



The Reading Jackdaw

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## YA Thrillers

**Does not include: Dystopian, Speculative or Post-Apocalyptic thrillers, for these see the list on the website.**

**A Note: It was really tricky to categorise these novels so use the sections as guidance only. I didn't make a Psychological Thriller section as many of them fitted this criterion.**

### Supernatural/ Fantasy/ Horror/ Gothic

Afterworlds, Scott Westerfeld  
Burn Our Bodies Down, Rory Power  
Call Down the Hawk, Maggie Stiefvater  
Cold Bath Street, A.J. Hartley  
Dancing Jax, Robin Jarvis  
Demon Road, Derek Landy  
Department 19, Will Hill  
Escaping from Houdini, Kerri Maniscalco  
Flowers in the Attic, V.C. Andrews  
Frozen Charlotte, Alex Bell  
Gone, Michael Grant  
Here Lie the Secrets, Emma Young  
Jackaby, William Ritter  
Maximum Ride, James Patterson  
Messenger of Fear, Michael Grant  
Mind Games, Kiersten White  
Rules for Vanishing, Kate Alice Marshall

**CAUTION!**



**Reading can seriously damage your ignorance!**

Sara's Face, Melvin Burgess  
Scorpion Shards, Neal Shusterman  
The Bone Houses, Emily Lloyd-Jones  
The Deathless Girls, Kiran Millwood Hargrave  
The Drowning, Rachel Wood  
The Lost Witch, Melvin Burgess  
The Magpie Society, Zoe Sugg/ Amy McCulloch  
The Misper, Bea Davenport  
The Outliers, Kimberly McCreight  
The Tattooed Heart, Michael Grant  
The Witching Stone, Danny Weston  
The Wren Hunt, Mary Watson  
There Will be Lies, Nick Lake  
There's Someone Inside your House, Stephanie Perkins  
These Witches Don't Burn, Isabel Sterling  
This Dark Endeavor, Kenneth Oppel  
This Lie Will Kill You, Chelsea Pitcher  
We are Blood and Thunder, Kesia Lupo  
What She Found in the Woods, Josephine Angelini  
Whiteout, Gabriel Dylan

### Science Fiction

Blood Ties, Sophie McKenzie  
Eve of Man, Tom & Giovanna Fletcher  
Gravity's Arrow, Jack Mann  
Lifers, M.A. Griffin  
Nemesis, Brendon Reichs  
Neverworld Wake, Marisha Pessl  
Nyxia Unleashed, Scott Reintgen  
Pliced, Jon McGoran  
Scorpion Shards, Neal Shusterman  
The Alex Crow, Andrew Smith  
The Doubt Factory, Paolo Bacigalupi  
The Extinction Trials, S.M. Wilson  
The Oracle Code, Marieke Nijkampe (Graphic Novel)  
Time Zero, Carolyn Cohagan  
Warcroos, Marie Lu

We are Bound by Stars, Kesia Lupo

### School / Institution Thrillers

Beware that Girl, Teresa Toten  
Cruel Heart Broken, Emma Haughton  
Dead Popular, Sue Wallman  
Follow me Back, Nicci Cloke  
Hideous Beauty, William Hussey  
I Know What you did Last Summer, Lois Duncan  
Last Lesson, Kames Goodhand  
Lies You Never Told me, Jennifer Donaldson  
Little Liar, Julia Gray  
Lying About Last Summer, Sue Wallman  
One of us is Lying, Karen McManus  
People Like Us, Dana Mele  
Pretty Little Liars, Sara Shepherd  
S.T.A.G.S, M.A. Bennett  
See How they Lie, Sue Wallman  
Shelter, Harlon Coben  
The Hanging Girl, Eileen Cook  
The Magpie Society, Zoe Sugg/ Amy McCulloch  
The Prisoner of Cell 25, Richard Paul Evans  
The Truth about Lies, Tracy Darnton  
They Wish They Were Us, Jessica Goodman  
What She Found in the Woods, Josephine Angelini  
Wilder Girls, Rory Power  
You Owe me a Murder, Eileen Cook

