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The Ultimate Teen Book Guide

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Hahn, Daniel and Leonie Flynn. *The Ultimate Teen Book Guide*. Walker, 2008. ISBN 9780802797308. \$26.95. 431 p.

Reviewer: Kate Reynolds

Reading Level: Young adult

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Informational books;

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This incredibly handy and concise guide includes reviews and recommendations for what to read next for over 700 titles. The titles included cover a wide variety of genres—both fiction and non-fiction—and is not limited to the most recent popular titles: *Anna Karenina* and *Great Expectations* are included right along with *Artemis Fowl* and *Twilight*. Each title has a blurb from an author, teacher, librarian or reader; an indication of the appropriate age group for the title; and a small "Next?" section which not only suggests other titles readers might enjoy but also indicates how it is similar to the title in question.

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