

New Fiction Books at Cal Young ~ 2013-2014 Science Fiction and Dystopia

Albin, Gennifer

Crewel

2013 Teen Top Ten Nominee

Chosen to work on the mystical looms for the Arras world's oppressive Manipulation Services, gifted weaver Adelice Lewys, a teen who possesses a rare ability to weave time and matter, rejects the privilege and status of Spinster life to fight for everything she cares about.

Cline, Ernest

Ready Player One

YRCA 2014 Nominee

Immersing himself in a mid-21st-century technological virtual utopia to escape an ugly real world of famine, poverty and disease, Wade Watts joins an increasingly violent effort to solve a series of puzzles by the virtual world's super-wealthy creator, who has promised that the winner will be his heir. +Thriller

Colfer, Eoin

Reluctant Assassin

In Victorian London, Albert Garrick, an assassin-for-hire, and his reluctant young apprentice, Riley, are transported via wormhole to modern London, where Riley teams up with a young FBI agent to stop Garrick from returning to his own time and using his newly acquired scientific knowledge and power to change the world forever. +Science Fiction

Doctorow, Cory

Pirate Cinema

Disgraced and cut off from the Internet for illegally creating films by reassembling footage from popular movies, Trent, a brilliant teen living in a dystopian near-future London, flees to the streets where he joins a group of artists and activists trying to prevent the passage of a bill that will criminalize Internet creativity. +Dystopia

Falkner, Brian

Assault

It's 2030, and humanity is losing the war against alien invaders. A *Band of Brothers* meets *Ender's Game* in this sci-fi military thriller. +Action

Fukuda, Andrew

Prey (Sequel to Hunt, a 2013 Teen Top Ten Nominee)

Struggling to avoid predators and haunted by feelings he left behind, Gene and his group of survivors join a refuge of exiles in the mountains only to become subject to elders who impose strict and punishing codes of behavior. +Dystopian +Survival +Action

Grant, Michael

Light: A Gone Novel

A conclusion to the best-selling series is set a year after every person over the age of 14 has disappeared from the town of Perdido, where a precarious new existence for young FAYZ survivors is shattered by the rebirth of the Darkness. +Issues +Dystopia

Harstad, Johan

172 Hours on the Moon

2013 Teen Top Ten Nominee

Mature Content

In 2019, teens Mia, Antoine, and Midori are selected by lottery to join experienced astronauts on a NASA mission to the once top-secret moon base, DARLAH 2, while in a Florida nursing home, a former astronaut struggles to warn someone of the terrible danger there. +Action

Kincaid, S. J.

Insignia

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

Video gamer Tom Raines has been recruited for the chance of a lifetime: to train at the Pentagonal Spire, an elite military academy, in preparation for becoming a member of the Intrasolar Forces. Life at the Spire holds everything that Tom's always wanted and never had—friends, the possibility of a girlfriend, and a life where his every action matters—but what will it cost him? +Action

Lore, Pittacus

Fall of Five (Lorien Legacies Book 4)

John Smith—Number Four—thought that things would change once the Garde found one another. They would stop running. They would fight the Mogadorians. And they would win. But he was wrong. After facing off with the Mogadorian ruler and almost being annihilated, the Garde know they are drastically unprepared and hopelessly outgunned. Now they're hiding out in Nine's Chicago penthouse, trying to figure out their next move. (Amazon.com) +Science Fiction

Lowry, Lois

Son

2013 Teen Top Ten Nominee

Unlike the other Birthmothers in her utopian community, teenaged Claire forms an attachment to her baby, feeling a great loss when he is taken to the Nurturing Center to be adopted by a family unit. A conclusion to *The Giver* quartet. +Dystopia

Lu, Marie

Prodigy (Legend Book 2)

June and Day make their way to Las Vegas where they join the rebel Patriot group and become involved in an assassination plot against the Elector in hopes of saving the Republic. +Dystopia +Action

McDonald, Ian

Planesrunner

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults

When fourteen-year-old Everett Singh's scientist father is kidnapped from the streets of London, he leaves a mysterious app on Everett's computer giving him access to the Infundibulum--a map of parallel earths--which is being sought by technologically advanced dark powers that Everett must somehow elude while he tries to rescue his father. Great for fans of Doctor Who.

Mieville, China

Railsea

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adult

Traveling aboard the moletrain Medes, Sham Yes ap Soorap finds something amidst the wreckage of another train, a treasure map showing a mythical place untouched by iron rails, which leads him on a journey of danger and excitement. +Action

Nix, Garth

Confusion of Princes

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adult

Targeted by hostile rivals the moment he is proclaimed a prince, Khemri learns of dark mysteries in the heart of the Empire before discovering the ruins of a space battle and meeting a young woman who challenges everything he has ever believed. +Issues +Action

O'Brien, Caragh M.

Promised (Birthmarked Trilogy Book 3)

Gaia succeeds in leading her people to Wharfton and the Enclave, but rebellion there threatens them all just when everything they have dreamed of seems to be at hand. +Action

Rossi, Veronica

Under the Never Sky

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adult

When Aria is exiled from the enclosed city of Reverie, she forms an unlikely alliance with an Outsider named Perry, who could be her only chance of survival providing they can overcome their prejudices. +Dystopia +Romance

Roth, Veronica

Divergent

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In a future Chicago, Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she does not fit into any one group. +Dystopia

Westerfeld, Scott; Thompson, Keith (ILT)

Manual of Aeronautics: An Illustrated Guide to the Leviathan Series

A companion to the best-selling Leviathan trilogy shares illustrated coverage of the inner workings of the Darwinist and Clanker walkers, weapons, transports and uniforms while profiling the international powers encountered by Deryn and Alek.

Zevin, Gabrielle

Because It Is My Blood

Stand-alone sequel to *All These Things I've Done*

In 2083, seventeen-year-old Anya Balanchine seeks a way to make Balanchine Chocolate legitimate, and although a trip to Mexico gives her new insights and ideas, escaping her mobster family's legacy of violence may prove impossible.