

Author:
King, A. S. (Amy Sarig), 1970-

Ages 9-12 Teen Fiction

Description:

Though her books frequently feature surreal or magical elements, **A.S. King's** character-driven writing cuts right to the heart of real-world issues. Her angst-filled characters are not always likable, but they're compelling and darkly funny as they confront grief, trauma, and broken relationships, often in a disturbing atmosphere of family and institutional dysfunction. Start with: Please Ignore Vera Dietz (Teens); Me and Marvin Gardens (Older Kids).

Book Appeal Terms: Definition of Appeal Terms

Genre: Magical realism; Realistic fiction

Character: Complex

Storyline: Character-driven; Intricately plotted; Nonlinear

Tone: Angst-filled; Darkly humorous; Emotionally intense; Suspenseful; Thought-provoking

Writing Style: Compelling

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1.  **Me and Marvin Gardens** (Jan 2017)

By: King, A. S. (Amy Sarig), 1970-

Obe Devlin spends a lot of his time cleaning up the creek that runs through what little is left of his family's once extensive farmland, and worrying about what the developers are doing nearby, and the pollution it is causing--but one day he finds a strange creature by his creek that eats plastic, and soon the animal he calls Marvin Gardens becomes his personal secret, which he believes needs to be protected from pretty much everybody.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Ages 9-12 Fiction

2.  **Still life with tornado** (Oct 2016)

By: King, A. S. (Amy Sarig), 1970-

"A talented 16-year-old artist slowly discovers the history of domestic violence behind why her brother left the family years earlier and why she suddenly cannot make art"--.

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Teen Fiction


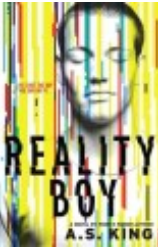



3.  **I crawl through it** (Sep 2015)

By: King, A. S. (Amy Sarig), 1970-

"A surrealist novel about four teenagers who find unconventional ways to escape standardized tests and their perilous world, and discover that the only escape from reality is to face it"--.

Lexile: 580 **Accelerated Reader:** IL: UG, BL: 4, AR Pts: 8

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ Teen Fiction

4.  **Glory O'Brien's history of the future** (Oct 2014)
By: King, A. S. (Amy Sarig), 1970-
 "As her high school graduation draws near, Glory O'Brien begins having powerful and terrifying visions of the future as she struggles with her long-buried grief over her mother's suicide"--.
Lexile: 610 **Accelerated Reader:** IL: UG, BL: 4.3, AR Pts: 9
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ Teen Fiction
5.  **Reality Boy** (Oct 2013)
By: King, A. S. (Amy Sarig), 1970-
 "An emotionally damaged seventeen-year-old boy in Pennsylvania who was once an infamous reality television show star, meets a girl from another dysfunctional family, and she helps him out of his angry shell"--.
Lexile: 620 **Accelerated Reader:** IL: UG, BL: 3.8, AR Pts: 10
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ Teen Fiction
6.  **Ask the passengers** (Oct 2012)
By: King, A. S. (Amy Sarig), 1970-
 Imagining that she is sending love to passengers in airplanes flying overhead, Astrid Jones, a teen from a small town torn by gossip and narrow-mindedness, struggles with her family's dysfunction and hides her love for another girl.
Lexile: 630 **Accelerated Reader:** IL: UG, BL: 3.9, AR Pts: 9
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ Teen Fiction
7.  **Everybody sees the ants** (Oct 2011)
By: King, A. S. (Amy Sarig), 1970-
 Overburdened by his parents' bickering and a bully's attacks, fifteen-year-old Lucky Linderman begins dreaming of being with his grandfather, who went missing during the Vietnam War, but during a visit to Arizona, his aunt and uncle and their beautiful neighbor, Ginny, help him find a new perspective.
Lexile: 710 **Accelerated Reader:** IL: UG, BL: 4.2, AR Pts: 9
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ Teen Fiction
8.  **Please ignore Vera Dietz** (Oct 2010)
By: King, A. S. (Amy Sarig), 1970-
 When her best friend, whom she secretly loves, betrays her and then dies under mysterious circumstances, high school senior Vera Dietz struggles with secrets that could help clear his name.
Lexile: 830 **Accelerated Reader:** IL: UG, BL: 4.8, AR Pts: 10
Popularity: ★★★★★☆ Teen Fiction

9.



The dust of 100 dogs (Feb 2009)

By: King, A. S. (Amy Sarig), 1970-

Cursed to live the lives of 100 dogs, a seventeenth-century pirate finally returns to life as a human being and has only one thing on her mind--to recover the treasure she had buried in Jamaica three hundred years before.

Accelerated Reader: IL: UG, BL: 5.3, AR Pts: 11

Popularity: ★★☆☆☆ **Teen** **Fiction**