

## READ-A-LIKES FOR TEENS: CLASSICS

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Similar titles are often proposed based on a book's subject category, its style of writing, timeline or the author's tone. Libraries often provide read-a-likes or reading lists for patrons; they frequently start with the phrase "If you liked this book... then you might also like this suggestion". Read-a-likes provide patrons with ideas and suggestions for their next read that have similarities with another book.

Classic novels are not always sought out by teens as everyday reading material. There are, however, many modern books inspired by the timeless stories with similar appeals. The following read-a-likes are ideas for those looking to find novels that may have been influenced by classic works. The list below focuses on teen reads, grouped into popular teen interest categories. Each

classic novel is followed by a list of proposed titles that young adults may enjoy.

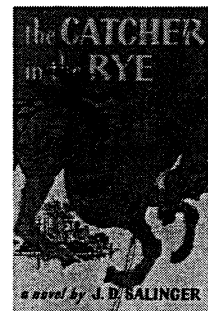
### ➤ Adventures

If you like ...

- *The Catcher in the Rye*, by J. D. Salinger

try:

- *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie
- *Looking for Alaska*, by John Green
- *Prep*, by Curtis Sittenfeld
- *Someday This Pain Will Be Useful To You*, by Peter Cameron
- *What I Was*, by Meg Rosoff



### ➤ Fantasy

If you like ...

- *Tuck Everlasting*, by Natalie Babbitt

try:

- *Wrinkle in Time*, Madeline L'Engle

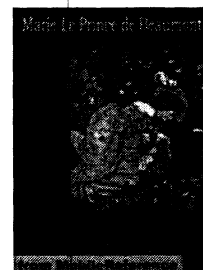
### ➤ Fairytales Repeated

If you like ...

- *Beauty and the Beast* by Gabrielle-Suzanne Barbot de Villeneuve

try:

- *Beastly*, by Alex Flinn
- *Princess of the Midnight Ball*, by Jessica Day George
- *Wildwood Dancing*, by Juliet Marillier
- *Violet Eyes*, by Debbie Viguie



➤ Afterlife

If you like ...

- *Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin

try:

- *Generation Dead* by Dan Waters
- *Ghostgirl* by Tonya Hurley

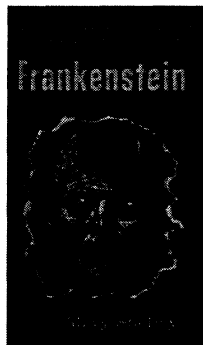
➤ Transformations: Strange fiction

If you like ...

- *Frankenstein*, by Mary Shelley

try:

- *Sara's Face*, by Melvin Burgess
- *Storm Thief*, by Chris Wooding
- *Uglies*, by Scott Westerfeld



➤ Extraordinary science fiction

If you like ...

- *The Time Machine*, by H. G. Wells

try:

- *Exodus*, by Julie Bertagna
- *The rule of claw*, by John Brindley
- *World War Z : an oral history of the zombie war*, by Max Brooks
- *Ender's game*, by Orson Scott Card
- *The roar*, by Emma Clayton

➤ Pirates

If you like...

- *Robinson Crusoe*, by Daniel Defoe

try:

- *The Pirate's Son*, by Geraldine



McCaughrean

- *The Outlaw Sea : A World of Freedom, Chaos, and Crime*, by William Langewiesche
- *The Wreckers*, by Iain Lawrence
- *Peter and the Starcatchers*, by Dave Barry & Ridley Pearson

➤ Rags to Riches

If you like ...

- *Vanity Fair*, by William Makepeace Thackeray

try:

- *A Tale of Two Pretties*, By Lisi Harrison
- *Vixen* by Jillian Larkin
- *Splendor*, by Anna Godbersen
- *Reality Check*, by Peter Abrahams

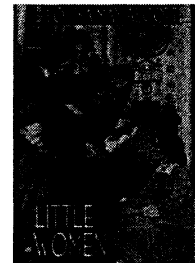
➤ A Good Story

If you like ...

- *Little Women*, by Louisa May Alcott

try:

- *The Sisters Club*, by Megan McDonald
- *The Exiles*, by Hilary McKay
- *The Penderwicks: a summer tale of four sisters, two rabbits, and a very interesting boy*, by Jeanne Birdsall
- *A little princess*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *Half magic*, by Edward Eager



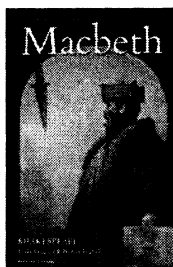
➤ Shakespeare, Revisited

If you like ...

- *Macbeth*, by William Shakespeare

try:

- *Enter Three Witches: A story of Macbeth*, by Caroline B. Cooney



If you like ...

- *Romeo and Juliet*, by William Shakespeare

try:

- *Saving Juliet*, by Suzanne Selfors
- *The Juliet Club*, by Suzanne Harper
- *Romeo's Ex: Rosaline's Story*, by Lisa Fiedler
- *Romiette and Julio*, by Sharon Draper
- *Street Love*, by Walter Dean Myers
- *Useful Fools*, by C. A. Schmidt

➤ Tearjerkers

If you like ...

- *A Lesson Before Dying*, by Ernest J. Gaines

try:

- *Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas*, by James Patterson

➤ Vampires

If you like ...

- *Dracula*, by Bram Stoker

try:

- *Twilight*, by Stephenie Meyer
- *Blue Bloods*, by Melissa de la Cruz
- *A Great and Terrible Beauty*, by Libba Bray
- *Wicked Lovely*, by Melissa Marr
- *Wildwood Dancing*, by Juliet Marillier
- *Vampire Diaries*, by L.J. Smith

➤ Wizards and Witches

If you like...

- *Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling

try:

- *The Lost Years of Merlin* by T. A. Barron
- *So You Want to Be a Wizard*, by Diane Duane
- *Howl's Moving Castle*, by Diana Wynne Jones
- *A Wizard's Dozen*, edited by Michael Stearns