

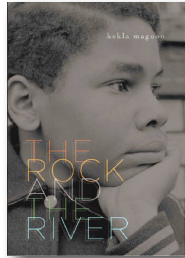


**Purple Heart**  
By Patricia McCormick

When Private Duffy wakes in an army hospital, he's haunted by an image of an Iraqi boy's death. He knows he is involved in the boy's death, but his head injury keeps him from remembering the truth.

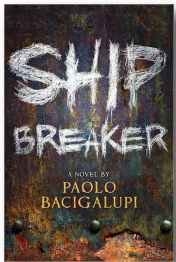
**The Rock and the River** By Kekla Magoon

In 1968 Chicago, Sam is caught between his father's nonviolent approach to seeking civil rights for African Americans and his older brother, who has joined the Black Panther movement.



**The Sea of Trolls**  
By Nancy Farmer

After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his sister are captured and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen. Jack must take on a quest to the home of the trolls.



**Ship Breaker**  
By Paolo Bacigalupi

Nailer scavenges copper wire from grounded oil tankers to survive. When he finds a shipwreck with a girl on it, he must choose between the wealth or rescuing the girl.

**Son of the Mob** By Gordon Korman

Vince's life is complicated. He is the son of a Mafia boss, a relationship that threatens to destroy his romance with the daughter of an FBI agent.

**Sure Fire** By Jack Higgins

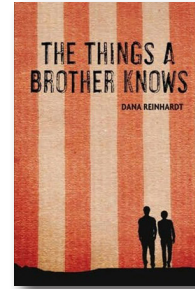
Rich and Jade are twins who must live with their estranged father after their mother dies. Then their father is kidnapped and their rescue attempts involve them in a dangerous international plot to control the world's oil.

**Tales of the Madman Underground**  
By John Barnes

Karl has been forced to attend group therapy during school hours (called the Madman Underground). He decides to drop the group his senior year and act (and be) normal. But normal is relative.

**The Things a Brother Knows**  
By Dana Reinhardt

Although they never got along, Levi follows his brother, Boaz (a former Marine), on a walking trip from Boston to Washington, D.C., in hopes of learning why Boaz is completely withdrawn.



**Year of the Hangman** By Gary Blackwood

In 1777, having been kidnapped and taken forcibly from England to the American colonies, Creighton becomes part of developments in the political unrest that may spell defeat for the patriots and change the course of history.

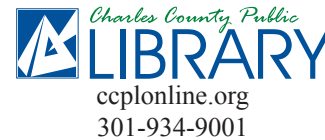
**Zombies vs. Unicorns** By various authors

These 12 short stories seek to answer the question, "Are zombies better than unicorns?"

# Great Reads for High School Guys



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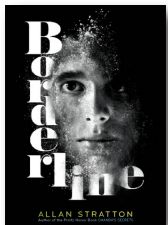


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## **Before Columbus: The Americas of 1491**

By Charles C. Mann

Well before the arrival of Columbus, there were highly advanced civilizations in the Americas. More native people died from exposure to the new germs than at the hands of European invaders.



## **Borderline** By Allan Stratton

Despite the strained relationship between them, teenaged Sami Sabiri risks his life to uncover the truth when his father is implicated in a terrorist plot.

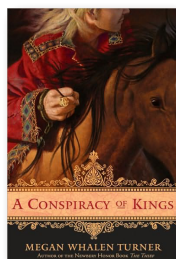
## **Carter Finally Gets It** By Brent Crawford

In this laugh-out-loud novel about getting through high school, getting the girl, and getting it together, readers join Will Carter as he enters his freshman year in high school.

## **A Conspiracy of Kings**

By Megan Whalen Turner

Kidnapped and sold into slavery, Sophos, an unwilling prince, tries to save his country from rebellion and exploitation by the conniving Mede empire.



## **Crocodile Tears** By Anthony Horowitz

Recruited by a British espionage organization, Alex Rider is manipulated in a deadly game that could lead to the destruction of an East African country.

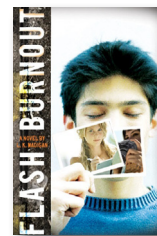
## **Firestorm** By David Klass

If Jack hadn't broken the school rushing record, he never would have known his mom and dad are not his parents. But he broke the record and was on the news. Now he's been found. Can he survive?

## **Flash Burnout: A Novel**

By L.K. Madigan

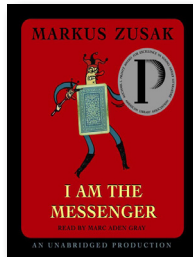
In a tangle of life and death, love and loyalty, 15-year-old Blake emerges with a more sharply defined snapshot of himself.



## **House of the Scorpion** By Nancy Farmer

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt has special status as the young clone of El Patrón, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire.

## **I Am the Messenger** By Markus Zusak



After capturing a bank robber, a 19-year-old cab driver begins to receive messages that direct him to addresses where people need help. He begins to overcome a lifelong feeling of worthlessness.

## **Icecore: A Carl Hobbes Thriller**

By Matt Whyman

Carl Hobbes is a young British computer hacker who is arrested after penetrating security at Fort Knox. He is sent to Icecore, an Arctic military installation, and must steal back his freedom.

## **Incarceron** By Catherine Fisher

Finn lives inside a prison, as does Claudia, the warden's daughter. When they both acquire crystal keys that let them communicate, they work together to save her from an arranged marriage and help him escape.



## **Last Night I Sang to the Monster: A Novel**

By Benjamin Alire Saenz

Zach is 18, bright and articulate. He's also an alcoholic and in rehab instead of high school, but he doesn't remember how he got there. Something really, really bad must have happened.

## **Lockdown** By Walter Dean Myers

Reese, serving time at a juvenile detention facility, gets a lesson in making it through hard times from an unlikely friend with a harrowing past.

## **Marcelo in the Real World**

By Francisco X. Stork

Marcelo is a boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum. He faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father in the mailroom of a corporate law firm.



## **The Maze Runner**

By James Dashner

Thomas wakes up in the middle of a maze with no memory. He learns he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.

## **Merchant of Death** By D.J. MacHale

Bobby, 14, thinks he's a pretty normal kid. But then he finds out that he is a Traveler, capable of transporting through time via magical flumes. He must save the world (not the Earth as we know it).

## **The Orange Houses** By Paul Griffin

Tamika is hearing-impaired; Jimmi is a young vet who stopped taking his antipsychotic medication; and Fatima is an illegal immigrant from Africa. They meet and connect with devastating results.

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