



Dystopian Novels for Youth

Dystopian books have stories that imagine a futuristic and dark society.

Enclave by Ann Aguirre (J AGU)

In a post-apocalyptic future, fifteen-year-old Deuce, a loyal Huntress, brings back meat while avoiding the Freaks outside her enclave, but when she is partnered with the mysterious outsider, Fade, she begins to see that the strict ways of the elders may be wrong--and dangerous.

The Finisher by David Baldacci (JAUDIOBOOK BAL)

Vega Jane has never left the village of Wormwood. But this isn't unusual-- nobody has ever left the village of Wormwood. At least not until Quentin Herms vanishes into the unknown. Vega knows Quentin didn't just leave, he was chased. And he's left behind a very dangerous trail of clues that only she can decode.

The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier (J BRA)

After a monster apocalypse hits town, average thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan builds a team of friends to help slay the eerily intelligent monster known as Blarg.

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins (J COL)

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

Matched by Allyson Braithwaite (TEEN F CON)

All her life, Cassia has never had a choice. The Society dictates everything: when and how to play, where to work, where to live, what to eat and wear, when to die, and most importantly to Cassia as she turns 17, who to marry. When she is matched with her best friend Xander, things couldn't be more perfect. But why did her neighbor Ky's face show up on her match disk as well?

The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau (J DUP)

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.





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The Forbidden Flats by Peggy Eddleman (J EDD)

When an earthquake causes the deadly band of air that covers the post-World War III Earth to begin to sink over the town of White Rock, twelve-year-old Hope must lead a team through the Bomb's Breath and across the Forbidden Flats to obtain the mineral which will save the town.

The Eleventh Plague by Jeff Hirsch (J HIR)

Twenty years after the start of the war that caused the Collapse, fifteen-year-old Stephen, his father, and grandfather travel post-Collapse America scavenging, but when his grandfather dies and his father decides to risk everything to save the lives of two strangers, Stephen's life is turned upside down.

The Giver by Lois Lowry (J LOW)

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

Legend by Marie Lu (J LU)

In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy.

The Young Elites by Marie Lu (J LU)

Adelina Amouteru is a survivor of the blood fever. A decade ago, the deadly illness swept through her nation. Most of the infected perished, while many of the children who survived were left with strange markings. Adelina's black hair turned silver, her lashes went pale, and now she has only a jagged scar where her left eye once was.

The Unwanteds by Lisa McMann (J MCM)

In a society that purges thirteen-year-olds who are creative, identical twins Aaron and Alex are separated, one to attend University while the other, supposedly Eliminated, finds himself in a wondrous place where youths hone their abilities and learn magic.

The One Safe Place by Tania Unsworth (J UNS)

Twelve-year-old Devin's loss of his grandfather leaves him unprepared to take care of their formerly self-sufficient farm—one of the precious few left on the face of the earth. He leaves to find the people he meets in the city are so devoid of morals or compassion.

