

Travel Books

This list contains books about travel: road trips, voyages around the world, traveling through time and space, and epic journeys. You'll find a mix of stories set in the present, past, future, and fantasies.

Travel Key:

Fantasy – Magical worlds, which have plenty of journeys of their own

Graphic novel – A story told in a comic book format

Hero's journey - A hero ventures forth from the world of common day into a region of supernatural wonder

Historical fiction – A story set in our past

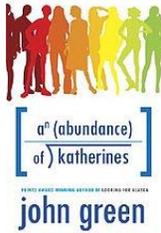
Road trip – Traveling the open road, usually by car

Science fiction – Futuristic science and technology means lots of new ways to travel

Time travel – Why stick with the present when you can go back years and centuries?

Traveling around the world – By plane, by boat, by railroad, these characters go outside the country

Traveling to other worlds – You don't have to stick with Earth – why not try a new world?



***An Abundance of Katherines* by John Green**

Having been recently dumped for the nineteenth time by a girl named Katherine, recent high school graduate and former child prodigy Colin sets off on a road trip with his best friend to try to find some new direction in life while also trying to create a mathematical formula to explain his relationships.

Road trip

***Bloody Jack* series by L.A. Meyer**

Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a thirteen-year-old orphan disguises herself as a boy and connives her way onto a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates.

Traveling around the world, historical fiction



***Bone* by Jeff Smith**

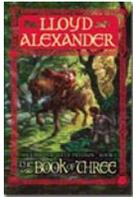
The adventure starts when cousins Fone Bone, Phoney Bone, and Smiley Bone are run out of Boneville and later get separated and lost in the wilderness, meeting monsters and making friends as they attempt to return home.

Fantasy, hero's journey, graphic novel

***Born to Rock* by Gordon Korman**

Young Republican seeks punk rock father to pay tuition. When he joins his father's band as a roadie, he is taken on a whirlwind tour of music, rock shows, and different locations.

Road trip



***Chronicles of Prydain series* Lloyd Alexander**

Taran, assistant pig-keeper to a famous oracular pig, sets out on a hazardous mission to save Prydain from the forces of evil.

Fantasy, hero's journey

***Deep Secret* by Diana Wynne Jones**

Rupert Venables is a junior magid, a type of magician, and helps take care of Earth. He maintains the balance between positive and negative magic for the good of all. But when his teacher dies, he must take his place and find his own student. Bringing together all the candidates proves more than difficult, resulting in a hilarious science fiction convention.

Fantasy, traveling to other worlds



***Defining Dulcie* by Paul Acampora**

When sixteen-year-old Dulcie's father dies, her mother makes a decision to move them to California, where Dulcie makes an equally radical decision to steal her dad's old truck and head back home.

Road trip

***The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen**

Hannah resents stories of her Jewish heritage and of the past until, when opening the door during a Passover Seder, she finds herself in Poland during World War II where she experiences the horrors of a concentration camp, and learns why she - and we - need to remember the past.

Historical fiction, time travel



***Girl at Sea* by Maureen Johnson**

High-school junior Clio Ford reluctantly gives up her dream job and a potential first kiss to take a working vacation with her estranged father on a yacht in Italy.

Traveling around the world

***Graceling* by Kristin Cashore**

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace, the Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

Fantasy, hero's journey





Hit the Road by Caroline Cooney

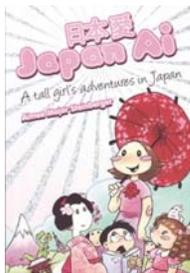
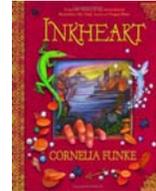
There's a breakout at the retirement home, and Brit's the getaway driver.

Road trip

Inkheart trilogy by Cornelia Funke

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service.

Fantasy, traveling to other worlds



Japan Ai: A Tall Girl's Adventures in Japan by Aimee Major

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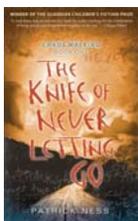
Aimee's a six-foot-tall cosplaying fangirl who visits Japan, land of her favorite hobbies. There, she visits historical Kyoto, shops, dresses as a geisha, visits a hot spring, goes to Tokyo and shops some more. The cute, cartoony sketches present a travelogue by an out-of-place but observant *gaijin* who is keen to absorb the intricacies of a new culture.

Traveling around the world, graphic novel

A Kiss in Time by Alex Flinn

Sixteen-year-old Princess Talia persuades seventeen-year-old Jack, the modern-day American who kissed her awake after a 300-year sleep, to take her to his Miami home, where she hopes to win his love before the witch who cursed her can spirit her away.

Fantasy, time travel, traveling around the world



The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness

Pursued by power-hungry Prentiss and mad minister Aaron, young Todd and Viola set out across New World searching for answers about his colony's true past and seeking a way to warn the ship bringing hopeful settlers from Old World.

Hero's journey, science fiction

The Last Unicorn by Peter Beagle

A unicorn, believing herself to be the last, searches for others of her kind, while avoiding the Red Bull, a beast believed to have destroyed the rest of her herd.

Fantasy, hero's journey





Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld

In an alternate 1914 Europe, fifteen-year-old Austrian Prince Alek, on the run from the Clanker Powers who are attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery, forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically-engineered beasts.

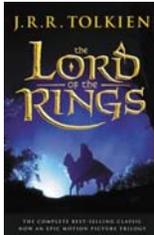
Hero's journey, traveling around the world, science

fiction

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

Fantasy, hero's journey, traveling to other worlds



Lord of the Rings series by J.R.R. Tolkein

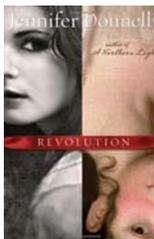
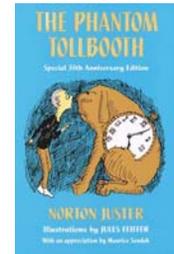
Frodo Baggins knew the Ringwraiths were searching for him - and the Ring of Power he bore that would enable Sauron to destroy all that was good in Middle-earth. Now it was up to Frodo and his faithful servant Sam to carry the Ring to where it could be destroyed - in the very center of Sauron's dark kingdom.

Fantasy, hero's journey

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

Milo is a little boy who is always bored. All that changes when he finds a large box in his room containing a magical tollbooth. Soon he is on his way to adventures in other lands. He learns that he must rescue the two princesses, Rhyme and Reason, to return order to this world.

Fantasy, road trip, traveling to other worlds



Revolution by Jennifer Donnelly

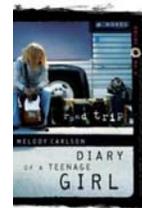
An angry, grieving seventeen-year-old musician facing expulsion from her prestigious Brooklyn private school travels to Paris to complete a school assignment and uncovers a diary written during the French revolution by a young actress attempting to help a tortured, imprisoned little boy--Louis Charles, the lost king of France.

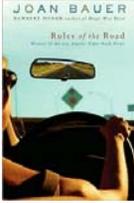
Historical fiction, time travel, traveling around the world

Road Trip: Diary of a Teenage Girl (Chloe Book 3) by Melody Carlson

Christian rock stars on tour.

Road trip





Rules of the Road by Joan Bauer

Sixteen-year-old Jenna gets a job driving the elderly owner of a chain of successful shoe stores from Chicago to Texas to confront the son who is trying to force her to retire, and along the way Jenna hones her talents as a saleswoman and finds the strength to face her alcoholic father.

Road trip

Sabriel by Garth Nix

Sabriel, daughter of the necromancer Abhorsen, must journey into the mysterious and magical Old Kingdom to rescue her father from the Land of the Dead.

Fantasy, hero's journey, traveling to other worlds



SASS series by various authors

The books center around a fictional Study Abroad program with shares its name with the series title and is abbreviated S.A.S.S. Each book centers around a teenage American girl and her experiences studying abroad in a foreign country such as France, Spain, Sweden or Italy.

Traveling around the world

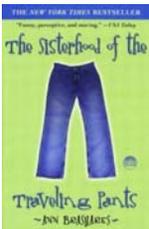
Sea of Trolls trilogy by Nancy Farmer

After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen, leading Jack undertake a vital quest to Jotunheim, home of the trolls.

Fantasy, hero's journey



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The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants series by Ann Brashares

During their first summer apart, four teenage girls, best friends since earliest childhood, stay in touch through a shared pair of secondhand jeans that magically adapts to each of their figures and affects their attitudes to their different summer experiences.

Traveling around the world

Something Upstairs by Avi

If sixteen-year-old Kenny doesn't solve the mystery of the murdered black slave and a centuries-old locked door, he may be trapped forever in the past.

Time travel



13 Little Blue Envelopes by Maureen Johnson

When seventeen-year-old Ginny receives a packet of mysterious envelopes from her favorite aunt, she leaves New Jersey to criss-cross Europe on a sort of scavenger hunt that transforms her life.

Traveling around the world

***The Time Machine* by H.G. Wells**

A young scientist, to the amazement and disbelief of his colleagues and other experts, has perfected a machine that lets him live one of mankind's oldest dreams - to live in times other than his own.

time travel, science fiction



***Watership Down* by Richard Adams**

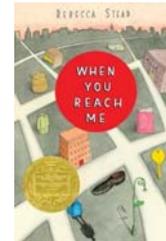
Chronicles the adventures of a group of rabbits searching for a safe place to establish a new warren so that they can live in peace.

Fantasy, hero's journey, road trip

***When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead**

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1970s television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.

Historical fiction, time travel



***Wild Magic* by Tamora Pierce**

Hired by the Queen's Riders because of her knack with animals, Daine soon reveals that not only do animals obey her, but they also understand her words. But Daine must learn to trust humans before she can use her magic to save the kingdom.

Fantasy, hero's journey

***A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle**

Young Meg Murry, her brother Charles, and their friend Calvin, embark on a journey through space and time, assisted by three eccentric women, when they set out to find Meg's father, a physicist who disappeared while experimenting with time travel.

Hero's journey, science fiction, traveling to other worlds

