mark Frost

YA FRO

A boy fights with his friends against an evil force.

#### ***Hero Tales (graphic novel)***

Hiromu Arakawa

YA HER

Legend speaks of seven heroes, each one bearing the power of one of the stars of the Big Dipper. Two of these stars are always in conflict, destined to battle and throw the world into chaos. Not that Taitou has ever paid attention to these old stories...

***The Story of Owen, Dragon Slayer of Trondheim***

E. K. Johnston

YA JOH

In an alternate world where industrialization has caused dragons to thrive, Owen, his famous family of dragon slayers, and his bard face an infestation of dragons near the town where they live.

**The Hero and the Crown**

Robin McKinley

YA MCK

Aerin, with the guidance of the wizard Luthe and the help of the Blue Sword, wins the birthright due her as the daughter of the Damarian king and a witchwoman of the mysterious, demon-haunted North.

**Sandry's Book (and other books in The Circle of Magic series)**

Tamora Pierce

YA PIE

Four young misfits find themselves living in a temple community where they become friends and learn to use their powers of magic.

**The Last Hero: A Discworld Fable (Discworld Series)**

Terry Pratchett

FICTION PRA

Cohen the Barbarian gathers up a group of his old—very old—companions to embark on one final quest. The only problem is, it will mean the end of the world if no one stops him in time

**Heroes of the Valley**

Jonathan Stroud

YA STR

Hali goes on a hero's quest complete with robbers and monsters.

***Dealing with Dragons (The Enchanted Forest Chronicles)***

Patricia C. Wrede

YA WRE

Princess Cimorene is everything a princess is *not* supposed to be: headstrong, tomboyish, smart—and bored. So bored that she runs away to live with a dragon.

## Superpowers vs supervillains

***Rise of the Heroes***

Andy Briggs

YA BRI

After downloading powers off the internet to become superheroes, four friends must band together against evil supervillain Doc Tempest.

***Dark Horse Heroes. Vol. 1 & 2 Omnibus (graphic novel)***

YA DAR

In a not too distant past, the first nuclear weapon test changed the world forever. Millions became infected with a microscopic technological virus, giving some incredible powers. What would a world populated by supermen look like?

***Michael Vey. The Prisoner of Cell 25***

Richard Paul Evans

YA EVA

Michael thinks he is the only one with electric powers, until he meets a cheerleader named Taylor.

***Dangerous***

Shannon Hale

YA HAL

When Maisie wins a spot on a NASA-like summer camp, she doesn't expect to be called upon to save earth from complete destruction.

***Hero***

Mike Lupica

YA LUP

Zach has special powers, just like his father, whose murder he's determined to solve.

***Ms. Marvel* (graphic novel)**

YA MAR

Khamala Khan is an ordinary girl from Jersey City - until she is suddenly empowered with extraordinary gifts. But who is the new Ms. Marvel? Teenager? Muslim? Inhuman? Find out as she takes the Marvel universe by storm!

***Suck it up***

Brian Meehl

YA MEE

A scrawny teenage vampire named Morning, is given a chance to fulfill his dream of becoming a superhero and sets out to prove that blood-substitute-drinking vampires can help humankind.

***The Heroes of Olympus* (series)**

Rick Riordan

J RIO

A group of older teen demigods quest to save the earth as foretold by a mysterious prophecy.

***Scott Pilgrim* (graphic novel series)**

Bryan Lee O'Malley

YA SCO

Scott Pilgrim's life is totally sweet. Until he falls for a rollerblading delivery girl named Ramona Flowers and learns that, in order to date her, he must first defeat her seven evil ex-boyfriends.

***Watchmen* (graphic novel)**

Alan Moore

YA WAT

A chronicle about the fall from grace of a group of super-heroes plagued by all-too-human failings.

***The Shadow Hero* (graphic novel)**

Gene Luen Yang

YA YAN

Who is the Green Turtle? Find out the origin story of the first Asian American super hero.

## **Real people fighting evil and overcoming great odds**

### ***Laika (graphic novel)***

Nick Abadzis

YA ABA

A story about the first animal launched into orbit.

### ***Shark Girl***

Kelley Bingham

YA BIN

When Jane's right arm is amputated after a shark attack, she must adjust to her new life.

### ***Code Talker: a book about the Navajo Marines of World War II***

Joseph Bruchac

YA BRU

Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

### ***Little Brother***

Cory Doctorow

YA DOC

After a terrorist attack on San Francisco, 17-year old Marcus uses his hacking abilities to fight against the police state that is subsequently formed.

### ***To Kill a Mockingbird***

Harper Lee

FICTION LEE

The unforgettable novel of a childhood in a sleepy Southern town and the crisis of conscience that rocked it.

***The Legend of Zelda* graphic novel series**

Akira Himekawa

YA LEG

Here are the adventures of one of the most classic videogame heroes: Link.

***Hero type***

Barry Lyga

YA LYG

This book poses the question: "what does it mean to be a hero?"

***Code Name Verity***

Elizabeth Wein

YA WEI

In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping secret all that she can.

***The Pregnancy Project: a memoir***

Gaby Rodriguez with Jenna Glatzer

YA 306.8743 ROD

Real life student Gaby Rodriguez was determined not to become a teen parent like her mother and older sisters. But when Gaby decided to secretly fake her own pregnancy for her senior project, she experienced first-hand the judgment of her family, school, and community who wrote her off as another "teen mother statistic" with no future.

***March: Book One* (graphic novel)**

John Lewis, Andrew Aydin; illustrated by Nate Powell

328.73092 LEW

A first-hand account of the author's lifelong struggle for civil and human rights.

***I am Malala: the girl who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban***

Malala Yousafzai with Christina Lamb

J 921 Yousafzai

Malala was raised in a once peaceful part of Pakistan that was taken over by the Taliban.

She fought for her right to be educated and was shot while riding the bus on her way home

from school. No one expected her to survive. Now Malala is an international symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize nominee.

***Unbroken: an Olympian's journey from airman to castaway, to captive***

Laura Hillenbrand

YA 921 Zamperini

A World War II story of survival, resilience and redemption.

***Pure Grit: How WWII Nurses in the Pacific Survived Combat and Prison Camp***

Mary Cronk Farrell

J 940.547573 FAR

The story of American nurses serving in the Philippines when the Japanese attacked the islands on December 8, 1941.

***Persepolis (graphic novel)***

Marjane Satrapi

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The story of Satrapi's childhood and coming of age in Tehran during the Islamic Revolution.

## **Cloak and Dagger Heroes**

***Etiquette and Espionage***

Gail Carriger

YA CAR

In an alternate England of 1851, 14-year old Sophronia is surprised to find that her finishing school includes lessons in diversion, deceit and espionage.

***Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy (Gallagher Girls series)***

Ally Carter

YA CAR

Cammie Morgan attends the premier school in the world for spies. When she is blamed for a security breach, Cammie and her friends face danger to clear her name.

***Stormbreaker (Alex Rider Series)***

Anthony Horowitz

YA HOR

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

***Bad Kitty***

Michele Jaffe

YA JAF

While vacationing with her family in Las Vegas, seventeen-year-old Jasmine stumbles upon a murder mystery that she attempts to solve with the help of her friends, recently arrived from California.

***Evil Genius***

Catherine Jinks

YA JIN

Child prodigy Cadel Piggot, an antisocial computer hacker, discovers his true identity when he enrolls as a first-year student at an advanced crime academy.

***H.I.V.E.: The Higher Institute of Villainous Education***

Mark Walden

YA WAL

Swept away to a hidden academy for training budding evil geniuses, four friends plot to escape the prison known as H.I.V.E.