New Fiction Books at Cal Young ~ 2014-2015 Action/Adventure Fiction

Abbott, Tony

Forbidden Stone

Wade, Lily, Darrell, and Becca fly from Texas to Germany for the funeral of an old family friend. But instead of just paying their respects, they wind up on a dangerous, mind-blowing quest to unlock an ancient, guarded secret that could destroy the fate of the world.

Barnes, Jennifer Lynn

Naturals

2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult

Mature Content

Seventeen-year-old Cassie, who has a natural ability to read people, joins an elite group of criminal profilers at the FBI in order to help solve cold cases.

Brouwer, Sigmund

Absolute Pressure

While visiting his uncle in Key West, Ian encounters sabotage while diving and discovers illegal treasure hunters searching for an ancient sunken ship. (Orca Sports)

Burt, Marissa

Storybound (Book 1)

Story's End (Book 2)

Shy, twelve-year-old Una Fairchild is suddenly transported by a mysterious book into the Land of Story, where characters from books hope to be cast into a tale of their own, and Una attends the Perrault Academy while trying to discover why she is there.

Charbonneau, Joelle

The Testing (Book 1)

2014 Teen Top Ten Nominee

Independent Study (Book 2)

Graduation Day (Book 3)

Sixteen-year-old Malencia (Cia) Vale is chosen to participate in The Testing to attend the University; however, Cia is fearful when she figures out her friends who do not pass The Testing are disappearing.

Chima, Cinda Williams

The Enchanter Heir (Heir Chronicles Book 4)

Surviving a brutal attack that has left him with deadly magical abilities, 17-year-old Jonah bonds with wild-child musician Emma, whose dying grandfather has imparted a dire warning in the face of high-profile murders.

Colfer, Eoin

Hangman's Revolution (W.A.R.P. Book 2)

Young FBI agent Chevie Savano arrives back in modern-day London after a time-trip to the Victorian age, to find the present very different from the one she left...

DiCamillo, Kate; Campbell, K. G. (ILT)

Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures

Newbery Medal 2013

Rescuing a squirrel after an accident involving a vacuum cleaner, comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is astonished when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight after being revived.

Flanagan, John

Slaves of Socorro (Brotherband Chronicles Book 4)

In this fourth book in the Brotherband Chronicles, a new battle unfolds as old rivalries are renewed, peace treaties are put to the test, and the action builds to a pulse-pounding finale. Perfect for fans of J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings...

Gebhart, Ryan

There Will Be Bears

Tyson is determined to hunt an elk — even if it means sneaking his grandpa out of a nursing home — in a debut novel sparked with dry wit and wilderness adventure. (Amazon summary)

Healey, Karen

When We Wake

2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult

Mature Content

Teegan, cryogenically frozen after being shot, is defrosted 100 years later and must find her place in a drastically altered world.

Hughes, Gregory

Unhooking the Moon

Mature Content (language)

When an adventurous sister-and-brother duo become orphans, a funny and heartbreaking roadtrip to New York ensues, as the pair searches for their long-lost uncle.

Hunter, Erin

Endless Lake (Book 5 of Survivors)

At the edge of a strange lake that seems to stretch on forever, Lucky and his Pack are about to discover even more new dangers. With the Fierce Dogs on their trail and the Storm of Dogs looming on the horizon, every dog will have to fight for survival—or be swept away.

Bramblestar's Storm: Warriors Super Edition

What happened to the warrior Clans after the events of the fourth Warriors arc, Omen of the Stars? In this never-before-told story, readers will dive into ThunderClan's continuing adventures under the leadership of Bramblestar.

Blazing Star (Warriors: Dawn of the Clans Book 4)

John, Antony

Elemental

Struggling for survival in a world decimated by plague, 16-year-old Thomas, a youth who lacks his peers' supernatural abilities to control wind, water, earth and fire, joins a small band of teens to rescue his colony's Guardian elders from kidnapping pirates.

Kibuishi, Kazu

Escape from Lucien (Amulet Book 6)

Navin and his classmates journey to Lucien, a city ravaged by war and plagued by mysterious creatures, where they search for a beacon essential to their fight against the Elf King. (Graphic Novel – GN)

Lake, Nick

Hostage Three

2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult

Mature Content

Seventeen-year-old Amy, her father, and her stepmother become hostages when Somalian pirates seize their yacht, but although she builds a bond with one of her captors it becomes brutally clear that the price of life and its value are two very different things.

Lin, Grace

Starry River of the Sky

2015 ORCA Nominee

Discovering that the moon has disappeared from the sky above a Chinese village where he works, runaway Rendi wonders about strange local behaviors until a mysterious storyteller arrives at the town's inn and astonishing transformations begin to happen.

London, Alex

Proxy

2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult

Born into one of the City's wealthiest families and paired with a Proxy named Syd, who endures punishments for Knox's misdeeds, Knox discovers that he has more in common with Syd than either of them previously understood when his father's manipulations prompt a cross-country chase that forces the boys to save each other.

