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The book's overall score is based on several factors, including the number of people who voted for it, and how highly these voters rated the book. You must have account goodreads to vote. To vote on the existing books from the list, next to each book there is a link to vote for this book clicking it will add this book to their votes. To vote for a book not on the list or books that you couldn't find on the list, you can click on the tab to add books to that list and then choose from your books, or just search. Showing 1-50 of 687 let's face the coming age books are timeless and there are so many different ways you can make a connection. Sometimes the chief just so real, you can see your younger identity in their personality. In other cases, it is an experience. You've been through this before, or you know someone who has, and it strikes a chord. It may be similarities in the family dynamics where where You realize that your specific designated adults have no idea what they are doing. In most cases, it's just a struggle!™, growing up in a strange and surprising and stressful and scary in itself. So, the attention of adult adults, and children and teen adults- you are not alone. I present to you this list of must-read coming age books. So there is no order in particular. The best books about timely tell the wolves I'm at the home of Carol Rifka Brunt 1987. There's only one person who's ever really understood 14-year-old June Elbus, and that's her uncle, the famous artist Finn Weiss. Shy at school and far from her older sister, June can only be herself in Finn's company; he is her godfather, confidant and best friend. So when he dies, too young, from a mysterious disease that her mother can barely talk about, June's world is turned upside down. But Finn's death brings an unexpected familiarity to June's life - someone who will help her heal, and the question of what she thinks she knows about Finn, her family, and even her own heart. Hate U Give Angie Thomas Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The difficult balance between these worlds is destroyed when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of his childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a policeman. Khalil was unarmed. Thank you for signing up! Keep an eye on your inbox. By subscribing you agree to our terms of using Girls on the Moon Janet McNally Everyone in Phoebe Ferris's life tells a different version of the truth. Her mother, Meg, an ex-rock star and professional evaders, shares only the end of the story - the serenity after fame that Phoebe has always known. Her sister, Luna, an indie rock darling of Brooklyn, preaches the tumultuous truth about her own decision, selectively ignoring facts she doesn't like. And her father, Kieran, co-founder of meg's favourite band, hasn't said anything since he stopped calling three years ago. But Phoebe, an aspiring poet in search of an identity to call her, is tired of half-truths and vague explanations. When she visits Luna in New York, she is determined to find out how she fits into this family of storytellers, and perhaps even to continue her own story- the one with the musician boy she secretly wrote for months. The last illusion of the Hakpur Horrorists In the Iranian village, Hall's mad mother, terrified by the paleness of his skin and hair, is convinced that she has given birth to a white demon. She's hiding it in a birdcage for the next decade. Rescued by a behavioral analyst, Hall wakes up in New York to the possibility of the future. A short-grown and unfit teenager, he aspires to become a man as he stumbles to adulthood. Balance S. Jackson Remains of years switches between the perspectives of a young man, a champion, and his mother, Grace. Grace has just come out of an addiction treatment program, trying to stay clean and get her kids back. Champion tries to do the right thing by his mom and younger brothers, and dreams of returning the only home he and his family have ever shared. But selling crack is the only sure way he knows to achieve his dreams. In this world of few options and few opportunities where love is your strength and your weakness, this family fights for the family and against the fact that tears one apart . Every other weekend by Renee Summerfield's Sulema Set in the sun-scorched suburbs of late 1980s Southern California, every second weekend follows a creative eight-year-old girl whose oversized anxieties amplify when her family breaks and reform, and whose creeping foreboding that something terrible will happen in the most tragic and unexpected way. Every Exquisite Thing Matthew Fast Nanette O'Hara has played the quintessential star athlete and straight-student for as long as she remembers. But when a beloved teacher gives her his worn-out copy of *The Bugblegum Reaper* - a mysterious, unprintable cult classic - the rebel in Nanette awakens. Juliet takes the breath of Gabby Rivera Juliet Milagros Palante leaves the Bronx and headed to Portland, Oregon. She just went out to her family and isn't sure her mom would ever talk to her again. But Juliet has a plan to help her understand all this Puerto Rican lesbian. She's interning with the author of her favourite book: Harlow Brisbane, the ultimate power on feminism, women's bodies, and other gay-sounding things. Housekeeper and Professor Jaco Ogawa, translated by Stephen Snyder He is a brilliant professor of mathematics with a peculiar problem- ever since the traumatic head injury, he lived only eighty minutes of short-term memory. She is an astute young housekeeper, with