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Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults 2002

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The Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults Committee, sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) of the American Library Association (ALA), announced its 2002 selections finalized at the ALA Midwinter meeting, held January 18 - 23 in New Orleans. This year's committee produced four lists of selected titles. This year's lists are: [Relationships: Friends and Families](#); [War: Conflict and Consequences](#); [Tales of the Cities](#); and [Graphic Novels: Superheroes and Beyond](#).

[Relationships: Friends and Families](#) is comprised of 24 titles concerning relationships that are something other than romance. "The list's strongest asset is its variety - fiction and nonfiction, prose and poetry, comedy and tragedy are all represented," said Shari L. Johnson, coordinator of this subcommittee.

[War: Conflict and Consequences](#) was conceived at last year's midwinter meeting, and has proven to be more timely than any of us could have predicted. According to Barbara Meisenheimer, who coordinated the War subcommittee, "Since September 11th, we've seen an increase in requests for war-related materials, about historic conflicts as well as the current one. This list represents 23 of the best and most popular titles available for teens." Included are fiction and

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nonfiction paperbacks from a variety of perspectives.

[Tales of the Cities](#) are stories of urban life. From Bristol to Brooklyn with numerous stops along the way, these 24 titles reflect varying ways teens experience life in the City. Formats and genres also vary, including horror, memoirs, and even a picture book. Bill Stack coordinated this list.

[Graphic Novels: Superheroes and Beyond](#) marks the second list PPYA has created made up exclusively of illustrated materials. These 25 titles cover a broad spectrum of current materials popular with teens. Subcommittee coordinator Mike Pawuk said, "There is something here for everyone, from the 12-year-old just moving out of the comic strip collections to the 18-year-old who has read almost everything else. We even have titles to appeal to people who have never tried out the format."

Sarah Dentan, committee chair, was enthusiastic about the selections on all four lists: "I'm very pleased with the quality and breadth of these lists. I'm confident both older and younger teens will find something new to try." The members of the 2001-2002 Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults committee are: Sarah A. Dentan, chair, Berkeley, CA; Dawn Rutherford, Bellevue, WA; Emily Dagg, Seattle, WA; Rhonda Glazier, Emporia, KS; Shari L. Johnson, Pearl River, NY; Brenda S. Kilmer, Miami, FL; Eileen M. Kuhl, Towson, MD; Barbara Meisenheimer, Vancouver, WA; Michael G. Pawuk, Brooklyn, OH; Nancy Reich, Los Angeles, CA; Tom K. Reynolds, Edmonds, WA; Gail A. Richmond, San Diego, CA; Bill Stack, Jamaica, NY; Tricia A. Suellentrop, Kansas City, KS; and Sally Anne M. Thompson, Scottsdale, AZ.

Relationships: Friends and Families

Bauer, Cat [Harley, Like a Person](#)

Chbosky, Stephen [The Perks of Being a Wallflower](#)

Draper, Sharon M. [Forged by Fire](#)

Ewing, Lynne **Party Girl**

Hawes, Louise **Rosey in the Present Tense**

Hobbs, Will **The Maze**

Jenkins, A.M. **Breaking Boxes**

Johnson, Angela **Toning the Sweep**

Koller, Jackie French **A Place to Call Home**

Letts, Billie **Where the Heart Is**

Mah, Adeline Yen **Chinese Cinderella The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter**

Marsden, John **Letters from the Inside**

Mikaelsen, Ben **Petey**

Myers, Walter Dean **Somewhere in the Darkness**

Nye, Naomi Shihab **Habibi**

Pelzer, Dave **A Child Called "It"**

Philbrick, Rodman **Freak the Mighty**

Rinaldi, Ann **The Coffin Quilt The Feud Between the Hatfields & the McCoys**

Sones, Sonya **Stop Pretending What Happened When My Big Sister Went Crazy**

Thomas, Rob **Rats Saw God A Comic Emotionally Charged Tale**

Voigt, Cynthia **Izzy, Willy-Nilly**

Wells, Ken **Meely La Bauve A Novel**

Wittlinger, Ellen **Hard Love**

War: Conflict and Consequences

Aaseng, Nathan **Navajo Code Talkers**

Brown, Dee **Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee An Indian History of the American West**

