

Introduction

Push yourself out of your comfort zone by diving into the mean streets of America in *The Hate U Give* or exploring the new fantasy landscape of *The Book of Dust*. Then find yourself on the run alongside Connor in his *Farewell Tour* before you can recover from your electrifying encounter with *The Power*. All these books – and more – can be found on this boundary-pushing list. Read on if you dare!

Key to symbols

Escape	Connect	Relate
Film & TV		
FYI		
Graphic novel		
LGBTQ+		
Scottish connection		

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COMING OF AGE

Elif Batuman	
The Idiot	
Holly Bourne	
Are We All Lemmings and Snowflakes?	
Cat Clarke	
Girlhood	
John Green	
Turtles All the Way Down	
Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock	
The Smell of Other People's Houses	
Julia Hoban	
Willow	
Kerry Hudson	
Tony Hogan Bought Me an Ice-cream Float Before He Stole My Ma	
E Lockhart	
We Were Liars	
Nejib	
Haddon Hall – When David Invented Bowie	
Non Pratt	
Trouble	
John Young	
Farewell Tour of a Terminal Optimist	



CRIME AND THRILLER

Kevin Brooks	
The Bunker Diary	
T E Carter	
I Stop Somewhere	
Emma Donoghue	
Room	
Gillian Flynn	
Sharp Objects	
Ryan Gattis	
All Involved	
A S A Harrison	
The Silent Wife	
Paula Hawkins	
The Girl on the Train	
Emma Healey	
Elizabeth is Missing	
Will Hill	
After the Fire	
Erin Jade Lange	
The Chaos of Now	
Jon McGregor	
Reservoir 13	
Craig Silvey	
Jasper Jones	
S J Watson	
Before I Go To Sleep	



DYSTOPIAN FUTURE

Cecelia Aherne	
Flawed series	
Margaret Atwood	
The Handmaid's Tale series	
Jenni Fagan	
The Sunlight Pilgrims	
Emily St John Mandel	
Station Eleven	
Brendan Reichs	
Project Nemesis series	
Louise Welsh	
Plague Times trilogy	
Scott Westerfeld	
The Uglies series	
Brian Conaghan	
The Weight of a Thousand Feathers	
Sarah Crossan	
One	
Laura Dockrill	
Big Bones	
Jackie Kay	
Red Dust Road	
Kamila Shamsie	
Home Fire	
Ali Smith	
The Accidental	
Christos Tsiolkas	
The Slap	
Willy Vlautin	
Lean On Pete	
Sarah Waters	
The Little Stranger	
Lisa Williamson	
All about Mia	

FANTASY & SCI-FI

Naomi Alderman	
The Power	
Jay Asher and Carolyn Mackler	
The Future of Us	
Anna Day	
The Fandom series	
Michel Faber	
The Book of Strange New Things	
Neil Gaiman	
American Gods	
Matt Haig	
How to Stop Time	
Hugh Howey	
Silo series	
Eowyn Ivey	
The Snow Child	
Hillary Jordan	
When She Woke	
David Mitchell	
Slade House	
Erin Morgenstern	
The Night Circus	
Patrick Ness	
The Rest of Us Just Live Here	
Philip Pullman	
The Book of Dust series	
Andrew Smith	
Grasshopper Jungle	
Teri Terry	
Dark Matter series	
Andy Weir	
The Martian	



