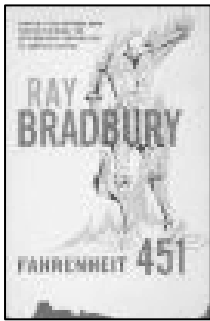


YA Titles that pair with Classic Themes
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If you liked *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury, you might like these YA books that have Man vs. Nature and as a theme:

City of Thieves by D. Benioff

Seventeen-year-old Lev Beniov, having been arrested for looting the corpse of a German paratrooper, is given the opportunity to be released from jail if he, along with a soldier imprisoned for desertion, can secure twelve eggs to be used in the colonel's daughter's wedding cake by traversing the dangerous streets of Leningrad.

Very LeFreak by R. Cohn

Consumed with emailing, online video games, and the many distractions of her electronic gadgets, hyper-frenetic Columbia University freshman Veronica, known as Very LeFreak, enters a rehab facility for the technology-addicted after her professors and classmates stage an intervention.

Earthgirl by J. Cowan

After an altercation with a driver who threw garbage at her is captured on a cell phone video and posted on YouTube, sixteen-year-old Sabine Solomon decides to change her life and become a crusader for the environment.

Exodus by J. Bertagna

In the year 2100, as the island of Wing is about to be covered by water, fifteen-year-old Mara convinces her people to travel to one of the New World sky cities that are safe from the storms and rising waters in order to save themselves.

The Tomorrow Code by B. Falkner

Two New Zealand teenagers receive a desperate SOS from their future selves and set out on a quest to stop an impending ecological disaster that could mean the end of humanity.

Dr. Franklin's Island by A. Halam

When their plane crashes over the Pacific Ocean, three science students are left stranded on a tropical island and then imprisoned by a doctor who is performing horrifying experiments on humans involving the transfer of animal genes.

Siberia by A. Halam

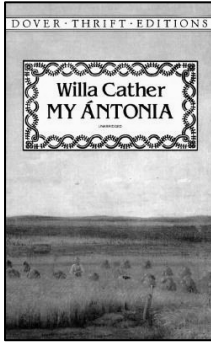
After spending two years at a prison school, thirteen-year-old Sloe sets off on a trek across frozen wastelands, tending to the secret "seeds" of wild animals her mother left in her care, trying to reach a new life for all of them.

Destroy all cars by B. Nelson

Through assignments for English class, seventeen-year-old James Hoff rants against consumerism and his classmates' apathy, puzzles over his feelings for his ex-girlfriend, and expresses disdain for his emotionally-distant parents.

Little Brother by C. Doctorow

Interrogated for days by the Department of Homeland Security in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, seventeen-year-old Marcus is released into what is now a police state, and decides to use his expertise in computer hacking to set things right.



If you liked *My Antonia* by Willa Cather, you might like these YA books that have Man vs. Society as a theme:

Finding Nouf by Z. Ferraris

The family of sixteen-year-old Nouf calls upon desert guide Nayir ash-Sharqi to investigate her disappearance; however, when her body is found in the desert and it is determined she died from drowning, Nayir teams up with lab worker Katya Hijazi to find out what really happened.

Feed by M.T. Anderson

In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.

Unwind by N. Shusterman

Three teens embark upon a cross-country journey in order to escape from a society that salvages body parts from children ages thirteen to eighteen.

Jude by K. Morgenroth

Still reeling from his drug-dealing father's murder, moving in with the wealthy mother he never knew, and transferring to a private school, fifteen-year-old Jude is tricked into pleading guilty to a crime he did not commit.

The secret rites of social butterflies by E. Zindel

Sixteen-year-old Maggie's fears about making friends as an incoming senior at an exclusive New York City girls' school are allayed when she is invited to join an elite secret society devoted to eavesdropping and recording the "truth" about students and faculty.

Firestorm by D. Klass

After learning that he has been sent from the future for a special purpose, eighteen-year-old Jack receives help from an unusual dog and a shape-shifting female fighter.

Life as we knew it by S. Pfeffer

Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

Juvie Three by G. Korman

Gecko, Arjay, and Terence, all in trouble with the law, must find a way to keep their halfway house open in order to stay out of juvenile detention.



