

## Two Forms of Escape: YA Book to Film or TV Show Adaptations

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We are seeing more and more YA books and series being made into film or television. Having access to two very different mediums that cover the same plot and characters means having access to two different yet complementary forms of escape. There are now two different ways for you to consume the same story that you can explore depending on your interests or desired time commitment. There are times when you want the escape that books can provide without the extensive time commitment that comes with reading. Alternatively, you might be looking for the unabridged version of a story that you loved on screen. In this list we will reveal some wonderful YA books and series that have been made into either films or TV shows.

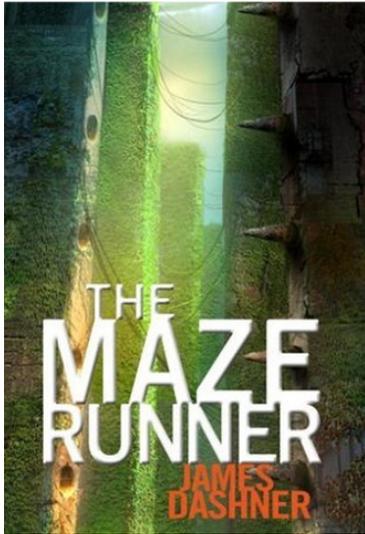


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### The Maze Runner

#### Books

Author: James Dashner

Installments:

The Maze Runner (2009)

The Scorch Trials (2010)

The Death Cure (2011)

The Kill Order (2012)

The Fever Code (2016)

#### Films

Director: Wes Ball

Installments:

The Maze Runner (2014)

Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials (2015)

Maze Runner: The Death Cure (2018)

*The Maze Runner* series is based in the dystopian genre, and follows a boy named Thomas as he struggles to learn about who he is and his connections with the organization WCKED. Whether you are picking up the book series or sitting down to binge the movies, you are guaranteed a story filled with action, loss, mystery and intrigue.

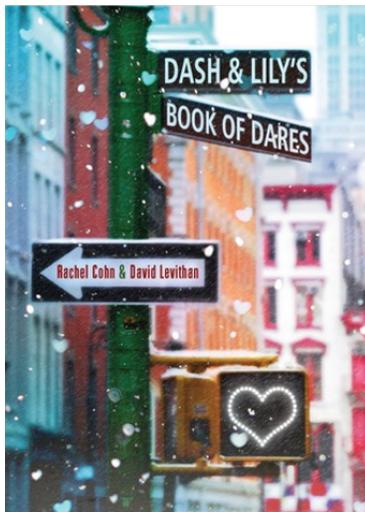


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### Dash and Lily

#### Books

Author: Rachel Cohn and David Levithan

Installments:

Dash and Lily's Book of Dares (2010)

The Twelve Days of Dash & Lily (2016)

Mind the Gap, Dash & Lily (2020)

#### TV Series

Title: Dash & Lily

Creator: Joe Tracz

Seasons: 1

Episodes: 8

The story of Dash and Lily is a cute fun romance that is perfect to watch during the holiday season. It features a girl named Lily who adores everything about the holiday season and her adventures with a boy named Dash who has little love for the bustling holiday cheer. Explore their story in print or on screen for a funny and entertaining experience.

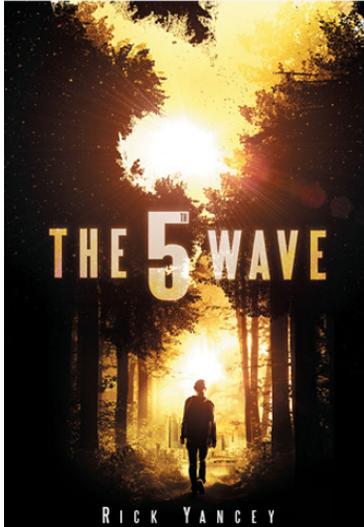


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### **The 5<sup>th</sup> Wave**

#### Books

Author: Rick Yancey

Installments:

- The 5<sup>th</sup> Wave (2013)
- The Infinite Sea (2014)
- The Last Star (2016)

#### Film

Director: J Blakeson

Installments:

- The 5<sup>th</sup> Wave (2016)

*The 5<sup>th</sup> Wave* is a mixture of science fiction and dystopian. It features a girl named Cassie as she deals with an extraterrestrial invasion that causes a series of waves. These waves vary in their destruction and range from rapid water level increase to a widespread pandemic. Both the film and text are jammed packed with action and edge-of-your seat suspense as you watch Cassie grapple with these events.

