



2014 Teens' Top Ten

1. **Eleanor & Park** by Rainbow Rowell (Macmillan/St. Martin's Griffin)

The year is 1986 when Eleanor arrives in town to live with her family and abusive step-father. It's been a year since the last time she lived with them, and she doesn't expect life to be any better. Park's life, on the other hand, is going steady. He's got a spot in the popular crowd and he's about to get his driver's license. But when the two meet on the bus, things change drastically. Even though they both know high school romances never last, they're going to try everything they've got to make it work. But in end, will everything they have be enough?

2. **Splintered** by A.G. Howard (ABRAMS/Amulet Books)

Alyssa, a girl already struggling with life in general, is pulled into something dark and mysterious. She follows in the footsteps of her ancestor, Alice, and goes down the rabbit hole to right the wrongs that Alice caused to cure her family of their "curse". Instead of finding Lewis Carroll's Beautiful wonderland she finds a dark and twisted version with monstrous creatures that aren't as nice as the ones in the novel or as pretty.

3. **The Rithmatist** by Brandon Sanderson (Tor Teen)

Joel wants to be a Rithmatist more than anything. Rithmatists have the power to bring two dimensional beings called Chalklings to life and defend against the wild chalkings that threaten to overcome the Rithmatists. Joel is student at Armedius Academy, a prestigious school where Rithmatists and wealthy children go to learn. When a string of kidnappings begin, Joel must gain assistance from the Rithmatists at Armedius Academy in order to bring order back to the academy.

4. **The 5th Wave** by Rick Yancey (Penguin/Putnam Juvenile)

Present day – the aliens have invaded the planet, or as Cassie likes to call them, the Others. Almost everyone has been killed off by the 4th Wave, and now, Cassie one of the few survivors living now during the 5th wave, roams the country while trying to stay alive to find her brother – that is, if he's still alive. When she's taken in by a boy named Evan, she realizes that he's different. He's not

like her, but he's all she's got. Cassie has to overcome her doubts and trust issues if she wishes to survive the 5th wave.

5. **Monument 14: Sky on Fire** by Emmy Laybourne (Macmillan/Feiwel & Friends)

When disaster strikes in the city of Monument, 14 kids are huddled in a Greenway store for shelter and survival. They decide their only chance of living through this nationwide disaster is to make their way to Denver International Airport where the military is evacuating people to safety. Will they make it alive or will they meet their doom like others have?

6. **Earth Girl** by Janet Edwards (Prometheus Books /Pyr)

In 2788 humanity has developed technology that allows them to portal between many habitable worlds except for those are deemed “the handicapped”, those who are born with a one in a thousand chance of having an immune system that cannot tolerate other planets. Jarra, a handicapped 18-year old student with a passion for history, creates a false identity for herself and enrolls in a college course for students from other planets in an attempt to get revenge for the way the handicapped are looked down upon.

7. **The Testing** by Joelle Charbonneau (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

Cia is chosen to participate in The Testing, a government program that will select the brightest graduates who show potential for becoming future leaders in this post-apocalyptic world. Cia’s excitement of being chosen soon dies when her father warns her of the experiences he faced when he was chosen. Cia must trust no one if she hopes to come back alive. However, will she be able to face the dark, unholy truth about the testing? One kept whether you leave... Or don't?

8. **Steelheart** by Brandon Sanderson (Random House/Delacorte Press)

Ten years ago, Calamity came; a light in the sky that appeared one day and many believe that somehow it was connected to the rise of the Epics. These beings, once human, now have all kinds of amazing and dangerous powers that have enabled them to take over the world, and one could argue the most dangerous one is Steelheart. Able to bend the elements to his will and turn any non-living substance to steel, many say he's invincible because they've never seen him bleed -- except for David, who will stop at nothing to get his vengeance and see Steelheart bleed again.

9. **Siege and Storm** by Leigh Bardugo (Macmillan/Henry Holt Books for Young Readers)

Alina, a sun summoner on the run from the evil Darkling, is searching for a way to increase her power and save the ones she loves. But as her power grows she falls deeper in the Darkling’s grasp and farther away from her best friend and love, Mal. When the time comes Alina must choose between her love, her power, or her lust for the Darkling and all of his power.

10. **The Eye of Minds** by James Dashner (Random House/Delacorte Press)

Michael is an average kid who plays video games, but this video game, the Virtnet, is different than others. You can die in it physically and mentally, and that happens to a girl named Tanya who rips out her core and commits suicide. Suddenly, Michael is whisked away by the designers of the

VirtNet and is given a mission by them to find a cyber-terrorist, named Kaine, who is suspected of killing gamers.