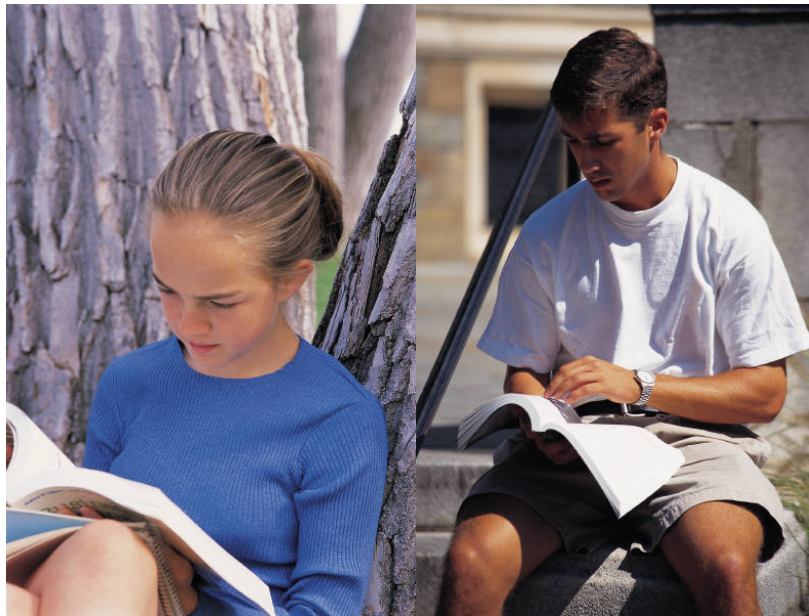


Reading Profiles: Solutions and Strategies for the Young Adult Male Reader



SOME KEY QUESTIONS FOR LIBRARIANS, PARENTS, AND TEACHERS TO CONSIDER

What are young adults reading?

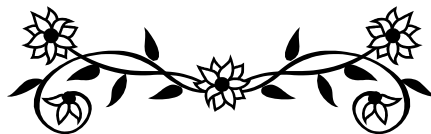
What are their reading habits?

What is the difference between boys' and girls' reading profiles?

How can parents encourage their daughters and sons to read?

Strategies for Encouraging Your Son to Read

- Model reading in the home by reading newspapers, magazines, catalogues and books.
- Leave books around the house. Buy some books that you think would be of interest. Take out books from your local or school library.
- For those boys who want to retain their individual images, reading may be seen as a private experience. Respect that he may not want to share his thoughts about his selected books or be praised for reading.
- Subscribe to a magazine that reflects his interests.
- Encourage him to share the musical lyrics of a song he likes. Music is an entry point into literacy.
- Recognize that reading for information is as legitimate as reading literature. Acknowledge this factor to your son when he follows written instructions for putting together a skateboard or reads the sports section of a newspaper.
- Some children love acquiring factual knowledge, especially trivia and facts. Websites provide a knowledge base for their development in this area.
- Encourage family members and friends, who are role models, to give him a book along with other presents. A book about Anthony Calvillo or Wayne Gretzky, along with a football or hockey helmet, would be a start in the right direction.
- Let your youngster make his choices at the bookstore or library. Never re-direct him to another book or be critical about his tastes. Let him choose books that may be comforting or those with attractive photos or pictures. It is also important to allow him to explore various topics even if they are not considered to be boy-friendly.
- If your son shows an interest in a car, musical group or instrument, seek out books on that subject.
- Try reading aloud from a book in which your son has expressed interest but finds difficult to read.
- Choose a book together that you may wish to donate to a library in your names. This will enlist a sense of community with other readers.



