

Free Reader's Advisory Resources Online

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General

a.k.a. (Also Known As)

<http://www.trussel.com/books/pseudo.htm>

"Author pseudonyms, aliases, nicknames, working names, legalized names, pen names, noms des plumes, maiden names, etc." More than 10,900 names are included along with a bibliography of sources used. There is also a list of authors with 10 or more pseudonyms.

FictionFinder

<http://fictionfinder.oclc.org/>

"FictionFinder is a project of OCLC Research that provides access to 2.8 million works of fiction found in the OCLC WorldCat database. With FictionFinder, you can search for books, eBooks, and audiobooks by titles, authors, ISBNs, and other information such as literary awards and book summaries. You can also browse the FictionFinder database by genre, fictional character, imaginary place or setting, and subject. When you discover an item you are interested in, FictionFinder can help you find a copy."

Genrefluent

<http://www.genrefluent.com>

"Genrefluent is your headquarters for information about Readers' Advisory and genre fiction for adults and teens. Here you will find reviews of novels in a variety of genres including, crime, science fiction, adventure, thrillers, romance, fantasy, horror, paranormal, historical fiction, westerns, and romance. Click on the teen page for reviews written by teens of current novels . There you will also find links for teen reviews of books nominated for YALSA selected lists."

LibraryThing Book Suggester

<http://www.librarything.com/suggest>

Enter the title of a book you like, and Library Thing will recommend a list of similar books. Enter a title in the UnSuggester, and it will give you a list of books that are unlikely to be in your personal library.

Overbooked

<http://www.overbooked.org/ra/index.html>

“Overbooked specializes in providing timely information about fiction (all genres) and readable nonfiction. Overbooked has been online since 1994.”

Some notable features: lists of books which have received starred reviews in three or more review sources, organized by year; an exhaustive list of reader’s advisory links.

The Reader’s Advisory Online Blog

<http://www.readersadvisoronline.com/blog/>

The blog aggregates many other blogs, columns and articles. It features book related news of note to librarians and readers.

Storycode

<http://www.storycode.com/>

“Every time you finish a book, tell us all about it. Our questions will code your experience of the story. Our system finds matches and makes recommendations.” You can also browse a database of books coded by other users, with links to read-alikes and recommended books.

What Should I Read Next?

<http://www.whatshouldireadnext.com/books/search>

A database that allows a user to enter a title and receive suggestions of books based on the recommendations of other users.

Whichbook

<http://www.whichbook.net/default.aspx>

Search for books by genre or type, including happy/sad, conventional/weird, funny/serious, romantic/realist, sex/no sex, and types of characters, plots, settings, etc. Each book has a reader comment, sometimes an extract, and the option to search for similar titles. The “borrow” link connects readers with libraries in the U.K.

Bestseller Lists

Bestseller Lists 1900-1995

www.caderbooks.com/bestintro.html

An annual list of bestselling fiction and nonfiction books from 1900-1995.

Book Sense Bestsellers

www.bookweb.org/booksense/bestsellers/

Weekly bestsellers based on sales from independent bookstores.

Publisher's Weekly Bestseller Lists

<http://www.publishersweekly.com/bestsellerslist/2.html?channel=bestsellers>

New York Times Bestseller Lists

<http://www.nytimes.com/pages/books/bestseller/index.html>

Booklists

Bibliography Index from Evanston Public Library

<http://www.evanston.lib.il.us/library/bibliographies/>

A great source of booklists on varied topics, such as "African-American Studies," "Europe," "Friendship," "Parents," and more.

Book Lists from Fiction_L

<http://www.webrary.org/rs/FLbklistmenu.html>

“Many discussion topics on Fiction_L, the Morton Grove Public Library's mailing list for reader's advisory issues, result in compilations of books on a particular theme, authors with similar styles, etc.” Many of these booklists are then made available on this website.

The Booklist Center

<http://home.comcast.net/~dwtaylor1/>

Currently over 340 lists in over 80 categories (including anthropology, Jewish culture, westerns, literary fiction, sports, and many more). The site was last updated in July 2004.

Waterboro Public Library Booklists

<http://www.waterborolibrary.org/oldsite/bklista.htm>

A large compilation of lists from many sources.

Books in the Media

Based on the Book

<http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/readers/movies/>

“Based on the Book is a compilation of over 1,200 books, novels, short stories, and plays that have been made into motion pictures. Utilizing the Internet Movie Database as the authority, all movies in this collection have been released as feature-length films in the United States, in English, since 1980.”

The Beat

http://www.kuow.org/programs/thebeat_books.asp

“Previously known as Nancy Pearl's Picks, Ms. Pearl's book reviews on Seattle's KUOW 94.9 Public Radio, are mandatory for readers. The director of the Washington Center for the Book reviews a range of titles from children's literature to science fiction.”

BookTV

<http://www.booktv.org/>

Books featured on CSPAN's weekend program, BookTV.

Oprah's Book Club

http://www2.oprah.com/obc_classic/obc_main.jhtml

NPR Books

<http://www.npr.org/templates/topics/topic.php?topicId=1032>

Books discussed on National Public Radio.

Graphic Novels

No Flying, No Tights

<http://www.noflyingnotights.com>

This site presents graphic novel reviews for teens and the people who work with them, like librarians, teachers and parents. You will find reviews arranged by subject and core lists for beginning collections.

Comics Worth Reading

<http://www.comicsworthreading.com>

Reviews of comics from a wide range of sources, from small, independent, and self-published presses to larger publishers like DC, Vertigo, and Dark Horse.

Reviews

NewPages Guide to Book Review Sources

<http://www.newpages.com/NPGuides/reviews.htm>

Series and Sequels

Juvenile Series and Sequels

<http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/readers/series/juv/>

The 'Juvenile Series and Sequels' database currently contains over 23,500 books in series titles that are classified into three audiences:

- * Young Adult – for high school-aged readers
- * Juvenile – appropriate for grade school through junior high-aged readers
- * Juvenile Easy – for young readers just beginning to read

What's Next

<http://ww2.kdl.org/libcat/WhatsNextNEW.asp>

"What's Next" from the Kent District Library helps you "search adult fiction in series. A "series" is two or more books linked by character(s), settings, or other common traits."

Teens

Grouchy.com

<http://www.grouchy.com/angst/>

List of "teen angst" books in various categories.

Waterboro Public Library Book Lists for Young Adults

<http://www.waterborolibrary.org/oldsite/bklisty.htm>