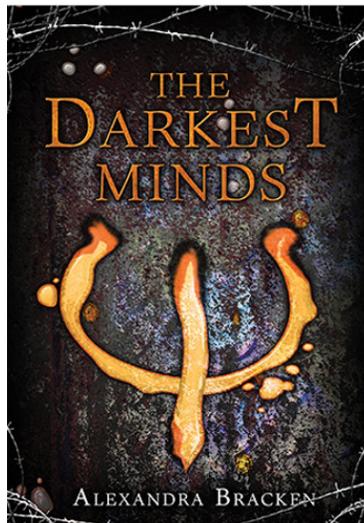


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### **The Darkest Minds**

#### Books

Author: Alexandra Bracken

Installments:

- The Darkest Minds (2012)
- Never Fade (2013)
- In the Afterlight (2014)
- The Darkest Legacy (2018)

#### Film

Director: Jennifer Yuh Nelson

Installments:

- The Darkest Minds (2018)

*The Darkest Minds* is a modern futuristic take on superpower like abilities. After a disease wipes out the majority of children on earth, the ones that remain begin to show a variety of different supernatural abilities. Each ability type is given a certain colour code that is connected to the danger their abilities pose, green, blue, yellow, red and orange. Oranges possess the ability of mind control and are eradicated on sight, but a young girl named Ruby manages to convince authorities she is a green using

her powers. The story follows Ruby as she learns about the nature of what happened to the children, and what threats they need to watch out for. The film and book series are equally matched in their ability to grab the audience's attention with action packed scenes and emotional ups and downs.

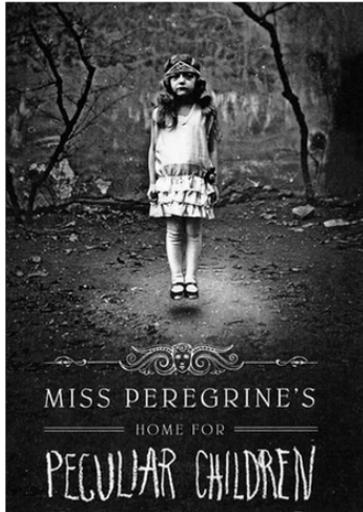


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## **Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children**

### Books

Author: Ransom Riggs

Installments:

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (2011)

Hollow City (2014)

Library of Souls (2015)

A Map of Days (2018)

The Conference of the Birds (2020)

The Desolations of Devil's Acre (2021)

### Film

Director: Tim Burton

Installments:

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (2016)

Bordering on the edge of creepy horror, Miss Peregrine's is a truly unique story that follows a young boy named Jacob. After being told stories his entire life by his grandfather, Jacob cannot help but be suspicious when he finds his grandfather's body and evidence that ties his death to the monsters in the stories he grew up on. Wanting answers, Jacob travels to the home in his grandfather's stories and finds a portal that takes him to the exact home he had heard about, with the same children. Jacob looks for answers regarding his grandfather's suspicious death and makes a few peculiar friends along the way. The book series for Miss Peregrine's is different from other print media due to its inclusion of old photographs that tie into the narrative storyline. The film adaptation honours the contents of his text counterpart and does a wonderful job of incorporating creepy imagery into the film. It is an intriguing story... that is maybe better to watch or read when the sun is still up.

