

Cult Fiction: Drinking the Kool-Aid

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Suggestions for Teen Readers

The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath
Crash by J.G. Ballard
The Dice Man by Luke Rhinehart
Dune by Frank Herbert
Fight Club by Chuck Palahniuk
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
by Douglas Adams
Geek Love by Katherine Dunn
Magic for Beginners by Kelly Link
Neuromancer by William Gibson
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich
by Alexander Solzhenitsyn
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
by Ken Kesey
Only Forward
by Michael Marshall Smith
One Hundred Years of Solitude
by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Perfume by Patrick Süskind
The Pigman by Paul Zindel
The Stranger by Albert Camus
Trainspotting by Irvine Welsh

Suggestions for Genre Exploration

Dystopia

1984 by George Orwell
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
Battle Royale by Koushon Takami

Fantasy

The Once and Future King by T. H. White
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
(this could arguably go under science fiction; however, hardcore science-fiction fans will be remiss to see it labeled as such.)
The Belgariad series by David Eddings

Horror or Thriller

Interview with the Vampire by Anne Rice
The Killer Inside Me by Jim Thompson
American Psycho by Bret Easton Ellis

Nonfiction

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance: An Inquiry into Values
by Robert M. Pirsig
Oranges are Not the Only Fruit by Jeanette Winterson
Let that be the Reason by Vickie Stringer
No Logo by Naomi Klein

Science Fiction

Dune by Frank Herbert
Neuromancer by William Gibson
Snow Crash by Neal Stephenson

Subculture

Fight Club by Chuck Palahniuk
Trainspotting by Irvine Welsh
A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess