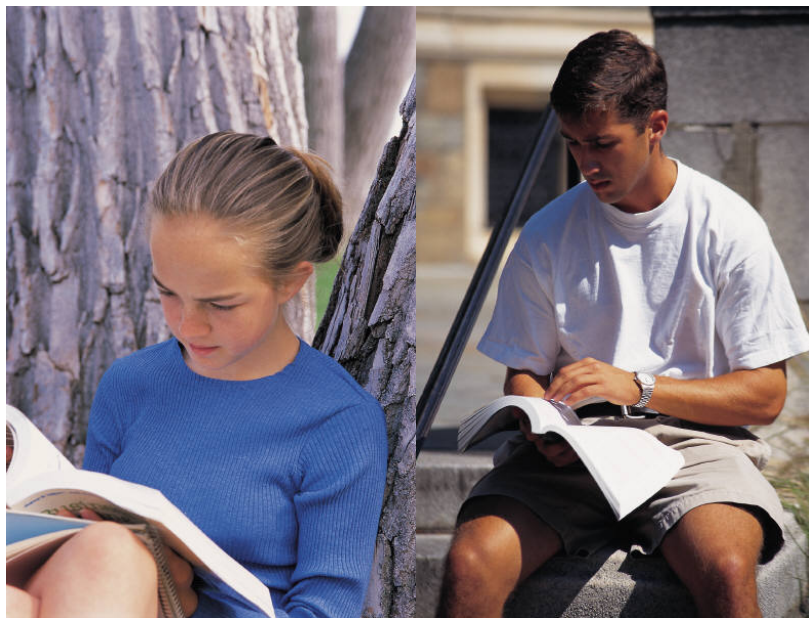


Reading Profiles: Solutions and Strategies for the Young Adult Female Reader



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 Daughter to Read

- Model reading in the home by having magazines, newspapers, and a variety of books available.
- Buy books based on films or television shows. These are hooks that lead to a renewed interest in texts.
- Encourage your daughter to write down the lyrics of her favourite songs. Music is the bridge to both writing and reading poetry.
- Take your daughter to a book store in a mall during a shopping day. Allow her to select her individual style of reading. Encourage her to buy a gift certificate for a friend.
- Take books out of the local library. Model the love of reading within your community.
- Visit the school library and talk to the librarian about strategies for promoting reading.
- Buy books on CD and play them in the car or at home.
- Select biographies of your daughter's heroes in the bookstore. She will be engaged in reading about them.
- Encourage your daughter to write a letter to her favourite author to give feedback about a book.
- Form a book club and invite your daughter to read its selection. She may want to bring a friend as a participant.
- Buy books of a topical nature written for young women.
- If your daughter loves sports, try to find books about her favourite athletes.
- Never criticize your daughter's tastes in books. Instead, offer to read one that she has recommended. Nothing succeeds like the bond between readers.



Profiles of Readers: Girls

Avid: reads everywhere all the time

- Boy2Girl by Terence Blacker
- Chanda's Secrets by Allan Stratton
- The Second Summer of the Sisterhood by Ann Brashares
- The Harry Potter Series by JK Rowling
- Tithes: A Modern Fairy Tale by Holly Black
- Who Am I Without Him? Short Stories About Girls and the Boys in their Lives by Sharon G. Flake
- The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funk
- Abhorsen by Garth Nix
- America by E. R. Frank
- Dear Great American Writer's School by Sherry Bunin
- With Courage and Cloth: Winning the Right for a Woman's Right to Vote by Ann Bausum
- The Year of Secret Assignments by Jaclyn Moriarty
- Sunshine by Robin McKinley
- Dead Girls Don't Write Letters by Gail Gilles
- North by Night: The Story of the Underground Railroad by Katherine Ayres
- King of Shadows by Susan Cooper
- Nellie's Quest by Connie Brummel Crook

Impulsive Reader: browses through a number of books

- My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult
- Inkheart by Cornélius Funk
- Curse of the Blue Tattoo by L.A. Meyer
- Once Upon a Marigold by Jean Ferris
- The Garden by Elsie V. Aidinoff

- Nothing Can Keep Us Together: A Gossip Girl Novel by Cecily Von Ziegesar
- Prom by Laurie Anderson
- The Blue Mirror by Kathe Koja
- Behind You by Jacqueline Woodson
- How I Live Now by Meg Rosoff

Selective: is interested in current events, is aware of her preferences, chooses her own books

- CosmoGIRL: Quiz Book All About You
- Girltalk: All the Stuff Your Sister Never Told You
- Don't Sweat the Small Stuff for Teens: Simple Ways to Keep Your Stressful Times by Richard Carlson
- Teen Queens and Has Beens by Cathy Hopkins
- The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens: Personal Workbook by Sean Covey
- Mad About the 90's: The Best of the Decade, DC Comics

Dreamer: creates an atmosphere, escapes in novels

- The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett with illustrations by Tasha Tudor
- Pepperland by Mark Delaney
- The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman
- Sabriel by Garth Nix
- Flowers in the Attic by V.C. Andrews
- Lirael: Daughter of the Clayr by Garth Nix
- Spinners by Donna Jo Napoli
- Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett and Brett Helquist
- The Sea of Trolls by Nancy Farmer
- The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
- A Life God Rewards for Teens by Dr. Bruce Wilkinson

Active: is too busy to read for pleasure, is interested in current events

- Talking About My Life: Real-Time Advice from Girls Like You
- The Rules for Teens: How to Keep Your Crush Crushing On You by Meg Schneider
- They Broke the Law - You Be the Judge: True Cases of Teen Crime by Thomas A. Jacobs
- Guitar Girl by Sarra Manning
- Ruby Gloom's Keys to Happiness by Clam Lynch
- Vegan Virgin Valentine by Carolyn Mackler
- Dream On by Laura Peyton Roberts
- I Was A Non-Blonde Cheerleader by Kieran Scott

Busy: likes only magazines, since she has a lot of activities

- More Taste Berries for Teens: Inspirational Short Stories by Bettie B. Youngs
- Chicken Soup Series by Jack Canfield
- Letting Go of Bobby James or How I Found My Self of Steam by Valerie Hobbs
- Girls in Pants by Ann Brashers
- Teen Idol by Meg Cabot





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