

# 2008 GIFT IDEAS FOR TEENS

Book suggestions compiled by librarians at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library

## FICTION

- Artemis Fowl: The Time Paradox by Eoin Colfer**  
Artemis's mother has contracted a deadly disease—and the only cure lies in the brain fluid of African lemurs. Unfortunately, Artemis himself was responsible for making the lemurs extinct five years ago. Now he must enlist the aid of his fairy friends to travel back in time and save the lemur. Not only that, but he must face his deadliest foe yet: his younger self. (#6 in *Artemis Fowl series*.)
- The Battle of the Labyrinth by Rick Riordan**  
In this latest installment of the blockbuster series, time is running out as war between the Olympians and the evil Titan lord Kronos draws near. Even the safe haven of Camp Half-Blood grows more vulnerable by the minute as Kronos's army prepares to invade its once impenetrable borders. (#4 in the *Percy Jackson and the Olympians series*.)
- Before Green Gables: A Prequel to Anne of Green Gables by Budge Wilson**  
When readers first meet Anne of Green Gables, she is eleven, and has just been sent from an orphanage to meet her new family. No one ever learned the events of Anne's life before she arrived at Green Gables. Until now.
- Breaking Dawn by Stephenie Meyer**  
To be irrevocably in love with a vampire is both fantasy and nightmare woven into a dangerously heightened reality for Bella Swan. Her imminent choice to either join the dark but seductive world of immortals or to pursue a fully human life has become the thread from which the fates of two tribes hangs. (#4 in the *Twilight series*.)
- Brisingsr by Christopher Paolini**  
Following the colossal battle against the Empire's warriors on the Burning Plains, Eragon and his dragon, Saphira, have narrowly escaped with their lives. Still there is more at hand for the Rider and his dragon, as Eragon finds himself bound by a tangle of promises he may not be able to keep. (Book 3 of the *Inheritance Cycle*.)
- Evernight by Claudia Gray**  
Bianca wants to escape. She's been uprooted from her small hometown and enrolled at Evernight Academy, an eerie Gothic boarding school where the students are somehow too perfect: smart, sleek, and almost predatory. Bianca knows she doesn't fit in. Then she meets Lucas.
- For Money and Love by Todd Strasser**  
Kate Blessing is not your typical high school junior. She's a good student...and she's also part of the mob. After her mother (the brains of the operation) moves out, someone needs to keep things running, so Kate steps into her mother's shoes to prop the 'family business' up. (#1 in the *Mob Princess series*.)
- Graceling by Kristin Cashore**  
Katsa has been able to kill a man with her bare hands since she was eight—she's a Graceling, one of the rare people in her land born with an extreme skill. Her Grace forces her to work as her uncle's—the king's—thug. She will soon learn, though, she is good for more than just death and destruction.
- Gregor And The Code Of Claw by Suzanne Collins**  
Everyone in the Underland has been taking great pains to keep The Prophecy of Time from Gregor. Gregor knows it must say something awful, but he never imagined just how awful. The entire existence of the Underland is in Gregor's hands, and time is running out. There is a code to be cracked, a mysterious new princess, Gregor's burgeoning dark side, and a war to end all wars. (#5 in the *Underland Chronicles series*.)
- The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins**  
As part of post-war surrender terms, each defeated district agreed to send one boy and one girl to appear in an annual televised event called "The Hunger Games." The rules may change but one thing is constant: kill or be killed. When Kat's sister is chosen by lottery, Kat steps up to go in her place.
- King Dork by Frank Portman**  
Tom, aka King Dork, is a typical high school loser until he discovers his deceased father's copy of the book, *The Catcher in the Rye*. Suddenly, he finds himself in the middle of several interlocking conspiracies and at least half a dozen mysteries involving dead people, naked people, fake people, ESP, blood, a secret code, guitars, monks, witchcraft, the Bible, girls, the Crusades, a devil head, and rock and roll.
- The Magician by Michael Scott**  
Paris is teeming with enemies, and time is running out for Nicholas and Perenell. For every day spent without the Book of Abraham the Mage, they age one year—their magic becoming weaker and their bodies more frail. (#2 in the *Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel series*.)
- Marly's Ghost by David Levithan**  
When Ben's girlfriend, Marly, dies, he feels his life is over. Valentine's Day leaves him feeling bitter and hollow. But then Marly's ghost appears, along with three other spirits. Now Ben must take a painful journey through Valentine's Days past, present, and future, and what he discovers will change him forever.