If you liked *Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway, you might like these YA books that have Good vs. Evil as a theme:

The looking glass wars by F. Beddor

When she is cast out of Wonderland by her evil aunt Redd, young Alyss Heart finds herself living in Victorian Oxford as Alice Liddell and struggles to keep memories of her kingdom intact until she can return and claim her rightful throne.

Wounded (Wereling Series, book 1) by S. Cole

Sixteen-year-old Tom Anderson and seventeen-year-old Kate Folan try to escape Kate's werewolf family--and keep from becoming werewolves themselves--by making a cross-country journey in search of a mysterious man who might have a cure.

Blue bloods by M. de la Cruz

Schuyler Van Alen, a loner at a prestigious New York City private school, sets out to learn the secrets of the Blue Bloods, an ancient group of vampires.

Godless by P. Hautman

When sixteen year old Jason Bock and his friends create their own religion to worship the town's water tower, what started out as a joke begins to take on a power of its own.

Ink Exchange by M. Marr

Seventeen-year-old Leslie wants a tattoo as a way of reclaiming control of herself and her body, but the eerie image she selects pulls her into the dangerous Dark Court of the faeries, where she draws on inner strength to make a horrible choice.

Bad monkeys by M. Ruff

Jane Charlotte, arrested for murder, is referred to a psychiatrist who tries to figure out what is really going on after Jane explains that as a member of a secret group devoted to fighting evil, she is responsible for getting rid of irredeemable persons--otherwise known as "Bad Monkeys."

Twisted by L. Anderson

After finally getting noticed by someone other than school bullies and his ever-angry father, seventeen-year-old Tyler enjoys his tough new reputation and the attentions of a popular girl, but when life starts to go bad again, he must choose between transforming himself or giving in to his destructive thoughts.

Converting Kate by B. Weinheimer

After moving from Arizona to Maine, sixteen-year-old Kate tries to recover from her father's death as she resists her mother's dogmatic religious beliefs and attempts to find a new direction to her life.

Fall of a Kingdom by H. Bell (v. 1 in fantasy trilogy)

Three teenagers must save the Kingdom of Farsala from a new enemy rising on the Kingdom's borders.

Evil genius by C. Jinks

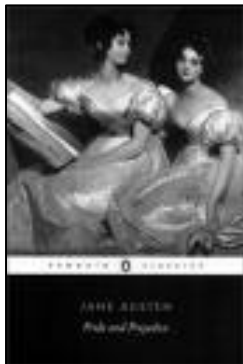
Child prodigy Cadel Piggot, an antisocial computer hacker, discovers his true identity when he enrolls as a first-year student at an advanced crime academy.

Graceling by K. Cashore

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace of killing and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

Hunger Games by S. Collins

Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death.



If you liked *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen, you might like these YA books that have Relationships as a theme:

Razzle by Ellen Wittlinger

When his retired parents buy a group of tourist cabins on Cape Cod, fifteen-year-old Kenyon Baker's days are filled with repair work until he becomes friends with an eccentric girl and makes her the subject of a series of photographs.

The Dashwood sisters' secrets of love by R. Rushton

In this contemporary spin on Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*, Ellie, Abby, and Georgie Dashwood dislike their father's new wife and the effect she is having on him. When he dies suddenly, leaving enormous debts and no inheritance, the girls learn to deal with heartbreak, upheaval, and even a bit of romance, when they leave their private school and elegant home near London and move to a small cottage in the country.

The Spellman Files by L. Lutz

While deciding if she should quit working for her family's private investigation firm, Izzy Spellman copes with meddling parents, an alcoholic uncle, the disappearance of her younger sister, and her own problems with men.

What I saw and how I lied by J. Blundell

In 1947, with her jovial stepfather Joe back from the war and family life returning to normal, teenage Evie, smitten by the handsome young ex-GI who seems to have a secret hold on Joe, finds herself caught in a complicated web of lies whose devastating outcome change her life and that of her family forever.

Perfect Chemistry by S. Elkeles

When wealthy, seemingly perfect Brittany and Alex Fuentes, a gang member from the other side of town, develop a relationship after Alex discovers that Brittany is not exactly who she seems to be, they must face the disapproval of their schoolmates--and others.

The Heights by B. James

Emily Brontë's classic novel *Wuthering Heights* is the inspiration for this contemporary drama set in San Francisco. Sixteen-year-old Catherine struggles to hold onto her close relationship with her adopted Mexican American brother Henry after a family tragedy brings Catherine's prejudiced older brother back into their lives, with aims to send Henry away from the family's home.

