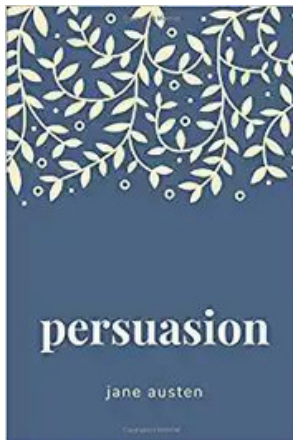




# Candice Pedraza Yamnitz's BOOK LIST

## A NOTE TO THE READERS

If you like a clean teen book, you are in good company. The reason I got started writing was to produce quality teen fiction with edifying messages because I couldn't find it. Little did I know, there are many other creators with the same mission. I'm going to start the list with classics I love, so you know my style. Then, I will get into newer books I enjoyed. I hope you find books for your teens to enjoy and discuss.

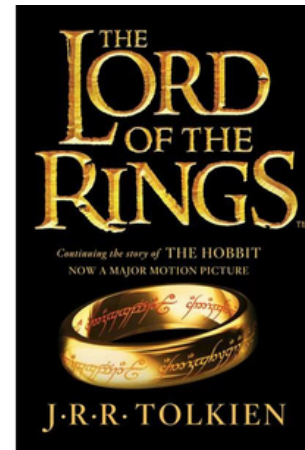


## Persuasion

Pride and Prejudice usually gets all the praise, and I agree that it is a delightful story. Even so, Persuasion is a much more engaging read. It contains the tongue in cheek humor, second chance love, and a commentary on regency life. I believe this book and is a good read for girls who are sixteen years old and up.

Some questions to ask after reading this book:

1.) How would you have handled Anne Elliot's pressure to not marry Fredrick Wentworth? 2.) What constitutes good insight from others versus bad advice? 3.) How much do you let others influence your decisions?



## The Lord of the Rings

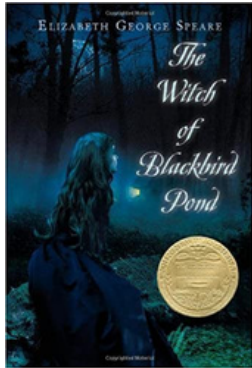
This book sparked my love for reading. If you have a hesitant reader, you might encourage your teen to skip the songs (I skipped them the first time I read this book). It's a great read for teen girls and boys who love a good fantasy story. The violence isn't graphic, and the message is deep.

Some questions to ask: 1.) How was the book different from the movie? 2.) What is Tolkien saying about good and evil? 3.) What answer does Tolkien give for defeating evil?

**CLASSICS LIST CONTINUES.**



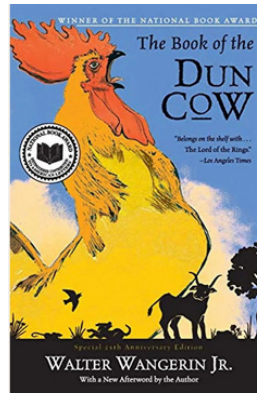
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## The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare

This is a great historical account of the Salem witch trials. Girls who are twelve and up would love this one. There is romance and a lot of tension.

Some questions to ask after reading are: 1) How would you have responded to moving to Connecticut in 1687 by yourself? 2.) Why do you think people didn't respond well to Kit? 3.) What in the Bible would help guide this town to making better decisions?



## The Book of the Dun Cow by Walter Wangerin Jr.

Want to read a Christian fantasy allegory told from the perspective of a rooster? I first read this book in college, but I believe a thoughtful teenager would enjoy the epic adventure.

Questions: 1.) Why is the story told through the perspective of a rooster?  
2.) What message is the author sending about Christian living?  
3.) What is the author trying to say about God?

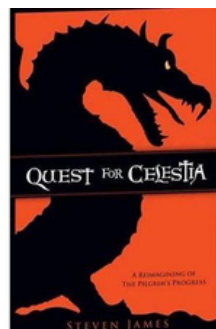
## CHRISTIAN ALLEGORY BOOK LIST



## Avalon by Valerie Howard

Valerie Howard wrote an allegory about the Christian walk.

Questions: 1.) What distracts you from walking with God?  
2.) What image in this book stuck out the most? Why?  
3.) What possible answers are given about human suffering?



## Quest for Celestia by Steve James

Steven James retold *Pilgrim's Progress*. It mentions sexual sin but there's nothing vulgar. This would be a great book to compare and contrast the original book.  
Question: 1.) What obstacles were there in Kadin's walk? 2.) What obstacles do they represent in your life?



# CONTEMPORARY BOOK LIST

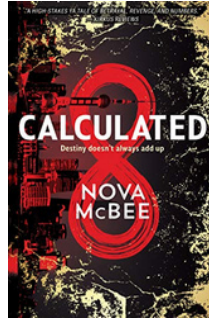


## Porch Swing Girl by Taylor Bennett

This book is about Olive a girl who just lost her mom to cancer and gets left by her dad in Hawaii with her grandmother. At first, Olive isn't handling her situation well. As the story goes on, you get to see a sick friend and friendly Christian boy make a difference. It was very refreshing seeing youth group in a book. Here's a fun fact. Taylor Bennett wrote this book as a young teen, and it was published when she was 16 years old.