Types of Readers: Boys

Enthusiastic: reads everything, very quickly

- Sign of the *Qin*: The Outlaws of Moonshadow Marsh, No. 1 by L. G. Bass
- Eragon by Christopher Paolini
- A Wizard Alone by Diane Duane
- The Magician's Ward by Patricia C. Wrede
- Double Helix by Nancy Werlin
- D-Day: The Greatest Invasion-A People's History by Dan Van Der Vat
- So You Want to Be A Wizard: The First Book in the Young Wizards by Diane Duane
- Promises To Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America by Sharon Robinson
- Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment by James Patterson
- The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams

Budding Psychosociologist: is interested in human and social issues

- Coach: Lessons on the Game of Life by Michael Lewis
- Teen Miracles: Extraordinary Life-Changing Stories by America's Teens by Marsha Arons
- Wake up Our Souls: A Celebration of Black American Artists by Tonya Bolden
- Working Fire: The Making of an Accidental Fireman by Zac Unger
- The Radioactive Boy Scout: The True Story of a Boy and His Backyard Nuclear Reactor by Ken Silverstein
- Can't Get There From Here by Todd Strasser
- Hanging On to Max by Margaret Bechard
- Pirates by Celia Rees
- The Shakespeare Stealer by Gary Blackwood
- The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights by Russell Freedman
- Walk the Wild Streets by Tracy Baer

- Tunnels of Terror by Mary Harelkin Bishop
- Al Capone Does My Shirts: a Novel by Gennifer Choldenko
- My Dear Young Friends: Pope John Paul II Speaks to Teens on Life, Love and Courage

Sociable: likes discussion and discovering new things

- The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey
- Don't Sweat the Small Stuff For Teens by Richard Carlson
- Teen Miracles: Extraordinary Life-Changing Stories by America's Teens by Marsha Arons.
- Backstage at a Movie Set by Katherine Wessling
- Bird by Angela Johnson
- America by E.R.Frank
- Sky: A novel in 3 sets and an encore by Roderick Townley

Athlete: reads when he has to

- The Boys of Winter: the Untold Story of a Coach, a Dream, and the 1980 U.S. Olympic Hockey Team by Wayne Coffey and Jim Craig
- The Boys of Spring: Timeless Portraits from the Grapefruit League, 1947-2005 by Ozzie Sweet, Larry Canale
- Season of Life: A Football Star, a Boy, a Journey to Manhood by Jeffrey Marx
- The Young Man and the Sea by Rodman Philbrick
- Heck, Superhero by Martine Leavitt
- The Million Dollar Goal by Dan Gutman

Solitary Hedonist: likes beautiful books and rereading his favourite authors

- Blood Red Horse by K. M. Grant
- Gifts by Ursula Leguin
- The Harry Potter Series by JK Rowling
- The Lord of the Rings by JRR Tolkien
- The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint Exupery

- Eldest Eragon boxed set by Christopher Paolini
- The Crystal Cave by Mary Stewart
- The Shannara Trilogy by Terry Brooks
- The Silmarillion by JRR Tolkien

Resistant Readers: does not like to read but can do so after a fashion

- Crabbe by William Bell
- Thunderbird Spirit by Sigmund Brouwer
- Sammy and Juliana in Hollywood by Benjamin Alire Saenz
- Teen Dream Jobs: How to Get the Job You Really Want Now by Nora Coon
- Andy Warhol: Prince of Pop by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan
- The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place by E.L. Konigsburg
- So You Wanna Be A Rock Star? How to Create Music, Get Gigs, and Maybe Even Make It Big by Stephen Anderson
- Rock Star, Superstar by Blake Nelson
- The Teacher's Funeral by Richard Peck
- From the Inside: Linkin Park's Meteora by Steve Baltin
- Superman: Secret Identity by Kurt Busi

Defiant Readers: Refuses to Read

- The Homer Book: The Simpson's Library of Wisdom
- Have Board Will Travel. By Jamie Brisick
- So What? The Good, the Mad and the Ugly: The Official Metallica Illustrated Chronicles.
- Summer Boys by Hailey Abbot
- The Best of Say Anything
- In the Paint: Tattoos of the NBA and the Stories Behind Them by Andrew Gottlieb
- The Official Movie Plot Generator: 27,000 Hilarious Movie Plot Combinations by Jason and Justin Heimberg

- Monster Garage: How to Customize Everything by Lee Klancher
- There's a God on the Mic: The True 50 Greatest MC's by Moe Dee Cool
- Airborn by Kenneth Oppell
- Choppers: Heavy Metal by Mike Seate
- Confessions of a Backup Dancer by Tucker Shaw



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