a ten-year-old son who is hired to take care of him. Patricia Wood's lottery Intelligence Ratio perry is only 76, but he's not stupid. His grandmother taught him everything he needed to know to survive: she taught him to write things so he wouldn't forget them. She taught him how to play the lottery every week. And most importantly, she taught him to trust. When Graham dies, Perry remains an orphan and is deprived at the age of thirty-one years. Then his weekly Washington State lottery ticket wins him \$12 million, and he discovers that he has more family than he knows what to do with. Your heart muscle the size of Sunil Yapa's fist On a rainy, cold day in November, a young boyish Victor, A world traveler who has fled home intends to sell marijuana to 50,000 anti-globalization protesters gathered on the streets. It quickly becomes clear that the crowd determined to close the city, from environmentalists to teams and anarchists, is testing the patience of the police, and what began as a peaceful protest threatens to escalate into violence. American Street Ibi Soboy On the corner of American Street and Joy Road, Fabiola Toussaint thought she would finally find an une belle vie-good life. But after they leave Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Fabiola's mother is detained by U.S. immigration, leaving Fabiola to navigate her high-profile American cousins Chantal, Donna and Princess; the sandyness of the west side of Detroit; A new school and an amazing novel, all by itself. Disgruntled Asali Solomon Disgruntled... follows Kenya from West Philadelphia to the suburbs, from public school to private, from childhood to adolescence, as she becomes increasingly unhappy with her inability to find any place or thing or person who feels at home. Brooklyn Colm Tiban Ellis Lacey came of age in a small town of Ireland in the years after World War II. Although she was adept at accounting, she could not find a job in the miserable Irish economy. When an Irish priest from Brooklyn offers to sponsor Ellis in America to live and work in the Brooklyn area just like Ireland, she decides that she should go, leaving her fragile mother and her charismatic sister behind. Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe Benjamin Alira Sanchez Aristotle is an angry teenager with a brother in prison. Dante is all about anyone who has an unusual view of the world. When they meet in the pool, they seem to have nothing in common. But as singles begin to spend time together, they discover that they share a special friendship-kind that changes lives and lasts a lifetime. And it is through this friendship that Ari and Dante learn the most important truths about themselves and the people they want to see. The girl who fell from the sky Heidi W. Durrow Rachel - the daughter of a Danish mother and a black G.I., who becomes the only survivor of a family tragedy. With her strict African-American grandmother as her new guardian, Rachel moves into a predominantly black community where her light brown skin, blue eyes, and beauty attract mixed attention to her ways. Growing up in the 1980s, she learns to swallow her overwhelming grief and encounters her personality as a two-race young woman in the world who wants to see her as black or white. The Silver Sparrow Tyary Jones Set in a middle-class neighborhood in Atlanta in the 1980s, the novel revolves around two of James Witherspoon's family- public and secret. When daughters every family meets and forms a friendship, only one of them knows that they are sisters. This relationship is destined to explode when secrets are revealed and illusions are destroyed. Book Thief Marcus Susak Liesel scratches a meager existence for herself, stealing when she encounters something she can't resist-books. With the help of her adoptive father playing the accordion, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during the bombings, as well as with a Jewish man hidden in her basement before he is moved to Dachau. It's an unforgettable story about the ability of books to feed the soul. Apprentice beekeeper Laurie R. King Long retired, Sherlock Holmes quietly conducts his research into the behavior of honeybees on the Sussex Downs. He never thought he'd run into anyone whose intelligence matched his own, much less a brash teenage girl with a penchant for detection. Miss Mary Russell becomes Holmes' apprentice and quickly hones her talent for deduction, camouflage and danger. Bless me, Ultima Rudolfo Anaya Antonio Mahrez six years when Ultima enters his life. She is a curandera, one who heals with herbs and magic. We can't let her live her last days alone, says Antonio's mother. This is not the way of our people, agrees his father. And now Ultima lives with the Antonio family in New Mexico. Soon Tony is snipping to the threshold of masculinity. Always, Ultima looks after him. It adorns him with the courage to face childish bigotry, diabolical possession, his brother's moral collapse, and too many violent deaths. The quiet kind of thunder Sarah Barnard Steffi has been selectively dumb for most of her life, she's been silent for so long that she feels completely invisible. But Rhys, the new boy at school, sees her. He's deaf, and her knowledge of basic sign language means she's assigned to take care of him. Their eyes watched by God zor Neil Hurston Said in the fascinating voice of a woman who refuses to live in sadness, bitterness, fear, or silly romantic dreams, is the story of a light-skinned, fiercely independent Janie Crawford, and her evolving self-awareness through three marriages and a life marked by poverty, trials