

PLAYAWAY TITLES IN THE YOUNG ADULT AREA

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie. Read by the author. Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

Catherine, Called Birdy by Karen Cushman. Read by Jenny Sterlin. The thirteen-year-old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.

Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac. Read by Derrick Henry. After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon. Read by Jeff Woodman. Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens. Read by Frank Muller. The adventures of an orphaned young man in Victoria England who is given a great deal of money by an unknown benefactor to enable him to live as a gentleman, pursuing a good education and fulfilling great expectations.

The Odyssey by Homer. Translated by George Herbert Palmer. Read by Norman Dietz. Homer's epic poem describes the wanderings of Odysseus after the fall of Troy.

Red Moon at Sharpsburg by Rosemary Wells. Read by Julia Gibson. As the Civil War breaks out, India, a young Southern girl, summons her sharp intelligence and the courage she didn't know she had to survive the war that threatens to destroy her family, her Virginia home, and the only life she has ever known.

Schooled by Gordon Korman. Read by various narrators. After his hippie grandmother ends up in the hospital, Cap Anderson is forced to leave the commune where he is homeschooled & attend public school, where his odd looks & behavior make him the target of bullies.

Sunrise over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers. Narrated by JD Jackson. Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion.

Tangerine by Edward Bloor. Narrated by Ramon de Ocampo. Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.

The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien. Read by Tom Stechschulte. This depicts the men of Alpha Company as they battle the enemy, and occasionally each other. In their relationships we see their isolation and loneliness, their rage and fear. They miss their families, their girlfriends and buddies; they miss the lives they left back home. Yet they find sympathy and kindness for strangers, and love for each other, because in Vietnam they are the only family they have.

Uglies by Scott Westerfeld. Read by Carine Montbertrand. Just before their sixteenth birthdays, when they will be transformed into beauties whose only job is to have a great time, Tally's best friend runs away and Tally must find her and turn her in, or never become pretty at all.