Story of a girl by S. Zarr

During the summer after her sophomore year, Deanna Lambert tries to come to terms with the reputation with which she was slapped in the eighth grade when she was caught by her father in the backseat of a car with a high school senior, and struggles with her still-strained relationship with her father and her changing feelings for her best friend, Jason.

Audrey, wait! by R. Benway

While trying to score a date with her cute co-worker at the Scooper Dooper, sixteen-year-old Audrey gains unwanted fame and celebrity status when her ex-boyfriend, a rock musician, records a breakup song about her that soars to the top of the Billboard charts.

If you liked *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain, you might like these YA books that have Growth and Initiation as a theme.



Over and under by T. Tucker

The bond of friendship is tested when the fathers of two twelve-year-old boys become enemies during the Borden Casket Company labor strike -- one is a manager, and the other is a union laborer -- as the boys, Andy and Tom, share one last life-changing summer.

Hoops of steel by J. Foley

Passionate about basketball, troubled teenager Jackson O'Connell chronicles the ways the game colors the events of his senior year in high school.

The world made straight by R. Rash

After stumbling into a bear trap surrounding a large marijuana grove on his neighbor's property, Travis Shelton finds himself drawn into a world of subtle evils and danger as he struggles to free himself from his neighbor's influence and protect his close friends from a painful conflict.

Out of the blue by S.L. Rottman

After moving to Minot, North Dakota, with his mother, the new female base commander, Air Force dependent Stu Ballentyne gradually becomes aware that something terrible is going on in his neighbor's house.

Stolen Car by P. Jones

Plagued with her mother's bad judgment in choosing boyfriends, fifteen-year-old Danielle is in denial about her boyfriend Reid, but when her best friend Ashley convinces Danielle to go on a road trip away from the mess of her life Danielle finds herself driving across Michigan in a stolen car.

Sofi Mendoza's guide to getting lost in Mexico by M. Alegria

When Southern California high school senior Sofi Mendoza lies to her parents and crosses the border for a weekend party, she has no idea that she will get stuck in a Mexican village with family she has never met before, unable to return to the United States and the easy life she knew.

Why I fight by J. A. Oaks

After his house burns down, twelve-year-old Wyatt Reaves takes off with his uncle, and the two of them drive from town to town for six years, earning money mostly by fighting, until Wyatt finally confronts his parents one last time.

Running for my life by A. Gonzalez

After fourteen-year-old Andrea McKane's mother is diagnosed with schizophrenia, Andrea copes with the abuse and absence of a beloved parent, and her fear of sharing a similar fate, by running.

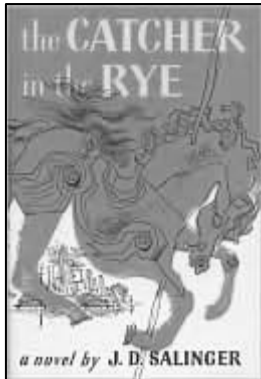
Just Listen by S. Dessen

Isolated from friends who believe the worst because she has not been truthful with them, sixteen-year-old Annabel finds an ally in classmate Owen, whose honesty and passion for music help her to face and share what really happened at the end-of-the-year party that changed her life.

Leaving Paradise by S. Elkeles

In the year following one fateful night, Caleb Becker spends his time in juvenile detention while Maggie Armstrong spends hers in hospitals and physical therapy. When the two come face-to-face once more, they must do their best to mend the past and heal their emotional wounds.

If you liked *Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger, you may like these YA books with Alienation as a theme.



Perfect You by E. Scott

Kate Brown feels her life is spiraling out of control as she deals with her father's new job, her best friend's betrayal, and her own mixed feelings about Will. After deciding the best thing to do is to isolate herself, she soon learns that good things can happen if she only lets them.

What they always tell us by M. Wilson

Sixteen-year-old Alex feels so disconnected from his friends that he starts his junior year at a Tuscaloosa, Alabama, high school by attempting suicide, but soon, a friend of his older brother draws him into cross-country running and a new understanding of himself.

Looking for Alaska by J. Green

Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.