and goals. A curious incident with a dog at night by Mark Haddon While gifted with a superbly logical brain, for fifteen-year-old Christopher's everyday interactions and instructions make little sense. He lives by the templates, rules, and diagram stored in his pocket. Then one day, the neighbor's dog, Wellington, is killed and his carefully constructive is under threat. Christopher intends to solve the murder in the style of his beloved (logical) detective Sherlock Holmes. The brief wonderful life of Oscar Vao from Junot Diaz Things has never been easy for the Oscars, sweet but catastrophically overweight, loveick Dominican ghetto nerd. From his home in New Jersey, where he lives with his old-world mother and rebellious sister, Oscar dreams of becoming a Dominican J.R.R. Tolkien and, above all, to find love. But he can never get what he wants, thanks to the Fouquet-curse that has plagued oscar's family for generations, condemning them to prison, torture, tragic accidents, and, above all, ill-fated love. Oscar is still waiting for his first kiss, this is just his last victim. Dear Martin Nick Stone Justicece McAllister is top of his class and set for the Ivy League, but none of that matters to the cop who just put him in handcuffs. And despite the fact that he left his rough neighborhood behind, he can not escape the scorn of his former peers or the ridicule of his new classmates. Justicece looks at the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But are they holding on anymore? He starts a magazine for Dr. King to find out. The unique format of Poet X Elizabeth Acevedo Young Girl in Harlem discovers slam poetry as a way to understand her mother's religion and her own relationship to the world. The debut novel of the famous slam poet Elizabeth Acevedo. What I leave behind Alison McCee After his father commits suicide, Will tries to overcome his own suffering by secretly helping the people around him in this exquisitely created story, consists of a hundred chapters a hundred words each. Long Way Down By Jason Reynolds's Ode to Putting Damn Guns Down, is a finalist for the National Book Award and New York Times bestseller Jason Reynolds's fiercely stunning novel, which takes place in sixty powerful seconds - the time it takes a child to decide whether he's going to kill the guy who killed his brother. Sci-fifantasy/supernatural Binti Nnedi Okorafor Her name is Binti and she is the first of the Himba people ever to be offered a place at Oomza University, the best higher education institute in the galaxy. But accepting this offer would mean giving up her place in the family to travel between the stars among strangers who do not share her path or respect her customs. Goblin Emperor Katherine Addison the youngest, half-goblin son of the emperor lived his entire life in exile, far from the imperial court and the deadly intrigue that quenched him. But when his father and three sons in line to the throne die in an accident, he has no choice but to take his place as the only surviving legal heir. The Book of the Lost John Connolly High in his bedroom in the attic, twelve-year-old David mourns mourning his mother, only with books on the shelf for the company. But these books began to whisper to him in the dark. Angry and lonely, he takes refuge in his imagination and soon discovers that reality and fantasy began to merge. While his family falls apart around him, David is brutally driven into a world that is a strange reflection of his own, populated by heroes and monsters and ruled by a faded king who keeps his secrets in a mysterious book. The Book of Lost Things. Neil Gaiman's Cemetery Book Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be perfectly normal if he did not live in a sprawling cemetery, being raised and educated by ghosts, with a lone guardian who belongs neither to the world of the living nor to the dead. There are dangers and adventures in the cemetery for the boy. But if Pod leaves the cemetery, he is attacked by a man Jack, who has already killed the Family of Bod ... Sing, Unburied, Sing Jesmin Ward Jojo thirteen years old, and trying to understand what it means to be a man. His mother, Leonie, is in constant conflict with himself and others. She's black and her children's father is white. Fighting in a way that reflects the brutal reality of her circumstances, she wants to be a better mother, but cannot put her children above their own needs, especially her drug use. When the children's father gets out of prison, Leonie packs his children and friend into his car and drives north to the heart of Mississippi and Nchman Farm, a state prison. In Parham there is another boy, the ghost of a dead prisoner, who carries with him the whole ugly history of the south in his travels. He also has a lot to teach Jojo about fathers and sons, about heritage, about violence, about love. Becky Chambers Lovelace's closed and general orbit was once just an artificial intelligence ship. When she wakes up in a new body, after a complete shutdown and restart of the system, she doesn't remember what happened before. As Lovelace learns to negotiate the universe and find out who she is, she befriends Pepper, an excitable engineer who decided to help her learn and grow. Rob Dircks' wrong unit is a case of mistaken identity where a self-contained slave unit is tasked with delivering a package: a human baby that he ends up raising as they make their long journey to the house. Hannah Green and her unfeasible mundane existence michael Marshall Smith Hannah, a young girl living a mundane existence in California who discovers that her grandfather