- The Maze of Bones* by Rick Riordan**  
Everyone from Napoleon to Houdini is related to the Cahills, yet the source of the family power is lost. 39 clues hidden around the world will reveal the family's secret. Now the clues race is on, and young Amy and Dan must decide what's important: hunting clues or uncovering what *really* happened to their parents. (#1 in the *39 Clues* series.)
- Miracle on 49th Street* by Mike Lupica**  
Josh Cameron has it all, including a daughter he never knew. When 12-year-old Molly says her mother revealed his identity before dying, Josh isn't so sure he believes her. Still, Molly reminds him so much of Jen. But as Molly gets to know the real Josh, she must decide if she really wants this man for a father.
- Notes From the Midnight Driver* by Jordan Sonnenblick**  
Being 16 isn't easy, and after Alex ends up in trouble with the law, he is ordered to do community service at a senior center. His assignment: Solomon Lewis, a "difficult" senior with a lot of gusto, advice for Alex, and a puzzling (yet colorful) Yiddish vocabulary.
- November Blues* by Sharon Draper**  
When November loses her boyfriend, Josh, to a pledge stunt gone horribly wrong, she thinks her life can't possibly get any worse. But Josh left something behind that will change November's life forever, and now she's faced with the biggest decision she could ever imagine. (*Sequel to Battle of Jericho.*)
- Revelations* by Melissa De La Cruz**  
Schuyler Van Alen's blood legacy has just been called into question—is the young vampire in fact a Blue Blood, or a sinister Silver Blood? When one of the Gates of Hell is breached by Silver Bloods in Rio de Janeiro, however, the Blue Bloods will need everyone on their side. The stakes are high; the battle is bloody; and through it all, Carnavale rages on. (#3 in the *Blue Bloods* series.)
- Rumors: A Luxe Novel* by Anna Godbersen**  
As old friends become rivals, Manhattan's most dazzling socialites find their futures threatened by whispers from the past. In this delicious sequel to *The Luxe*, nothing is more dangerous than a scandal...or more precious than a secret. (#2 in the *Luxe* series.)
- Someday this Pain Will Be Useful to You* by Peter Cameron**  
Instead of James starting his freshman year at Brown, he's searching for a sanctuary—a nice farmhouse in Kansas, perhaps. Although James lives in twenty-first-century Manhattan, he's more at home in the faraway Midwestern worlds of his favorite writers.
- The Sorcerer of the North* by John Flanagan**  
Time has passed since the apprentice and his master, Will and Halt, led the Araluens to victory against invaders, and Will is now a full-fledged Ranger with his own fief to look after. The fief seems sleepy—boring, even—until the king is poisoned. The king is fading, but when Alyss is taken hostage, Will must choose between his mission and his friend. (#5 in the *Ranger's Apprentice* series.)
- The Sweet Far Thing* by Libba Bray**  
It has been a year of change since Gemma Doyle arrived at the foreboding Spence Academy. Her mother murdered, her father a laudanum addict, Gemma has relied on an unsuspected strength and must decide once and for all what role she is meant for. (#3 in the *Gemma Doyle Trilogy*.)
- The Tales of Beedle the Bard* by J. K. Rowling**  
The *Tales of Beedle the Bard*, a Wizarding classic, first came to Muggle readers' attention in the book known as *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. Now, thanks to Hermione Granger's new translation from the ancient runes, we present this stunning edition with an introduction, notes, and illustrations by J. K. Rowling, and extensive commentary by Albus Dumbledore.
- There's a New Name in School* by Melissa de la Cruz**  
The Ashleys rule Miss Gamble's Preparatory School for Girls. Lauren Page has gone to the same school with them her whole life, and the Ashleys, if forced to remember, might recall only a faint memory of shoving mud in the poor girl's mouth in kindergarten. But Lauren Page is no longer the mud-eating loser she once was, and she's had enough of the current regime. Look out, Ashleys, there's a new name in school. (#1 in the *Ashleys* series.)

