MATURE READERS (grades 9-12)

Follows the story of outcast high school senior Carson Phillips who blackmails the most popular students in his school into contributing to his literary journal to bolster his college application; his goal in life is to get into Northwestern and eventually become the editor of The New Yorker Magazine.

Grant, Michael. **BZRK.** 2012
This is no ordinary war – nano technology is the weapon of choice and the brain is the battleground for control of the human mind. Charles and Benjamin Armstrong, conjoined twins and owners of the Armstrong Fancy Gifts Corporation, have a goal: to turn the world into their vision of utopia. No wars, no conflict, no hunger. And no free will. Opposing them is a guerrilla group of teens, code name BZRK, who are fighting to protect the right to be messed up, to be human.

Green, John. **The Fault in Our Stars.** 2012
Sixteen-year-old Hazel, who has cancer, meets Augustus at a kids-with-cancer support group and as they fall in love they both wonder how they will be remembered.

James, P.D. **Death Comes to Pemberley.** 2011
Pemberley is thrown into chaos after Elizabeth Bennett’s disgraced sister Lydia arrives and announces that her husband Wickham has been murdered.

Jonasson, Jonas. **The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared.** 2012
On his one-hundredth birthday Allan Karlsson makes his escape from the old people’s home and embarks on an unlikely and momentous adventure.

Kagan McLeod. **Infinite Kung Fu.** 2011
The world is under the control of a mysterious emperor, who is represented by five cruel kung fu masters who lead his armies. When soldier Yang Lei Kung tires of blindly following his master’s evil orders, he goes looking for enlightenment and discovers that it is up to him to put an end to the emperor’s evil plans.

Preus, Margi. **The Shadow on the Mountain.** 2012
In Nazi-occupied Norway, fourteen-year-old Espen joins the resistance movement, graduating from deliverer of illegal newspapers to courier and spy.

Stranger than fiction, Kamila Sidiqi’s life changed overnight when the Taliban seized control of Afghanistan. After her father and brother were forced to flee, she became the sole breadwinner for her five siblings. Banned from school, confined to her home, and armed only with determination, she picked up a needle and thread to create a thriving business that saved their lives in this heroic true story.
Alvin's mother has been getting bigger . . . and bigger. Alvin's sure it's all the mochi cakes she's been eating, but it turns
out she's pregnant! There are lots of scary things about babies, as everybody knows—there's learning CPR for the newborn
and changing diapers (no way)—but the scariest thing of all is the fact that the baby could be a GIRL. As a result of the
stress, Alvin develops a sympathetic pregnancy and hilarity definitely ensues.

Meloy, Maile.  The Apothecary. 2012
Fourteen-year-old Janie Scott, newly arrived in London from Los Angeles in 1952, becomes friends with a mysterious
apothekey and his son, Benjamin Burrows, and is drawn into a dangerous adventure with Benjamin when his father is
kidnapped and Russian spies try to steal his book of secrets.

Pastis, Stephan.  Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made.  2013
Timmy may only be eleven, but with the help of his polar bear, Total, he already has plans for world domination. Plans
that will make his mother rich and unpaid bills a thing of the past. And plans that will defeat Corrina Corrina, “The One
Whose Name Shall Not Be Uttered”. But she’s not going away. Riotously funny, Timmy Failure is sure to have readers in
stitches.

Poems about the Superheroes Employment Agency and the superheroes trying to find heroic jobs. Meet Blunder
Woman, Stuporman, and Muffy the Vampire Sprayer as well as other funny takes on superheroes.

While on vacation, Bo learns how to write a blog, and when he comes back home he teaches his friend Bridget how to
start and maintain one.

OLDER READERS (grades 6-8)
Ferraiolo, Jack D.  Sidekicks. 2011
Scott Hutchinson, aka Bright Boy, the sidekick of Phantom Justice, begins to question how long he can remain in the
shadow of the superhero after discovering that his nemesis, supervillain sidekick Monkeywrench, might be one of the
most popular kids at his school.

Gardner, Sally.  Moggatt Moon. 2013
In an alternate 1950s, Standish Treadwell is growing up in a Britain dominated by the dark, ruthlessly oppressive forces
of The Motherland. Life is hard, but Standish struggles onwards—until his best and only friend Hector is taken away from
him, and events take a new and more dangerous turn.

Gier, Kerstin.  Ruby Red. 2011
Sixteen-year-old Gwyneth Shepherd unexpectedly travels through time to the eighteenth century, and she must find out
why her mother lied about her date of birth to hide her ability, research her history, and work with Gideon, another time
traveler.

Harrison, Troon.  The Horse Road. 2012
Kallisto is a superb equestrian living in central Asia. On her way back from delivering horses to nomad breeders, Kallisto
sees the Chinese army preparing to invade her city. Can she save her family and friends and protect the horses?

The difficult star of the reality television show, “Expiration Survival,” disappears on location in the Florida Everglades,
where they were filming animals from the wildlife refuge run by Wahoo Crane’s family. Wahoo and classmate Tuna
Gordon set out to find him, but they must avoid Tuna’s gun-happy father.

Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special
program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.

Kurlansky, Mark.  A World Without Fish. 2011
Describes what is happening to fish, the oceans, and the environment in the early twenty-first century, explaining how
commonly consumed fish, such as tuna, cod, and salmon, are disappearing; and discussing the impact of overfishing on
other species and the effects of fishing on the oceans.

Palacio, R.J.  Wonder. 2012
Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes
from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the
taunts and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.