has been friends with the devil for the past 150 years ... And now, they need her help. Chaos Nalo Hopkinson The sixteen-year-old Scot struggles to fit in-house she's the perfect daughter, at the school she sassy, and thanks to her mixed heritage, she doesn't feel she belongs from the Caribbean, white or black. And even more disturbing, lately her skin is getting covered with a sticky black substance that can't be removed. Monster calls Patrick Ness In seven minutes after midnight, thirteen-year-old Conor wakes up to find the monster outside his bedroom window. But it's not the monster Conor expected - he's expecting one of his nightmares, a nightmare he's had almost every night since his mother started her treatment. The monster in his backyard is different. It's ancient. And wild. And he wants something from Conor. Something terrible and dangerous. He wants the truth. Non-Fiction Coming Of Age Books Born a Crime by Trevor Noah Born a Crime is the story of a mischievous boy who grows into a troubled young man who struggles to find himself in a world where he should never have existed. It is also the story of this young man's relationship with his fearless, rebellious and fervently religious mother, his teammate, a woman determined to save her son from a vicious cycle of poverty, violence and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life. Female warrior Maxine Hong Kingston Chinese American tells about Chinese myths, family stories and events of her Californian childhood that shaped her personality. It's a sensitive account of growing up women and Chinese American in California laundry. All Souls: A Family Story from Michael Patrick McDonald's Family Story In All Souls, McDonald takes us deep into the secret heart of Southie. With a radiant understanding, he opens up a contradictory world where residents are besieged by gangs and crime, but refuse to acknowledge any problems while remaining fiercely loyal to their community. Macdonald also introduces us to the unforgettable people who inhabit this proud neighborhood. Heart of The Berry. Theresa Marie's memoir The Heart of Berry is a powerful, poetic memoir by a woman aged on seabird Island indian reservation in the Pacific Northwest. Having experienced a deeply dysfunctional upbringing only to find themselves in hospital and face a double diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder and bipolar disorder II; Teresa Marie Mylhot is given a notebook and begins to write her way out of injury. The triumphant is Heart Berries, a memorial to Mayo's mother, a social worker and activist who dealt with prisoners; a story of reconciliation with her father, a cruel drunkard and a brilliant artist who was killed under mysterious circumstances; and an elegy about how hard it is to love someone by dragging long shadows of shame. cCLASSIC Coming Age Book By Maude Martha Gwendolyn Brooks... the only novel published by the respected poet Gwendolyn Brooks. Originally entitled Family Brown's work eventually came to symbolize some of Brooks's most provocative writing. In a novel that captures the essence of black life, Brooks acknowledges the beauty and power that lies in each of us. A tree growing in the Brooklyn Betty Smith story of the young, sensitive and idealistic Francie Nolan and her bitter formative years in the slums of Williamsburg at the turn of the century. Wrinkle in time Madeleine L'Engle Father Meg experimented with this fifth dimension of time travel when he mysteriously disappeared. Now it's time for Meg, her friend Kelvin, and Charles Wallace to save him. But can they outsmart the evil forces they will encounter in their hearts to stop the journey through space? The great hopes of Charles Dickens Humble, orphaned Pip is a disciple of the dirty work of a forge, but dares to dream of becoming a gentleman, and one day, in sudden and mysterious circumstances, he finds himself in possession of high expectations. A separate world of John Knowles Set at a boys boarding school in New England in the early years of World War II, a separate world of harrowing and glowing parables about the dark side of adolescence. Jean is a lonely, introverted intellectual. Phineas is a handsome, sneering, daredevil athlete. What happens between two friends one summer, like the war itself, banishes the innocence of these boys and their world. The house on Mango Street Sandra Cisneros said in a series of vignettes - sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyful - is the story of a young Latina girl growing up in Chicago, inventing for herself who and what she will become. Jane Eyre Charlotte Bronte tells the story of an orphaned Jane Eyre who grows up in her heartless aunt's house, experiencing loneliness and cruelty. This troubled childhood reinforces Jane's natural independence and the spirit that prove necessary when she finds work as a governess in the young chamber of Byronic, the brooding Mr. Rochester. The Secret Garden of Frances Hodgson Burnett When orphaned Mary Lennox comes to live in her uncle's large house on the Yorkshire moor, she finds it full of secrets. The mansion has almost a hundred rooms, and her uncle keeps himself locked up. And at night she hears the sound of crying on one of the long corridors. What is your favorite coming-of-age novel? Many of these coming age books above are close to my heart, but there are only so many special coming age books impossible to list them all. Let's try anyway. Leave your favorite adult books in the comments and keep this list growing (up). And while you're here, check out some of our other must-read lists. Lists.