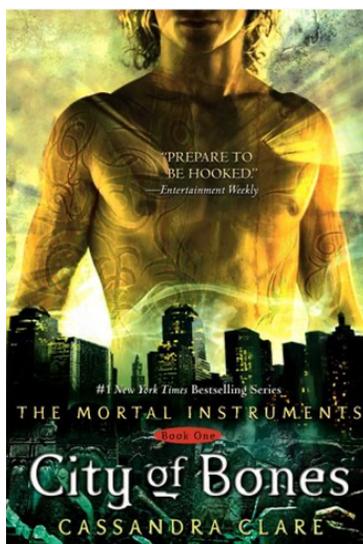


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## **Mortal Instruments**

### Books

Author: Cassandra Clare

Installments:

City of Bones (2007)

City of Ashes (2008)

City of Glass (2009)

City of Fallen Angels (2011)

City of Lost Souls (2012)

City of Heavenly Fire (2014)

### TV Series

Title: Shadowhunters

Developer: Ed Decter

Seasons: 3

Episodes: 55

The *Mortal Instruments* series is a wonderful supernatural story with fantastical elements. It centers on a girl named Clary who lives an entirely normal life, that is until she is attacked by monstrous creatures and her mother is kidnapped. Clary discovers a whole world that her mother was hiding from her and must quickly adapt to a new life that features vampires, werewolves, fairies and angels. Clary begins learning about this world of shadowhunters her mother is from in order to try and figure out why she was taken. *The Mortal Instruments* book and television series work together to develop a shadowhunter universe that readers can spend months learning about and exploring.

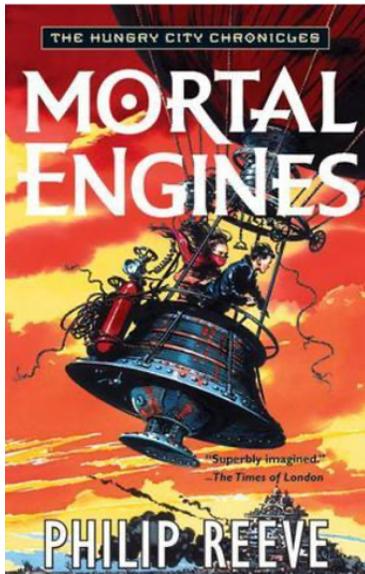


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*Mortal Engines* brings together dystopian and steam punk in its world of huge moving mechanical cities that feed on one another in order to keep moving. London is by far the biggest city out there and it just keeps growing in both its size and its hunger. A girl named Hester searching for revenge on the man who murdered her mother must work with unlikely allies to stop London's expansion. *Mortal Engines* is a unique story that blends fantasy with steampunk and mechanics, whether you are enjoying the story in print or on screen you are sure to be invested in the action and mystery it provides.

## **Mortal Engines**

### Books

Author: Philip Reeve

Installments:

- Mortal Engines (2004)
- Infernal Devices (2006)
- A Darkling Plain (2007)

### Film

Director: Christian Rivers

Installments:

- Mortal Engines (2018)

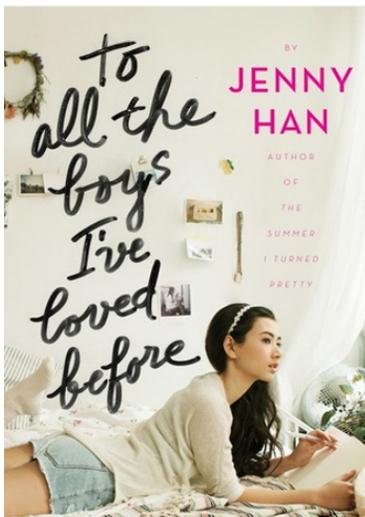


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## **To All the Boys I've Loved Before**

### Books

Author: Jenny Han

Installments:

- To All the Boys I've Loved Before (2014)
- P.S. I Still Love You (2015)
- Always and Forever, Lara Jean (2017)

### Films

Directors: Susan Johnson, Michael Fimognari

Installments:

- To All the Boys I've Loved Before (2018)
- To All the Boys: P.S. I Still Love You (2020)
- To All the Boys: Always and Forever (2021)

*To All the Boys I've Loved Before* is a coming of age teen romance that follows the life of Lara Jean as she deals with shifting family dynamics and the occasional crush on a boy. After Lara Jean's younger sister accidentally mails the love letters that were never supposed to be sent, Lara Jean is forced to face her feelings for her past crushes, all the while dealing with her new feelings. *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* is a cute love story that is perfect to enjoy on a quiet night in.

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