**Warning:** There is romance and maybe a kiss.

**Questions:** 1.) How did Olive change? 2.) What role did youth group play in her story? 3.) What gave Olive empathy for her dad?

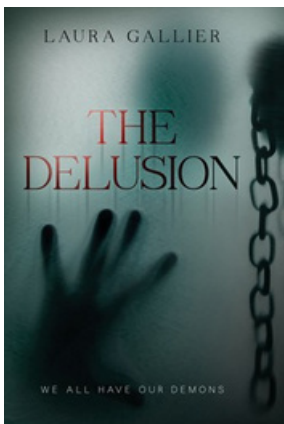


## Calculated by Nova McBee

Pick up this book for a wild ride. It's a thriller about a genius girl who gets trafficked to China to work for criminal organizations. The plot jumps back a forth at the beginning but it all evens out by the end. The next two books in the series are told sequentially. This book is being made into a movie. This book is great for teen boys and girls 13+ **Warnings:** People get beat up and die. There is an insinuation that other girls are trafficked for different reason than Jo. There is light romance with a kiss at the end. The focus is more on saving the world from economic crisis and revenge.

**Questions:** 1.) Would it be easy for you to choose between revenge and doing what's right? 2.) Would you trust Chan? Why or why not? 3.) Do you think Jo could ever live a normal life again? Why?

## The Delusion by Laura Gallier



This is a contemporary speculative book about a boy whose school is plagued with suicides. Through an encounter at a well on his property, a man gives him water that allows him to see demons. This book is about spiritual warfare, and it's perfect for teen boys and girls 13+.

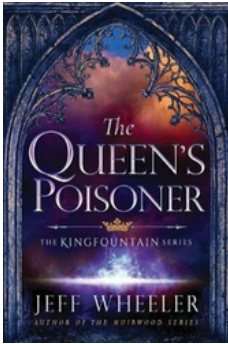
**Warnings:** There are demons, a party, drinking, and suicides. It's all tactfully done.

**Questions:** 1.) What do you think you would actually see if you could see the spiritual realm? Would it be like this book? 2.) Where in the Bible does it talk about spiritual warfare? 3.) Which scene most impacted you? Was it the one with the child misbehaving at the store? Why?



# FANTASY BOOK LIST

## The Queen's Poisoner by Jeff Wheeler



If you love a magical world with royal intrigue, this is for you. Also, this book series is told through the male perspective which makes it a good read for 13+ boys and girls. If you love this book, there are plenty more in the series.

**Warnings:** This book dives in a brutal world where killings happen and the main character is a bastard (yes, that word is used). Besides that, it's not vulgar. Good is good and bad is bad. There is a sense of prayer to a singular God. Magical abilities are the norm in this fantastical world.

**Questions:** 1.) What makes you want to follow Owen through his adventures? 2.) What was the most exciting part of Owen's time with King Severn? 3.) Was making the king believe Owen had a special ability right or wrong?

## Crown of Secrets by Melanie Cellier



This book is a royal magical world meets a boarding school. Melanie has a way of pulling you into the world and showing you an intricate magical system. There are many more books in the series too. This book is perfect for 13+ girls.

**Warnings:** No spicy romance. There's maybe a kiss, but nothing descriptive. People get hurt, but I never felt like it got too descriptive.

**Questions:** 1.) How does Verene handle her insecurities? 2.) Why were you or why were you not surprised by who the villain was at the end? 3.) Would you keep your new ability hidden like Verene?

## Waterfall by Lisa T. Bergren



This book captured my attention from beginning to end. The idea of being transported back into Medieval Italy tickles my imagination. This book is great for 13+ teen girls. Also, there are multiple books in the series and a spinoff series releases in June.

**Warnings:** There are sword fights, illnesses, and death. Nothing was vulgar. The one part that is more heavily discussed is the physical attraction between the protagonist and love interest. The book does not contain spice but someone who is interested in romance might appreciate it more.

**Book Questions:** 1.) What would you have wanted to see in Medieval Tuscany?

2.) What part of Gabi's trip would you dislike the most?

3.) How are people different and the same as people in your culture and time?



# Candice Pedraza Yamnitz's TO-BE-READ LIST



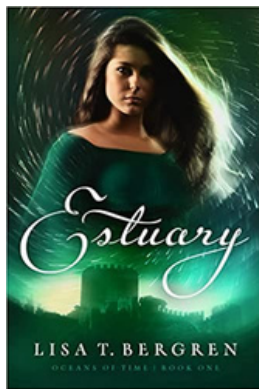
I loved Morgan L. Busse's *Mark of the Raven*, and I can't wait to dig into more of her books. Morgan is a Christian author who writes edgy fantasy.



## NOTE TO SUBSCRIBERS

There are so many books I still haven't read. I'm sending out a newsletter once a month with my thoughts, warnings, and questions. Please respond to my newsletter with your book suggestions. I'll try to read as many as possible.

I love a good dystopian book. I've been meaning to read *The Chase* for some time. Bradley Caffee is a Christian author with a small Christian press.



Did I mention that I love Lisa T. Bergren books? Her newest book releases June 2023, and it is already in my TBR list. It's releasing through Enclave Publishing, a Christian fantasy and sci-fi publisher.

# Thank you for subscribing! I look forward to sharing more books with you.