

TEEN FAVES

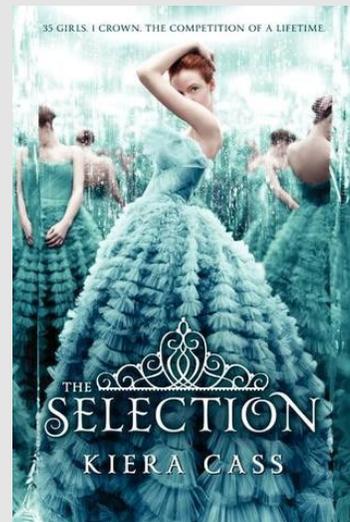
Looking for something to read that's not for school? Here are some favorites recommended by teens for other teens!

ABOUT THE RECOMMENDER:

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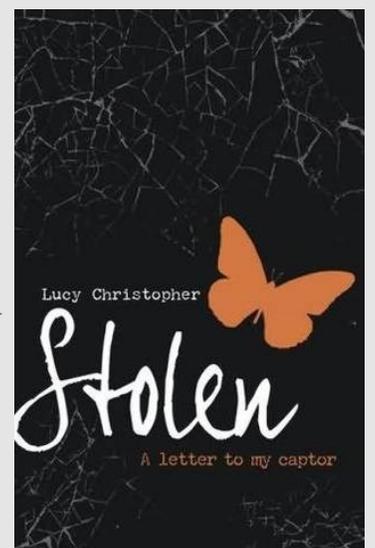
The Selection by Kiera Cass



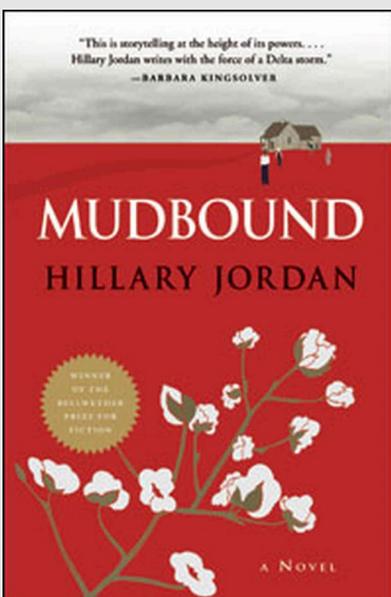
Kiera Cass's *The Selection* follows the adventures of America Singer, a teenager living in a dystopian society structured by a strict caste system with little to no mobility. In this society, the one chance to move upwards is through The Selection, a televised contest to win the prince's hand in marriage. When America unwillingly finds herself selected to compete in The Selection, she finds herself longing for Aspen, a boy back home who is below her caste. However, as the novel progresses, America finds herself falling for the awkwardly sweet Prince Maxon. This novel is a mixture of *The Hunger Games*, *The Bachelor*, and *Cinderella*, all blended together to create an addicting adventure of romance, feisty feminism, and courage. Better yet, *The Selection* is the first in a trilogy — check out *The Elite* and *The One* and find out how The Selection plays out. My fifteen-year-old sister and I have been following the series since it came out two years ago, rooting for our favorite characters with a fervor only found in teenage fangirls.

Stolen by Lucy Christopher

One moment sixteen-year-old Gemma is having coffee with Ty, a handsome stranger, in the Bangkok airport. The next moment, she wakes up completely alone in the Australian Outback, save for Ty, now her kidnapper. Ty has planned an entire life for them, thinking that Gemma will fall in love with him in the wilderness. Gemma tries to escape in vain, but eventually comes to realize how intertwined her life is with Ty's. Written as a letter from Gemma to Ty, this novel explores Stockholm Syndrome and the nature of Gemma and Ty's relationship. I absolutely loved the psychological games the author plays as she leads the reader through the gamut of emotions and exploration of Ty's character that Gemma undergoes. I'm pretty sure my copy spent an entire semester circulating my lunch group as *Stolen* captivated my friends, too.



Mudbound by Hillary Jordan



The summer before my senior year of high school, *Mudbound* engrossed me when my school system assigned it as summer reading for AP English Literature. The winner of a 2009 Alex Award for adult books for teen readers, *Mudbound* tells the story of two families, one white and one black, bound together by a sharecropping arrangement in the Mississippi Delta in 1946. Written in alternating viewpoints from both families, the drama unfolds as Jamie McAllan and Ronsel Jackson strike up an unlikely friendship in light of their recent return from World War Two. Furthering this drama is Laura McAllan, the wife of Jamie's brother, who sees the possibility of awakening and escape in this young war hero. Class struggles, racism, family, and sexism play out as the novel unfolds in the crucible of segregated Mississippi.

Paper Towns by John Green

Quentin "Q" Jacobsen has spent years admiring Margo Roth Spiegelman, his neighbor in their Orlando subdivision, from afar. So when she appears at his window dressed like a ninja and asking him to join her on a night of revenge and adventure, naturally, he follows her. When the night ends, Q returns to school to discover that Margo has gone missing. But he soon learns that there are clues surrounding her disappearance — and she has left them for him. Together with his band of nerdy friends, Q pieces together the clues of a girl and a town he hardly knows.

