



Teen *Survival* Book List : Don't leave home without it!

Survival stories generally have a connection to the outdoors. The main character will often be living in the wilderness or facing wild animals with no help from the civilized world.

However, there are also survival stories in which the main character is pitted against an overwhelming force such as an abusive parent, a bully, disease, a raging war, etc.

Feel free to add your own titles to this list!

Surviving disasters/wilderness

The Cay by Theodore Taylor

Crossing the Wire by Will Hobbs

Downriver by Will Hobbs

Exodus by Julie Bertagna

Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon by Stephen King

Hatchet ; Brian's winter ; Brian's return ; Brian's hunt by Gary Paulsen

Life As We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer

Night of the Howling Dog by Graham Salisbury

The River by Gary Paulsen

Snowbound by Harry Mazer

The Swiss Family Robinson by Johann David Wyss

Titanic: The Long Night by Diane Hoh

The White Darkness by Geraldine McCaughan

Wild Man Island by Hobbs, Will

Z Is For Zachariah by O'Brien, Robert C.



Surviving wars/death



Bamboo People by Mitali Perkins

Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys

The Hunger Games ; Catching Fire ; Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins

Maus II : a Survivor's Tale by Art Spiegelman (GRAPHIC 940.5318)

Surviving life's problems

Breathing Underwater by Alex Flinn

Circle the Soul Softly by Davida Hurwin

Crank [or any other titles] by Ellen Hopkins

The Island Keeper by Harry Mazer

Jumped by Rita Williams-Garcia

Margaux With an X by Ronald Koertge



True-life survival stories

Alive In the Killing Fields : Surviving the Khmer Rouge Genocide by Nawuth Keat (TEEN 959.6042)

Born To Fly : the Heroic Story of Downed U.S. Navy Pilot Lt. Shane Osborn by Shane Osborn (TEEN 92)

A Child Called It ; The Lost Boy ; A Man Named Dave by David Pelzer (362.8292)

Hello, America by Livia Bitton Jackson (TEEN 92)