Edelman, Bernard **Dear America Letters Home From Vietnam**

Eisner, Will **Last Day in Vietnam A Memory**

Holliday, Laurel **Why Do They Hate Me? Young Lives Caught in War & Conflict**

Hunter, Mollie **The King's Swift Rider A Novel on Robert the Bruce**

Huth, Angela **Land Girls**

Kubert, Joe **Fax from Sarajevo A Story of Survival**

Mazer, Harry **The Last Mission**

Mead, Alice **Adem's Cross**

Miklowitz, Gloria D. **Masada The Last Fortress**

Mitchell, Margaret **Gone with the Wind**

O'Brien, Tim **The Things They Carried**

Opdyke, Irene **Gut In My Hands Memories of a Holocaust survivor**

Orlev, Uri **The Man From the Other Side**

Paulsen, Gary **Soldier's Heart Being the Story of the**

**Enlistment & Due Service of the Boy Charley Goddard
in the First Minnesota Volunteers**

Pausewang, Gudrun **Final Journey**

Remarque, Erich-Maria **All Quiet on the Western Front**

Reuter, Bjarne **The Boys from St. Petri**

Rostkowski, Margaret I. **After the Dancing Days**

Rylant, Cynthia **I Had Seen Castles**

Sacco, Joe **Safe Area Gorazde The War in Eastern
Bosnia 1992-1995**

Wallace, Terry **Bloods An Oral History of the Vietnam
War by Black Veterans**

Tales of the Cities

Block, Francesca Lia **Missing Angel Juan**

Burgess, Melvin **Smack**

Cross, Gillian **Tightrope**

Fleischman, Paul **Seedfolks**

Fong-Torres, Ben **The Rice Room Growing up Chinese-
American - From Number Two Son to Rock 'n' Roll**

Frank, Lucy **Oy, Joy!**

Hamill, Pete **Snow in August**

Hinojosa, Maria Crews **Gang Members Talk to Maria
Hinojosa**

Johnson, Stephen T. **Alphabet City**

Levy, Marilyn **Run for Your Life**

Mowry, Jess **Babylon Boyz**

Myers, Walter Dean **145th Street Short Stories**

Rodriguez, Luis J. **Always Running La Vida Loca: Gang Days In L.A.**

Santiago, Esmeralda **Almost a Woman**

Shusterman, Neal **Downsiders**

Sinclair, April **Coffee Will Make You Black**

Smith, Betty **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn**

Soto, Gary **Buried Onions**

Vizzini, Ned **Teen Angst? Naaah... A Quasi-Autobiography**

Whelan, Gloria **Homeless Bird**

Williams-Garcia, Rita **Fast Talk on a Slow Track**

Wolff, Virginia Euwer **Make Lemonade**

Woodson, Jacqueline **If You Come Softly**

Zindel, Paul **Rats**

Graphic Novels: Superheroes and Beyond

Bendis, Brian-Michael **Ultimate Spider-Man Power and Responsibility**

Brennan, Michael **Electric Girl**

Busiek, Kurt **Kurt Busiek's Astro City Life in the Big City**

Clowes, Daniel **Ghost World**

Dixon, Chuck and Jordan Gorfinkel **Birds of Prey**

Fujishima, Kosuke **Oh My Goddess! 1-555-GODDESS**

Gaiman,Neil Death **The High Cost of Living**

Groening, Matt **Bart Simpson's Treehouse of Horror
Spine-Tingling Spooktacular**

Hosler, Jay **Clan Apis**

Kudo, Kazuya **Mai the Psychic Girl**

Loeb, Jeph **Batman: the Long Halloween**

Medley, Linda **Castle Waiting Lucky Road**

Millar, Mark **Ultimate X-Men The Tomorrow People**

Miyazaki, Hayao **Nausicaa of the Valley of Wind Perfect
Collection Vol. 1**

Moore, Alan **Promethea Book One**

Moore, Terry **Strangers in Paradise High School!**

Nishiyama, Yuriko **Harlem Beat No. 1**

Petrie, Doug **Buffy the Vampire Slayer Ring of Fire**

Sakai, Stan **Usagi Yojimbo Grasscutter**

Smith, Jeff **Bone Out from Boneville**

Smith, Kevin **Daredevil Visionaries Kevin Smith**

Takahashi, **Rumiko Ranma 1/2 Volume 1**

Watson, Andi **Geisha**

Winick, Judd **Pedro & Me Friendship, Loss, & What I Learned**

Winick, Judd **The Adventures of Barry Ween, Boy Genius**

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