### Historical Thrillers

Cane Warriors, Alex Wheatle  
Code Name Verity, Elizabeth Wein  
Girl in the Blue Coat, Monica Hesse  
Orphan Monster Spy, Matt Killen  
Small Spaces, Sarah Epstein  
Stalking Jack the Ripper, Kerri Maniscalco  
The Coldest Girl in Coldtown, Holly Black

The Dark Descent of Elizabeth Frankenstein, Kiersten White  
The Psychic, Rupert Fox  
The Silence of Bones, June Hur  
The Truth about Lies, Tracy Darnton  
This is Not Forgiveness, Celia Rees  
Time Riders, Alex Scarrow  
Vanishing Girls, Lauren Oliver  
White Eagle, Elizabeth Wein  
Wolf by Wolf, Ryan Graudin

### **Military Thrillers**

Agent 21, Chris Ryan  
Allies, Alan Gratz  
Black Dove, White Raven, Elizabeth Wein  
Camp Valor, Scott McEwen  
Code Name Verity, Elizabeth Wein  
Grenade, Alan Gratz  
Rose Under Fire, Elizabeth Wein  
Street Soldier, Andy McNab  
The Impossible Knife of Memory Laurie Halse Anderson  
This is Not Forgiveness, Celia Rees

### **Crime Thrillers**

13 Minutes, Sarah Pinborough  
A Crime in the Neighbourhood, Suzanne Berne  
A Good Girl's Guide to Murder, Holly Jackson  
Are You Watching? Vincent Ralph  
Confessions of a Murder Suspect  
Escaping from Houdini, Kerri Maniscalco  
Genuine Fraud, E. Lockhart  
I Have no Secrets, Penny Joelson  
Last One to Die, Cynthia Murphy  
Lies Like Poison, Chelsea Pitcher  
None Shall Sleep, Ellie Marney

One of us is Lying, Helen McManus  
Orangeboy, Patrice Lawrence  
Patron Saints of Nothing  
The Treatment, C.L. Taylor  
They Wish They Were Us, Jessica Goodman  
Things the Eyes Can't See, Penny Joelson  
What She Found in the Woods, Josephine Angelini  
You Owe me a Murder, Eileen Cook  
Your Turn to Die, Sue Wallman

### **Street/ Drugs**

Caged, Theresa Breslin  
Dodgers, Bill Beverly  
Patron Saints of Nothing, Randy Ribay  
Saint Death, Marcus Sedgwick

### **Survival/ Isolation**

After the Fire, Will Hill  
Am I Still Alive, Lucinda Dyer  
I am Still Alive, Kate Alice Marshall  
I'll Be There, Holly Goldberg Sloan  
Live by the Rules, Tracey Darnton  
Nowhere on Earth, Nick Lake  
Seed, Lisa Heathfield  
Survivor, Tom Hoyle  
The Girl Who Came Out of the Wood, Emily Barr

### **Political/ Espionage**

Dancer, Daughter, Traitor, Spy, Elizabeth Kiem  
Mosi's War, Cathy MacPhail  
Projekt 1065, Alan Gratz  
Terror Kid, Benjamin Zephaniah  
The Doubt Factory, Paolo Bacigalupi  
The Prisoner of Cell 25, Richard Paul Evans  
White Rabbit, Red Wolf, Tom Pollock

### **Missing Person**

Between the Lies, Cathy MacPhail  
Eight Pieces of Silva, Patrice Lawrence  
In Another Life, Laura Jarratt  
Mirror, Mirror, Cara Delevigne  
Now You See Me, Emma Haughton  
Shelter, Harlon Coben  
Sister Missing, Sophie McKenzie  
The Cruelty, Scott Bergstrom  
The Hanging Girl, Eileen Cook  
The Leaving, Tara Allebrando

### **Family/ Relationships**

Black Heart Blue, Louisa Reid  
Cruel Heart Broken, Emma Haughton  
Eight Pieces of Silva, Patrice Lawrence  
Indigo Donut, Patrice Lawrence  
The Inheritance Game, Jennifer Lynn Barnes  
The Lying Game, Sara Shepherd

### **Other**

Hate, Alan Gibbons  
Whisper to me, Nick Lake (Mental Health)  
With Malice, Eileen Cook  
Influence, Sara Shepard (Social Media/celebrity)