What’s New in Young Adult Literature?

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Reviews

Books for Adolescents

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The Watch That Ends the Night: Voices From the Titanic

Although Allan Wolf has had notable success as a performance poet, visiting issues both silly and serene, his poetry has also served his readers well in historical fiction. New Found Land (Candlewick, 2007) followed Lewis and Clark across the Louisiana Purchase, narrated in verse by 14 members of the expedition. The Watch That Ends the Night: Voices From the Titanic unfolds in similar fashion, as 22 voices, including the iceberg and one of the ship’s rats, tell the story of the first and final voyage of the Titanic.

The Titanic is a veritable ark of human beings, including people from diverse backgrounds and cultures. Social rank among the 2207 passengers is delineated along socio-economic lines deck by deck from first to third class, a social order strictly enforced by ship’s rules:

FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER
The Watch That Ends the Night: Voices from the Titanic, by Allan Wolf
Who Are We?

Arizona State University’s Tech-YA Lit Consortium
What Do We Do?

• We are a group of educators from all over the planet committed to integrating new technologies into the teaching of YA lit
• We share classroom strategies and offer professional support to one another
Why Use Tech to Teach YA Lit?

• Technology is changing the way students read and write.
• We want to recognize and appreciate the ways students engage in literacy on the Internet.
Why Use Tech to Teach YA Lit?

• We want to make students’ *at-home literacies* a part of the classroom
• We want to use tech to *affirm* our advanced learners and *support* our struggling learners
Using Skype to Teach YA Lit

• ASU Preparatory Academy, 8th grade, Phoenix

• Teachers use Skype, a free video-teleconferencing tool, to chat with YA author, PJ Haarsma

• [http://www.skype.com/](http://www.skype.com/)
  – You need: the Internet, the program, and a webcam
ASU Tech-YA Skype Central

YA Author: *Alan Sitomer*
Email: AlanSitomer@gmail.com
Skype fee: $300

YA Author: *Jewell Rhodes*
Email: jewellparkerrhodes@gmail.com
Skype fee: No fee

YA Author and Editor: *Ann Angel*
Email: aangel@aol.com or http://www.windingoak.com/
Skype fee: TBD

YA Author: *M.T. Anderson*
website: http://mt-anderson.com/
Skype fee: TBD

*50 additional authors have joined Skype Central and more continue to join!*
PJ Haarsma and the Softwire series
It all began with PJ’s first book, *The Softwire*, an intriguing, well-written story, that engaged readers. Let’s hear the story’s premise from one of the characters, Madame Lee:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCdP0Fe8NR4
But PJ didn’t think the website alone was enough. What were readers to do when they finished each book but wanted to continue their experience with the world their imaginations had created. How could they continue to experience the Rings of Orbis?
And so he created
The Rings of Orbis Game.

http://www.ringsoforbis.com/docs/preview/preview.php
Currently, the game has received no advertising. Even so, over 12,000 players from around the world participate.
Option 1: Very likely.
- votes: 264 (84.08%)

Option 2: Somewhat likely
- votes: 39 (12.42%)

Option 3: Not likely.
- votes: 11 (3.50%)
The Wiki created by Basha creative writing students appeared in the 2010 publication of PJ Haarsma’s *The Softwire: Wormhole Pirates on Orbis 3.*
A Final Thought...

“I think we’re in the midst of a literacy revolution the likes of which we haven’t seen since Greek civilization.”
– Andrea Lunsford, Stanford University

What role will you and your students play in this revolution?
Our Website

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MAGGIE STIEFVATER
#1 New York Times bestselling author of Shiver

THE SCORPIO RACES
"Isn't it enough just to show you that I love you without having to talk about it? I'm a boy! I don't like to talk about it."

~John Green
Printz Award
http://umakrishnaswami.blogspot.com/

- Writing with a broken tusk blog
http://www.theadlesserblessed.com/
http://uphere.ca/node/290
http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/studies_in_american_indian_literatures/v019/19.1haladay.html
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To see how we focus group test our stories and images with youth and health professionals, check out the rough videos we created on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/HealthyAboriginal.