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## GRAPHIC NOVELS

- Batman: Secrets* by Sam Kieth**  
Sam Kieth, renowned illustrator of *The Sandman*, has earned a reputation for creating comic-book epics that combine powerful action and thought-provoking themes. Now, he brings that vision to Batman in a story that pits the Dark Knight against the Joker—all under the unforgiving eye of the media.
- Beowulf* by Gareth Hinds**  
The epic tale of the great warrior Beowulf has thrilled readers through the ages—and now it is reinvented for a new generation with Gareth Hinds' masterful illustrations. Told for more than a thousand years, Beowulf's heroic saga finds a true home in this graphic-novel edition.
- Crossing Midnight Vol. 1: Cut Here* by Mike Carey, Jim Fern, and Jose Villarrubia**  
*Crossing Midnight* begins when a set of extraordinary twins are born—one just before midnight and the other just after. They discover the huge impact this small difference has on their destinies when the after-midnight twin is inducted into a world of supernatural beings and events that intersects with our own world.
- Elk's Run* by Joshua Hale Fialkov, Noel Tuazon, and Scott A. Keating**  
The town of Elk's Ridge, West Virginia, was supposed to be paradise. And for a while, it was. Over the years, some in Elk's Ridge have grown restless. They fear their refuge has become a prison...or a tomb. As a group of terrified teens prepare to make their own stand—against the people they once trusted and the only life they've ever known. Because there's nothing left to do but fight or die.
- Emma* by Kaoru Mori**  
Emma is a shy maid in Victorian England who has fallen in love with the eldest son of a wealthy family. Filled with spot-on detail from a time and place rarely visited in manga, Emma's story is subtle, delicate, and mannered—just like the society it's set in.
- Notes for a War Story* by Gipi**  
"The war arrived in our village on the 18th of January. Obviously there were other wars going on, but they didn't have anything to do with us..." *Notes for a War Story* is an astonishing look at life in a lawless, war-torn nation, heightened by the harsh, moving, pencil and watercolor artwork of Italy's best graphic novel author.
- The Plain Janes* by Cecil Castellucci and Jim Rugg**  
When transfer student Jane is forced to move from the confines of Metro City to Suburbia, she thinks her life is over. But there in the lunch room at the reject table she finds her tribe: three other girls named Jane. Main Jane encourages them to form a secret art gang and paint the town P.L.A.I.N. -- People Loving Art In Neighborhoods. But can art attacks really save the hell that is high school?
- Pumpkin Scissors* by Ryotaro Iwanaga**  
The bitter war has ended, but three years after the cease-fire, the Empire is still ravaged by starvation and disease, and bandits terrorize the populace. Can the Imperial Army State Section III, aka Pumpkin Scissors, stop a renegade force with chemical weapons? And who is the mysterious stranger helping Pumpkin Scissors?
- PX! Book One: A Girl and Her Panda* by Manny Trembley and Eric A. Anderson**  
PX! is the story of a young girl named Dahlia who—with the help of her giant and trusty Panda sidekick—sets off on an epic journey around the globe to save her missing father.
- Re-Gifters* by Mike Carey, Marc Hempel, and Sonny Liew**  
Jen Dik Seong, aka 'Dixie,' is Korean American, dirt poor, and living on the ragged edge of LA's Koreatown. Her only outlet is the ancient martial art of hapkido. In fact, she's on the verge of winning a championship—until she falls for fellow hapkido fan/California surfer boy Adam and gets thrown spectacularly off her game.
- Translucent* by Kazuhiro Okamoto**  
Shizuka is an introverted girl, dealing with schoolwork, boys, and a medical condition that begins to turn her invisible! She finds support with Mamoru, a boy who likes her, and with Keiko, who has finally turned completely invisible. The mysterious disease that these teens struggle with becomes a metaphor in the ordinary lives of the students in their classes, as they try to work their way through their friendships and romances.

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