



BOARDING SCHOOL BOOKS

- *The Secret History* by Donna Tartt: A group of friends at an elite New England college find themselves involved in a murder of one of their members [**FIC Tartt, Donna**]
- *Looking for Alaska* by John Green: When a teenage boy transfers to a boarding school in search of a life-changing experience, he finds more than he bargained for in the form of a girl named Alaska [**YA FIC Green, John**]
- *A Separate Peace* by John Knowles: Two friends with contrasting personalities—a popular & charismatic athlete, and a quiet intellectual—find their friendship changing forever one fateful summer [**CLASSIC FIC Knowles, John**]
- *Skippy Dies* by Paul Murray: Told from multiple perspectives, this black humor Irish novel revolves around a rowdy cast of characters at an Irish boarding school, and how their lives are affected when a student suddenly dies at a doughnut shop [**FIC Murray, Paul**]

CLASSIC SCHOOL STORIES

- *Little Men* by Louisa May Alcott: Sequel to the beloved novel *Little Women*, which follows Jo March and the students at her boarding school [**Children's Golden Oldie Alcott, Louisa May**]
- *Matilda* by Roald Dahl: A smart little girl with psychic powers must fight a wicked headmistress and help her kind-hearted teacher [**Children's Paperback, D**]
- *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier: Controversial book about a student at a Catholic high school who faces extreme bullying after refusing to participate in a chocolate selling fundraiser [**YA FIC Cormier, Robert**]
- *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* by Muriel Spark: an unconventional teacher in 1930s Edinburgh changes the lives of her students, for better and for worse [**CLASSIC FIC Spark, Muriel**]

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Books about students, teachers,
and schools

LEARNING AROUND THE WORLD

- *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi: Nafisi talks about her two years in Iran leading a group from her home where young Iranian girls could discuss western literature forbidden by the regime [**B N146.r 2003**]
- *Without You, There is No Us* by Suki Kim: For 6 months, Kim taught English at a school for the sons of North Korea's elite; her memoir gives an inside view of the isolated country's ruling class, and a glimpse of North Korea in the month's leading up to the death of Kim Jong Il [**951.93 K49w**]
- *On Hitler's Mountain* by Irmgard Hunt: Growing up in a village in the shadow of Hitler's Eagle's Nest retreat, this memoir tells the story of a young girl who gradually came to realize the stark difference between what she was taught and the reality of Hitler's Germany [**940.53161 H912o**]

TEACHER'S TALES

- *To Serve Them All my Days* by R.F. Delderfield: classic British novel about a private school teacher & his pupils in between the two world wars [**FIC Delderfield, R.F.**]
- *The Teacher Wars* by Dana Goldstein: Riveting history of public school teachers in America, which shows how the job has evolved and how many of the issues facing teachers today were also faced by teachers in the past [**371.102 G624t**]
- *Teacher Man* by Frank McCourt: Memoir of a teacher who taught for over 30 years in New York's public school system (by the author of *Angela's Ashes*) [**B M1316.te**]
- *I Wish My Teacher Knew* by Kyle Schwartz: Schwartz (a third grade teacher) asked her students to fill in the blank "I wish my teacher knew _____"; their answers give insight into the many issues American kids face today [**370.114 S399i**]

SCHOOLS OF MAGIC AND SCIENCE FICTION

- *A Great and Terrible Beauty* by Libba Bray: After her mother commits suicide, a teenage girl is sent to an English boarding school where she becomes friends with a powerful clique of girls who dabble in the supernatural, and learns of her own magical legacy [**YA FIC Bray, Libba**]
- *The Magicians* by Lev Grossman: A savvy prodigy discovers that magic is real after being accepted into the only college of magic in the U.S. [**FIC Grossman, Lev**]
- *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro: At a boarding school in England, children are raised to believe they are special, but are not told the dark truth behind their existence [**FIC Ishiguro, Kazuo**]
- *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling [**Children's Fiction Rowling, J.K.**]

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- *Bellweather Rhapsody* by Kate Racculia— Fifteen years after a murder-suicide in a hotel, a student goes missing at the same hotel during a high school music festival, and a darkly comic cast of characters must find out what happened to her as a snowstorm threatens to lock them in the hotel [**FIC Racculia**]
- *The Most Dangerous Place on Earth* by Lindsay Lee Johnson: High school stereotypes hide the darker nature of students at a rich public school in California [**FIC Johnson, Lindsey Lee**]
- *Dare Me* by Megan Abbott: Ambition & betrayal runs deep amongst a group of cheerleaders [**FIC Abbott, Megan E.**]
- *Acceptance* by Susan Coll: Humorous novel that provides an inside look at the helter skelter world of college admissions [**FIC Coll, Susan**]