

Help! The Teen Librarian Has Left the Building!

YA Services for Non-YA Librarians

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**“I need a book for class,
but not a long one
and nothing about dragons.”**

Teen Reader's Advisory
for Non-Teen Librarians

RA 4 YA: Talking to Teens



- Talk to the teen, *not* their parent
- Be honest
- Don't talk down and don't try to talk *like*
- Remember, you're not a teen and that's okay



The Basics

- Fun or school?
- How long?
- Any requirements? Genre? Topic?
- What do you like?
- What do you *dislike*?
- What was the last book you read that you enjoyed?

Okay, the Practical Stuff

- Booklists – both paper and online
- Teen to teen
- Take a walk
- Tools
 - [LibraryThing](#), [GoodReads](#), [Shelfari](#)
 - Novelist
 - Books



Booklists



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- [YALSA](#)
- [Wired for Youth](#)
- Other websites
- Binders
- Pamphlets
- Books

Teen to Teen

- Book review forms
- Shelf-talkers
- Bookmarks
- Teens' Top Ten

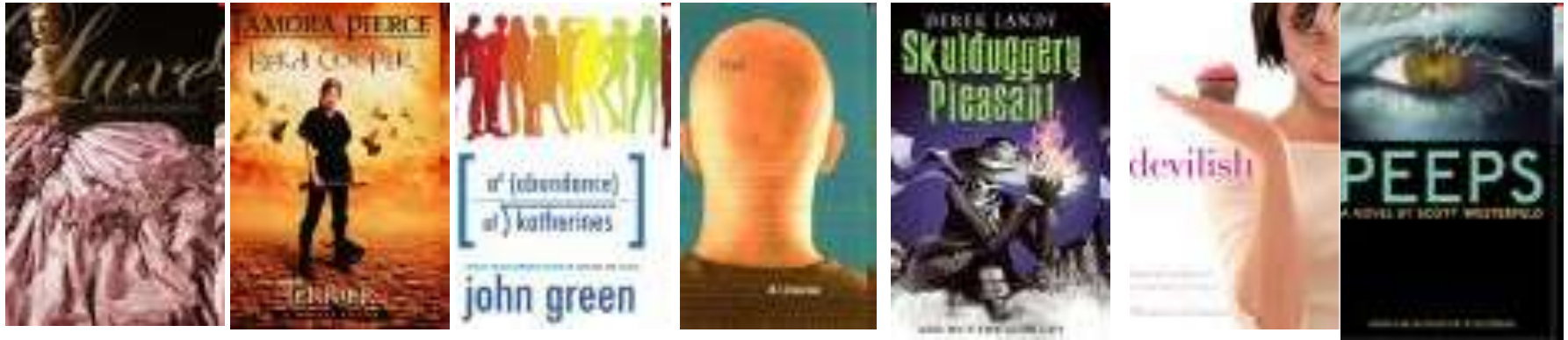


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Read YA Books!



You might actually like them.



That Wasn't *Awful*...Keys to Success

- “Here’s a pile”
- It’s okay to not finish
- Give them *something*
- Know your network
- Ask for feedback



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