Prep by C. Sittenfeld

Lee Fiora, a South Bend, Indiana teenager, wins a scholarship to the prestigious Ault school in Massachusetts where she manages to survive in spite of the social differences between her and her classmates.

Viola in Reel Life by A. Trigiani

When fourteen-year-old Viola is sent from her beloved Brooklyn to boarding school in Indiana for ninth grade, she overcomes her initial reservations as she makes friends with her roommates, goes on a real date, and uses the unsettling ghost she keeps seeing as the subject of a short film--her first.

A Great and Terrible Beauty by L. Bray

After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world.

Breathless by J. Warman

At boarding school, Katie tries to focus on swimming and becoming popular instead of the painful memories of her institutionalized schizophrenic older brother.

The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks by E. Lockhart

Frankie Landau-Banks attempts to take over a secret, all-male society at her exclusive prep school, and her antics with the group soon draw some unlikely attention and have unexpected consequences that could change her life forever.

The Fall of Rome by M. Southgate

Latin instructor Jerome Washington, the only African-American teacher at an all-boys boarding school in Connecticut, finds his ideals about race challenged by a promising young African-American student who responds to Jerome in an unexpected way.

Paper Towns by J. Green

One month before graduating from his Central Florida high school, Quentin "Q" Jacobsen basks in the predictable boringness of his life until the beautiful and exciting Margo Roth Spiegelman, Q's neighbor and classmate, takes him on a midnight adventure and then mysteriously disappears.

Freefall by A. Anhalt

Briar Academy senior Luke prefers avoiding conflict and letting others make his decisions, but he is compelled to choose whether or not to stand by the best friend whose reckless behavior has endangered Luke and may have caused another student's death.

As simple as snow by G. Galloway

Anastasia (Anna) Cayne is a complicated high school girl with a penchant for riddles and affectionate mind games.. A week before Valentine's Day, Anna disappears, leaving behind nothing except a dress placed neatly near a hole in the frozen river, and a string of unanswered questions. The author makes it plain from the beginning that everything in the book might be a clue, and that it's up to the narrator and the reader to solve the mystery.

New Boy by J. Houston

As a new sophomore at an exclusive boarding school, a young black man is witness to the persecution of another student with bad acne.



If you liked *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde, you might like these YA books with Immortality as a theme.

Thirteen reasons why by J. Asher

High school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing seven cassette tapes recorded by his crush, Hannah Baker, who committed suicide, and spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death.

Wake by L. McMann

Ever since she was eight years old, high school student Janie Hannagan has been uncontrollably drawn into other people's dreams, but it is not until she befriends an elderly nursing home patient and becomes involved with an enigmatic fellow-student that she discovers her true power.

Amy by any other name by M. Garvie

Sixteen-year-old Amy, hospitalized after being injured during a dive onto hidden rocks in a quarry, wakes to find herself in the body of Krystal, a troubled girl from North-End Kingston, and, unable to get anyone to believe her, Amy sets out to build a new life for herself and gradually loses her desire to return to normal.

Open Ice by P. Hughes

Hockey has been Nick Taglio's life since he was five years old, so when a massive concussion benches him--possibly for good--everything seems to fall apart, including his schoolwork, his family relationships, his friendships, and his love life.

Undone by B. Taylor

Sixteen-year-olds Serena and Kori look alike but have opposite personalities and live very different lives in Kismet, Colorado, but when tragedy strikes, Serena decides to complete Kori's list of "5 Secret Things" and uncovers, in the process, the mystery that has bound them together.

Uglies by S. Westerfeld

Tally is faced with a difficult choice when her new friend Shay decides to risk life on the outside rather than submit to the forced operation that turns sixteen year old girls into gorgeous beauties, and realizes that there is a whole new side to the pretty world that she doesn't like.

North of Beautiful by J. Headley

Terra, a sensitive, artistic high school senior born with a facial port-wine stain, struggles with issues of inner and outer beauty with the help of her Goth classmate Jacob.

Beastly by A. Flinn

A modern retelling of "Beauty and the Beast" from the point of view of the Beast, a vain Manhattan private school student who is turned into a monster and must find true love before he can return to his human form.

Evermore by A. Noel

Since the car accident that claimed the lives of her family, sixteen-year-old Ever can see auras and hear people's thoughts, and she goes out of her way to hide from other people until she meets Damen, another psychic teenager who is hiding even more mysteries.