



# Related Reading for Participating Teens



The Great Stories Club Related Reading List was compiled by YALSA's Outreach to Young Adults with Special Needs Committee.

**Baca, Jimmy Santiago. *A Place to Stand... The Making of a Poet***...Grove Pr., 2002. \$13 (0-8021-3908-6). The writer of the movie *Brokeback Mountain*, Jimmy chronicles his years growing up in orphanages, juvenile halls, and prisons, teaching himself to read and write at the age of twenty-one while in solitary confinement.

**Buckhanon, Kalisha. *Upstate***...St. Martin's Pr., 2005. \$11.95 (0-3123-3269-6). Natasha and Antonio, young lovers, communicate via letters for nine years during his incarceration for murdering his father.

**Desetta, Al, ed. *The Heart Knows Something Different: Teenage Voices from the Foster Care System***...Persea Books, 1996. \$14.95 (0-8925-5218-2). Fifty-seven teens write about their lives and the issues they faced growing up in the foster care system.

**Draper, Sharon. *Romiette and Julio***...Simon Pulse, 2001. \$5.99 (0-6898-4209-0). Sixteen-year-olds Julio and Romiette fall in love and face their parents' prejudice and harassment from the local gang.

**Ewing, Lynne. *Party Girl***...Laurel Leaf, 1999. \$5.50 (0-3758-0210-X). Kata's best friend Ana is shot in a drive-by shooting, leaving Kata to cope with her desire for revenge and hope for a way out of the gang lifestyle.

**Flake, Sharon. *Who Am I without Him? Short Stories about Girls and the Boys in Their Lives***...Hyperion Books for

Children: *Jump at the Sun*, 2004. \$5.99 (0-7868-1504-3). Ten short stories focus on sometimes difficult male-female relationships as experienced by African American teen girls.

**Flinn, Alex. *Breathing Underwater***...HarperTempest, 2002. \$7.99 (0-0644-7257-4). After Nick's girlfriend, Caitlin, has a restraining order issued against him, he is forced to come to grips with his anger and low self-esteem.

**Frank, E. R. *America***...Simon Pulse, 2003. \$7.99 (0-6898-5772-1). A young man named America gets "lost" in the social welfare system and, after a series of foster homes, hospitals, and suicide attempts, he meets a caring psychiatrist who refuses to give up on him.

**Klass, David. *You Don't Know Me***...HarperTempest, 2001. \$6.99 (0-0644-7378-3). John, a fourteen-year-old boy from a small town, defends himself against an abusive home life, an outcast school life, and being a social misfit by living outside of himself.

**Mikaelsen, Ben. *Touching Spirit Bear***...HarperCollins, 2002. \$5.99 (0-3808-0560-

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