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• Trickster tales told by Native American storytellers.
American Indians in Children's Literature (AICL)

American Indians in Children's Literature (AICL) provides critical perspectives and analysis of indigenous peoples in children's and young adult books, the school curriculum, popular culture, and society. Scroll down for links to book reviews, Native media, and more... (Site redesigned on July 29, 2010.)

ABOUT AICL

1. History and Purpose of AICL
2. Who is Debbie Reese?
3. Who Reads, Links to, and Cites AICL?
4. Why AICL Matters

(Last update to "About AICL" was on April 5, 2011.)

1. History and Purpose

I launched AICL in May of 2006. By then, I had become an avid reader of a new form of expression--weblogs (blog for short)--and was keenly aware of their potential for impacting change.

As a relatively new assistant professor at a "Research I" university (the height of the "publish or perish" institution), I knew it was important that I publish my research in academic journals and books, but as a Native parent and former schoolteacher, I knew that those academic journals are not easily accessible or available to people who work with children on a daily basis...

I was raised at Nambe Owingeh (a federally recognized tribe) and I am tribally enrolled at Nambe Pueblo. I'm from the Upper Village (Yates family).
http://www.public.asu.edu/~jblasin/index.html

- Please visit my website for a PowerPoint presentation on the best in Native American young adult literature and a list of recommended books.
SCOTT WESTERFELD’S STEAMPUNK ALTERNATIVE HISTORY CONTINUES
Out in March from Tom Leveen
Inside Out & Back Again

THANHHA LAI
Coretta Scott King Award
NEVER FORGOTTEN

by PATRICIA C. McKISSACK

artwork by LEO & DIANE DILLON
THE LIONS OF LITTLE ROCK

ADVANCE UNCORRECTED GALLEYS—NOT FOR SALE
between
shades
of gray

RUTA SEPETYS
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The Book of Magic

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http://www.leeandlow.com/p/under_the_mesquite.mhtml
Words in the Dust
A Novel by
TRENT REEDY

http://www.trentreedy.com/trent.html
Private Matt Duffy receives the Purple Heart, but he cannot remember the incident that left him with a traumatic brain injury and an image of an Iraqi boy's death.
Addie on the Inside

From bestselling author

JAMES HOWE
HIDDEN

A novel by Printz Honor Book author
HELEN FROST
Janette Rallison Continues the Saga of an Inept Fairy Godmother

- Tansy Miller
- Chrysanthemum
- Everstar
Two by A.S. King

- Vera Dietz reflects on events leading to the death of her best friend, Charlie.
- Before the summer is over, Lucky Linderman will stand up to his bully, straighten out his parents, befriend an amazing young woman, and rescue is MIA POW grandfather.
Twelfth Grade Kills #5: The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod, by Heather Brewer

- Vladimir Tod is just like every other teenage boy in America. He has a best friend who would do anything for him and vice versa; he has someone at home who loves him and makes special sandwiches for his lunch; he loves a girl but their relationship is a little tricky; and he is desperately awaiting the end of senior year. Of course, there are some small qualifications or disclaimers that should be listed here. His best friend is actually his drudge, a human being who is Vlad’s vampiric psychic slave. His aunt makes very nice peanut butter sandwiches for him but she adds capsules of human blood instead of jelly. He is love with a lovely young woman but he dreams of sucking her blood and knows a relationship with him would doom her to a life not of her choosing. And while the end of senior year will be nice, if he doesn’t find a way to save the human race by the end of Christmas break, he and everyone he knows will die. Other than that, Vlad is a perfectly normal, half-human, half-vampire teenager.
Based on a Real Group of Women from WWII

Ida Mae Jones may very well be the best female pilot in the United States, and the country needs her.

But.

Does it want her?
THE EXQUISITE CORPSE ADVENTURE

the journey continues...

http://thencbla.blogspot.com/2009_10_01_archive.html
Fire is a human monster, so beautiful that she has to hide her hair for fear of attack by both raptor monsters and human men. She is able to enter other people's minds and exert power over them.

- $5000 donated to her sister’s charity to donate the money I'm receiving today to Camp Healing Powers.
PICK IT UP—AND KEEP IT HIDDEN.

