

## Survival/Adventure Fiction

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Abrahams, Peter. **Reality Check** - After a knee injury destroys sixteen-year-old Cody's college hopes, he drops out of high school and gets a job in his small Montana town, but when his ex-girlfriend disappears from her Vermont boarding school, Cody travels cross-country to join the search.

Bodeen, S. A. **The Raft** - Robbie's last-minute flight to the Midway Atoll proves to be a nightmare when the plane goes down in shark-infested waters, but the real terror begins when the co-pilot Max pulls her onto the raft.

Dimaline Cherie. **The Marrow Thieves** - The indigenous people of North America are being hunted and harvested for their bone marrow, which carries the key to recovering something the rest of the population has lost: the ability to dream. In this dark world, Frenchie and his companions struggle to survive as they make their way up north to the old lands. For now, survival means staying hidden... but what they don't know is that one of them holds the secret to defeating the marrow thieves. \*

Gratz, Alan. **Refugee** - Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together. +

Heller, Peter. **The River** - Wynn and Jack have been best friends since freshman orientation, bonded by their shared love of mountains, books, and fishing. Wynn is a gentle giant, a Vermont kid never happier than when his feet are in the water. Jack is more rugged, raised on a ranch in Colorado where sleeping under the stars and cooking on a fire came as naturally to him as breathing. When they decide to canoe the Maskwa River in northern Canada, they anticipate long days of leisurely paddles and picking blueberries and nights of stargazing and reading paperback Westerns. But a wildfire making its way across the forest adds unexpected urgency to the journey. When they hear a man and woman arguing on the fog-shrouded riverbank and decide to warn them about the fire, their search for the pair turns up nothing and no one. But: The next day a man appears on the river, paddling alone. Is this the man they heard? And, if he is, where is the woman?

Hilton, James. **Lost Horizon** - On the northwestern frontier of India, Conway was a passenger on a plane taken over by a native pilot and never heard of again. What Conway found in Shangri-La makes the story. \*

Khoury, Jessica. **Kalahari** - Deep in the Kalahari Desert, a Corpus lab protects a dangerous secret. But what happens when that secret takes on a life of its own? When an educational safari goes wrong, five teens find themselves stranded in the Kalahari Desert without a guide.

Lake, Nick. **Hostage Three** - Seventeen-year-old Amy, her father, and her stepmother become hostages when Somali pirates seize their yacht, but although she builds a bond with one of her captors it becomes brutally clear that the price of life and its value are two very different things.

Lake, Nick. **Nowhere on Earth** - Sixteen-year-old Emily and her little brother Aidan are on board a plane bound for Anchorage. When the plane crashes, both kids and the pilot barely escape with their lives and are

left to fight for survival in the Alaskan wilderness. But there is worse to come -- Emily and Aidan are being chased, and their shady, unknown pursuers are closing in. As the kids go on the run, Emily finds herself in greater danger than she could have imagined. Because nothing in her life is what it seems -- not even the things she holds dearest of all.

Malerman, Josh. ***Bird Box*** - In an apocalyptic near-future world, a mother and her two small children are followed by something as they make their way down a river, blindfolded, in order to avoid seeing a terrifying entity that will drive them to deadly violence.

Marsden, John. ***Tomorrow When the War Began*** - Seven Australian teenagers return from a camping trip in the bush to discover that their country has been invaded and they must hide to stay alive.\*  
(plus, other six titles in "The Tomorrow Series")

Marshall, Kate Alice. ***I Am Still Alive*** - Jess hadn't seen her survivalist, off-the-grid dad in over a decade. But after a car crash killed her mother and left her injured, she was forced to move to his cabin in the remote Canadian wilderness. Just as Jess was beginning to get to know him, a secret from his past paid them a visit, leaving her father dead and Jess stranded. With only her father's dog for company, Jess must forage and hunt for food, build shelter, and keep herself warm. Some days it feels like the wild is out to destroy her, but she's stronger than she ever imagined. Jess will survive. She has to. She knows who killed her father . . . and she wants revenge. +

Martin, Charles. ***The Mountain Between Us*** - When young, attractive, and successful writer Ashley Knox, who is flying East from Salt Lake City for her wedding, is stranded in the High Uintas Wilderness after an airplane crash with Ben Payne, a doctor who is an avid climber, the two are forced to survive low temperatures and challenging terrain while learning about each other and possibly falling in love.

McCarthy, Cormac. ***The Road*** - In a novel set in an indefinite, futuristic, post-apocalyptic world, a father and his young son make their way through the ruins of a devastated American landscape, struggling to survive and preserve the last remnants of their own humanity. \*

McGinnis, Mindy. ***Be Not Far From Me*** - Lost in the Great Smoky Mountains, rising high school senior Ashley Hawkins must fight for survival without any tools, growing in awareness that the world is not tame, and neither are people.

McNamee, Graham. ***Acceleration*** - Stuck working in the lost and found department of the Toronto Transit Authority for the summer, seventeen-year-old Duncan finds the diary of a serial killer and sets out to stop him. \*

Mulligan, Andy. ***Trash*** - Fourteen-year-olds Raphael and Gardo team up with a younger boy, Rat, to figure out the mysteries surrounding a bag Raphael finds during their daily life of sorting through trash in a third-world country's dump.

Mullin, Mike. ***Ashfall*** - After the eruption of the Yellowstone supervolcano destroys his city and its surroundings, fifteen-year-old Alex must journey from Cedar Falls, Iowa, to Illinois to find his parents and sister, trying to survive in a transformed landscape and a new society in which all the old rules of living have vanished.  
(also, sequels titled *Ashen Winter* and *Sunrise* in Ashfall Trilogy.)

O'Brien Robert C. ***Z For Zachariah*** - Seemingly the only person left alive after the holocaust of a war, a young girl is relieved to see a man arrive into her valley until she realizes that he is a tyrant and she must somehow escape.

Pena, Matt de la. ***The Living*** - After an earthquake destroys California and a tsunami wrecks the luxury cruise ship where he is a summer employee, high schooler Shy confronts another deadly surprise.

Pfeffer, Susan Beth. ***Life As We Knew It*** - Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions. \* +

(also, sequels titled *The Dead and the Gone*, *The Shade of the Moon*, *This World We Live In*)

Punke, Michael. ***The Revenant*** -After fur trapper Hugh Glass is viciously mauled by a grizzly bear, he seeks revenge on the two men of his hunting party who robbed him and left him for dead. With grit and determination, Glass sets out crawling inch by inch across more than three thousand miles of uncharted American frontier in 1823.

Sanchez, Jenny Torres. ***We are Not From Here*** - Teens from Guatemala escape through Mexico and attempt to reach the U.S. border.

Sedgwick, Marcus. ***Revolver*** - Teenaged Sig Andersson, who lives in an isolated cabin in the Arctic Circle, confronts a stranger who has come to take revenge on Sig's dead father for his actions when the two men knew each other during the Alaska Gold Rush.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. ***Wild Bird*** - When her behavior escalates out of control, fourteen-year-old Wren is taken away to a wilderness therapy camp where she is forced to develop new skills, including the courage to ask for help. +

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