Lynch, Chris

Right Fight

Abandoning his baseball ambitions to enlist in the Army when the United States is swept into World War II, Roman discovers his talent for strategic tank driving and embarks on a brutal desert campaign against the Nazis of the Afrika Korps.

Maas, Sarah J.

Crown of Midnight (Throne of Glass, Book 2)

2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult

Throne of Glass description: After she has served a year of hard labor in the salt mines of Endovier for her crimes, Crown Prince Dorian offers assassin Celaena Sardothien her freedom on the condition that she act as his champion in a competition to find a new royal assassin.

Messenger, Shannon

Keeper of the Lost Cities 2015 ORCA Nominee

Exile (Keeper of the Lost Cities Book 2)

At age twelve, Sophie learns that the remarkable abilities that have always caused her to stand out identify her as an elf, and after being brought to Eternalia to hone her skills, discovers that she has secrets buried in her memory for which some would kill.

Meyer, Marissa

Cress (Lunar Chronicles Book 3)

Cinder, Book 1: 2015 YRCA Nominee

Scarlet, Book 2: 2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult

Working to overthrow Queen Levana, a fugitive Cinder and her companions search for Rapunzel-like hacker Cress, who has been trapped on a satellite since childhood and who has received orders from Levana to foil Cinder's efforts.

Mullin, Mike

Sunrise (Ashfall Trilogy Book 3)

This epic finale has the heart of *Ashfall*, the action of *Ashen Winter*, and a depth all its own, examining questions of responsibility and bravery, civilization and society, illuminated by the story of an unshakable love that transcends a post-apocalyptic world and even life itself.

Oppel, Kenneth

The Boundless

The Boundless, the greatest train ever built, is on its maiden voyage across the country, and first-class passenger Will Everett is about to embark on the adventure of his life! When Will ends up in possession of the key to a train car containing priceless treasures, he becomes the target of sinister figures from his past...

Pena, Matt De La

Living

2013 Best Fiction for Young Adult

Mature Content

Taking a summer job on a Pacific luxury cruise liner to help his struggling family, Shy anticipates a season of lucrative tips and pretty girlfriends only to have everything radically transformed by a massive California earthquake that jeopardizes the survival of everyone he knows.

Philbrick, W. R.

Zane and the Hurricane: A Story of Katrina

Newbery Honor author Rodman Philbrick presents a gripping yet poignant novel about a 12-year-old boy and his dog who become trapped in New Orleans during the horrors of Hurricane Katrina...

Pierce, Tamora

Battle Magic

(Circle Reforged #3, after The Will of the Empress and Melting Stones)

When messengers arrive in Gyongxe "inviting" Dedicate Initiate Rosethorn and her two young companion mages, Evumeimei and Briar, to court to celebrate the birthday of the Emperor of Yanjing, Rosethorn is eager to go, but Briar suspects that there is an ulterior motive behind the invitation.

Pope, Paul

Battling Boy

Sent by his warrior-god father to save a world infested by bloodthirsty monsters, young god Battling Boy embarks on a high-stakes adventure armed with only a magic credit card and a trunk of enchanted t-shirts.

(Graphic Novel - GN)

Poblocki, Dan

The Haunting of Gabriel Ashe

2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult

Since eighth-grader Gabriel Ashe moved into his grandmother's house he has been spending a lot of time playing in the woods with his new friend Seth, but the games Seth invents involve a child-eating monster called the Hunter, and Gabriel is not sure how much is imagination and how much real.

Sanderson, Brandon

Steelheart

2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult

2014 Teen Top Ten Nominee

A decade after a bizarre celestial event causes certain individuals to manifest extraordinary powers and a fierce desire to rule the world, young David, the son of a father who was killed by supernatural oppressors, uses inside knowledge to help a shadowy group of freedom fighter assassins.

Schrefer, Eliot

Threatened

Luc is an orphan, living in debt slavery in Gabon, until he meets a Professor who claims to be studying chimpanzees, and they head off into the jungle--but when the Professor disappears, Luc has to fend for himself and join forces with the chimps to save their forest.

Smith, Roland; Spradlin, Michael P.

Windy City (I, Q series)

When Quest (Q) and his stepsister Angela head to Chicago for their parents' concert, they uncover another plot in the Windy City by the terrorist group, Ghost Cell.

Vanderpool, Clare

Navigating Early

2014 Best Fiction for Young Adult

Abruptly placed in a boy's boarding school in Maine after his mother's death at the end of World War II, Kansas youth Jack Baker befriends Early Auden, an unusual boy with whom Jack embarks on a quest along the Appalachian Trail in search of a legendary great black bear.

Voorhees, Coert

In Too Deep

Persuaded by her teacher to seek Cortez's long-lost treasure during a school trip to Mexico, Annie Fleet, master scuba diver and history buff, finds that her plans to get Josh to notice her are not the only thing in danger as rival treasure-hunters try to do away with her.