

## Sources to Get in the YA Mindset

### Teen Magazines

*COSMOgirl!*  
*ELLEgirl*  
*Teen Vogue*  
*Girls' Life (GL)*  
*Seventeen*  
*Teen*  
*Teen People*  
*YM*  
*J-14*  
*Teen Voices*  
*Justine*  
*\*Cosmopolitan*  
*\*Us Weekly*  
*\*Maxim*  
*\*Adult mags commonly read by teens*

### Teen shopping

#### *Clothing*

Charlotte Russe -- girls  
Forever 21 -- girls  
Abercrombie & Fitch -- girls and boys  
American Eagle -- girls and boys  
PacSun (surf and skate-inspired clothing) -- girls and boys  
Aeropostale -- girls and boys  
The Gap -- girls and boys  
Buckle -- girls and boys  
Old Navy -- girls and boys  
Hot Topic (goth and punk) -- girls and boys

Know what style your teen would wear but have no idea where she/he would shop? Check out the descriptions of retailers at About.com's "teen online shopping" area (address on Useful Web sites handout).

### "Classic" Teen Novels (Books/series with which you should be familiar)

**MEG CABOT!!** -- The undisputed queen of teen fiction. Some of her books include:

*The Princess Diaries* series  
*1-800-WHERE-R-U*  
The Mediator series  
*How to Be Popular*  
*Pants on Fire*  
*Jinx*  
*Avalon High*

From the Cinema to The CW: Using Pop Culture in Your Young Adult Novel  
(Milburn & Linker)

**Stephanie Meyer** -- She knocked *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* out of the No. 1 slot on the *New York Times* bestseller list! (Movie of *Twilight* due out this December.)

*Twilight*  
*New Moon*  
*Eclipse*  
*Breaking Dawn* (due out Aug. 2, 2008)

**Sarah Mlynowski**

*Bras and Broomsticks*  
*Frogs and French Kisses*  
*Spells and Sleeping Bags*

**Scott Westerfeld**

*Midnighters* series (*The Secret Hour*, *Touching Darkness*, *Blue Noon*)  
*Uglies* series (*Uglies*, *Pretties*, *Specials*, *Extras*)

*Gossip Girl* series by Cecily von Ziegesar (also a TV show in The CW)  
*The Clique* series by Lisi Harrison  
*The A-List* series by Zoey Dean

**Other YA authors:**

This year's RITA finalists -- Melissa Marr, Kelli Parra, Maureen Johnson, Simone Elkeles

Marley Gibson, Stephanie Hale, Stephe Davis, Tina Ferraro, Tera Lynn Childs, Tamora Pierce, Juli Heaton, Christopher Paolini, Holli Black, Sarah Dessen, Libba Bray, Ellen Hopkins

And many, many more. Just cruise the YA section at your local bookstore or library. Ask the booksellers or YA librarians what kids are reading.

Teen TV/Movies

Watch shows that are popular with or targeted toward teens or younger audiences (*Gossip Girl*, *One Tree Hill*, *Smallville*, *Supernatural*, *America's Next Top Model*) and frequent the online forums about these shows.

Hit your local video store or Netflix for DVDs of past teen favorites like *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Roswell*, *Charmed*, *Dawson's Creek*, *Freaks and Geeks*, *Popular*, *My So-Called Life*, *Gilmore Girls*, *The OC*, *Felicity*, *Everwood*.

Also watch lots of teen movies.

Useful Web sites

[www.teenreads.com](http://www.teenreads.com)

[www.bookdivas.com](http://www.bookdivas.com)

<http://www.grouchy.com/angst/> -- a "celebration of teenage angst and personal discovery"  
Site discusses favorite books of teenage angst.

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<http://www.connectingya.com/> -- Articles, books, links, and presentations by legendary YA librarian Patrick Jones, including core collections of graphic novels and YA titles.

<http://www.hbook.com/magazine/default.asp> -- Bimonthly magazine contains reviews of the newest books available, plus articles and columns covering a variety of aspects of children's books and more.

[www.noflyingnotights.com](http://www.noflyingnotights.com) -- graphic novel review site for teens.

<http://www.scils.rutgers.edu/~kvander/YoungAdult/index.html> --scholarly look at YA literature by a Rutgers professor.

<http://www.alan-ya.org/> -- Assembly for Literature on Adolescence

[http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Teen\\_Read\\_Week](http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Teen_Read_Week) -- targeted toward YA librarians, but there's some good teen-related info here.

<http://www.urbandictionary.com/> -- great source for teen slang

<http://www.thesource4ym.com/teenlingo/> -- another source for teen slang

[http://fashion.about.com/od/teenshopping/Teen\\_online\\_shopping.htm](http://fashion.about.com/od/teenshopping/Teen_online_shopping.htm) -- Where can teens shop for what type of clothing?

[www.alloy.com](http://www.alloy.com) -- top teen site for fashion, celebrities, horoscopes, and quizzes

[www.dailycandy.com](http://www.dailycandy.com) -- can sign up for a free daily e-mail on the latest in food, fashion and fun

[www.WhateverLife.com](http://www.WhateverLife.com) -- Run by 16-year-old girl. THE authority on MySpace layouts, graphics.

<http://www.people.com/people?xid=teenpeople> -- *Teen People*

[www.teenvogue.com](http://www.teenvogue.com)

[www.cosmogirl.com](http://www.cosmogirl.com)

[www.ellegirl.com](http://www.ellegirl.com)

[www.seventeen.com](http://www.seventeen.com)

[www.teenmag.com](http://www.teenmag.com)

[www.mtv.com](http://www.mtv.com)

[www.perezhilton.com](http://www.perezhilton.com)

[www.thesuperficial.com](http://www.thesuperficial.com)

[www.eonline.com](http://www.eonline.com)