TRASH

andy mulligan
Ben begins to see the chimpanzee his father is using to study language acquisition as more than a test subject which leads to problems when funding runs low.
Dystopian future in which Nailer works to strip copper off derelict ships on the gulf coast.
The Final Adventures of Rossamund Bookchild

MONSTER BLOOD TATTOO
BOOK THREE: FACTOTUM

D.M. CORNISH
2011 Newbery Medal Winner

• Manifest based on Frontenac, Kansas., Clare Vanderpool’s maternal grandparents home.

• (1937) 12 year old Abilene Tucker arrives from Iowa to live with her father’s friend, Shady Howard, while her father works on the railroads.

• Another story told in letters from 1917 unfolds.
Gatlin, South Carolina, is the quintessential southern town. Its citizens participate in a caste system according to how far back their families go in the history of the town (preferably before the Revolutionary War but surely the Civil War), the town revolves around its annual cultural events (such as the pie baking contest at the local fair and the annual Civil War battle reenactment), and few people move in or out as years go by. As described in Garcia and Stohl’s previous tale of Gatlin, however, there are things about the town that would give anyone nightmares, including a society of witches (aka Casters) and related vampires and demons, who operate on the fringe of society, usually.
Three sisters, Delphine, Vonetta and Fern, spend the summer of 1968, in Oakland, California, where they get together with their estranged poet-mother, Cecile, who prints flyers for the Black Panthers.
Alex Award winners
In 1776, 13-year-old Samuel returns home from hunting in the woods to find the settlement burned and most of the settlers murdered.
Katniss Everdeen continues.
Martin Stokes attends school in prison.
2011 YALSA ALEX AWARD
WINNERS

THE REAPERS
ARE THE ANGELS
A novel
ALDEN BELL

THE PARTICULAR
SADNESS
OF LEMON
CAKE
A novel
AIMEE BENDER

THE BOY WHO
COULDN'T
SLEEP AND
NEVER
HAD TO
A novel
DC PIERSO

GIRL IN
TRANSLATION
A novel
JEAN KWOK
12-year-old Matt struggles to cope with his memories of family left behind in war-torn Vietnam with the help of his adoptive parents, his music teacher, and his baseball coach.
When a repo demon comes for her Cadillac, Bug Smoot finds that her deceased grandfather pledged both her soul and her car as collateral on a deal.
• Kisses pulls humans and demons together in a lusty embrace.
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NEW REVELATIONS OF THE AMERICAS
BEFORE COLUMBUS
CHARLES C. MANN
The story of the “Mercury 13” women who paved the way for females in space and aeronautics by challenging the political and social culture behind NASA’s unwritten rule that astronauts must be male.
Cassia and Xander are Matched by the Society that plans all aspects of one's life, making everything perfect for her, until Ky's face flashes across her screen and everything changes.
Thomas’ memories don’t serve him well when he wakes on an elevator, only to find himself in the Glade, trapped by monsters and a maze that changes daily.
Lucia and her brother live an idyllic life in Cuba in 1961 until the revolution when they are sent to live with strangers in Nebraska until their parents can escape.
John Green and David Levithan
Team Up

Two very different teenage guys named Will Grayson meet by chance in Chicago.
With a few months remaining on his sentence in a juvenile detention facility, Reese struggles to overcome racism, prejudice and his volatile personality to cope with life on the outside.
While on a service trip in Mexico, Georgia gains perspective on her life that enables her to challenge the things not discussed in her relationship with her best friend Riley.
• Shiga, Jason.
  Have you played any comics lately?
  Choose your own adventure.
• This compilation of different spies carries readers from the Revolutionary War through the infamous Cold War era. Delve into stories about the Choctaw Code Talkers of WWI, Soviet moles, Mata Hari and more as you uncover just how they changed the course of history.
• 17 year old Kidd Ellison escapes a group home to find a new life on the beach, for awhile,
• Shayne Blank defends nerdy Mikey Martin committing murder along the way.
Daelyn is determined to die. Santana is determined to change her mind.
Anke watches her siblings and mother suffer at the hands of her abusive father until she finds enough strength, through involvement in volleyball, to demonstrate her needs.