

Happy New Year!

2012



Countdown to the Apocalypse 12-21-2012

According to the Mayan calendar, the world will end on December 21, 2012.

What to do after the apocalypse?

Here's some literary advice from your very own Teen Underground!

Plus, if this is the last year on earth make it a good one! This year we're giving some great ideas for holidays, events, and those boring days in between!

Reading list:

Ship Breaker / Paulo Bacigalupi

Matched series / Ally Condie

The Maze Runner series / James Dashner

Little Brother / Cory Doctorow

Gone series / Michael Grant

The Ember series / Jeanne Duprau

The Giver / Lois Lowry

The Chaos Walking Trilogy / Patrick Ness

Forest of Hands and Teeth series / Carrie Ryan

Unwind / Neal Shusterman

Uglies series / Scott Westerfeld

Post-Apocalyptic/ Dystopian Literature *The Hunger Games*



This groundbreaking trilogy is coming to theaters March 23

this year. Highly praised for its treatment of a dystopian world, *The Hunger Games* is an engrossing trilogy that wows adults and children alike. John Green (*Looking for Alaska*) writes, "The considerable strength of the novel comes in Collins's convincingly detailed world-building and her memorably complex and fascinating heroine. In fact, by not calling attention to itself, the text disappears in the way a good font does: nothing stands between Katniss and the reader, between Panem and America. This makes for an exhilarating narrative and a future we can fear and believe in, but it also allows us to see the similarities between Katniss's world and ours."

Check out *The Hunger Games*, *Catching Fire*, and *Mockingjay* today.

Dystopian - the idea of a society in a repressive and controlled state, often under the guise of being utopian

Post-apocalyptic - a sub-genre of science fiction that is concerned with the end of civilization due to a potentially existential catastrophe such as nuclear warfare, pandemic, extraterrestrial attack, impact event, cybernetic revolt, technological singularity, dysgenics, supernatural phenomena, divine judgment, climate change, resource depletion or some other general disaster.

CATCH A GOOD MOVIE



Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows

This movie was definitely worth the ticket. A thrill ride from beginning to end, this movie centers on the rivalry between Holmes and his nemesis Moriarty. The wit and intelligence that made the first movie so popular with

audiences is back, but combined with enough hi-jinks and hilarity to make it a great deal lighter than the first. This movie has the usual helpings of Holmes and Watson, as well as an exciting new villain and some return characters. In this version, we not only get to see how Holmes's mind works, but also that he has a heart. A gripping new installment in this blockbuster series, Sherlock Holmes is one movie you don't want to miss.

~Alysa

Sherlock Holmes was a great movie, full of intrigue and Robert Downey Jr. Not to mention Jude Law. Anyway, the story was unpredictable, yet easy to follow and for those of you who are Sherlock fans you know that where Moriarty is involved there is bound to be trouble. Go see it in theaters. ~ Moorea



Book Tie-Ins

Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows is based on the original Sir Arthur Conan Doyle short story *The Final Problem* published in *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*. Check it out at your library today!

You might also like: *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*; and various other titles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Some other great blasts from the past include:
Sherlock Holmes: the Legend Begins series / Andrew Lane

Boy Sherlock Holmes series / Shane Peacock

The Enola Holmes Mystery series / Nancy Springer.

Graphic classics. [Volume] two, Arthur Conan Doyle

Case closed: The Phantom of Baker Street Anime DVD



War Horse is a heartfelt movie that will make you cry. Be prepared for that. It is full of history and beautiful

cinematography that

makes you feel as though you are in the battle front of World War 1. Animal lovers will adore the movie, but there is animal death. I will not say what animal, but just be aware that it happens. 5/5

~ Moorea

War Horse is based on the novel *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo. Check it out at your library!



If you like *We Bought a Zoo* then check out the book by Benjamin Mee, available at your library!

We Bought a Zoo is a funny family film that will make you laugh and cry. Matt Damon plays Benjamin Mee, a well meaning, but slightly clumsy single father who is struggling to reconnect with his son and move on in the wreckage of his wife's death. The perfect solution probably didn't involve a zebra, but... *We Bought a Zoo* is a perfect movie to see with the family. It makes you appreciate your own family and what you have, and brings home the true spirit of the holiday.



Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol

Ethan's back and he is better than ever! In this fourth installment in the Mission series, they have to go off the grid, which means no tech support, no new gadgets, and no backup. Factor in a crazed Russian, and nuclear weapon, and an assassin and you truly have a mission impossible. This was perhaps the best of the MI series, with plenty of action as well as humor, and an overall pace that sets the movie apart from others. It's fast, fun, and will keep you glued to your seat. A great way to spend an afternoon. ~Alysa

Ring of Great Spy Reads

Teen Spies:

Cherub series / Robert Muchamore
Rich and Jade series: *Surefire* / Jack Higgins
Alibi Junior High / Greg Logstad
I, Q series / Roland Smith
Young Bond series / Charlie Higson

Historical Spy: *Wrapped* / Jennifer Bradbury

Steampunk Spy Tales: *The Hunchback Assignments* / Arthur Slade

The Dark Game: True Spy Stories / Paul B. Janeczko

Breaking Dawn Part 1



Breaking Dawn is a little gruesome and awkward at times, but it did stay true to the book. Like most books that have been turned into movies, not every single detail is going to be translated from the book to the movie.

This movie marks one of the most important times in Bella's and Edward's life, their marriage, and it just evolves from there. It could use a little more action, but overall it is a good movie.

READ A GOOD BOOK

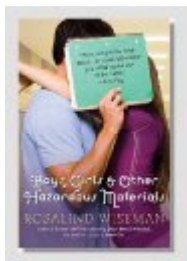
What Happened to Goodbye



is the newest addition to Sarah Dessen's collection of titles. Once again she's written a great book. A must read! Mclean Sweet life's turns upside down when her parents decide to get a divorce.

Sick and tired of the town people talking about her mother's affair, she decides to hit the road with her father, a restaurant consultant. Each new move allows Mclean to reinvent herself. Her latest move to Lakeview allows her to discover her true self and the desire to stay in one place for once. ~Allison

Boys, Girls, and other Hazardous Materials



is a lovely and interesting book in the perspective of a freshman girl named Charlie. Charlie has to survive the intense first year of high school, while some serious stuff is going on in the school varsity sports teams. Also to make things more exciting some special things happen in Charlie's love life. This book is full of interesting IM conversations and old friends or should I say old frenemies. This book is an addictive and exciting book that will make you wanting more action. ~Jaya

