



# Toms River High Schools

## Station Eleven Read-Alikes

For Students in High School



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**After The Snow** *S.D. Crockett* 700L **YA Croc** *Fiction*  
Fifteen-year-old Willo Blake, born after the 2059 snows that ushered in a new ice age, encounters outlaws, halfmen, and an abandoned girl as he journeys in search of his family, who mysteriously disappeared from the freezing mountain that was their home.

**A Matter of Days** *Amber Kizer* **YA Kize** *Fiction*  
In the not-too-distant future when a global pandemic kills most of humanity, a teenaged girl and her younger brother struggle to survive.

**H2O** *Virginia Bergin* 740L **YA Berg** *Fiction*  
When a strange rain falls bearing a fatal, contagious disease, Ruby finds herself alone with the only drinkable water quickly running out.

**Birthmarked** *Caragh M. O'Brien* **YA Obri** *Fiction*  
In future world decimated by climate change, apprentice midwife Gaia lives along the shore of what used to be Lake Michigan, helping her mother deliver babies and making sure to "advance" the required three newborns per month to the exclusive, walled-in Enclave. Gaia is forced to infiltrate the Enclave herself after her parents are arrested as traitors, and though she finds help (maybe even love?) from someone unexpected, she also uncovers devastating secrets that shatter her understanding of her society. -- Description by Rebecca Honeycutt.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Wave** *Richard Yancey* 690L **YA Yanc** *Fiction*  
Cassie Sullivan, the survivor of an alien invasion, must rescue her young brother from the enemy with help from a boy who may be one of them.

**Steelheart** *Brandon Sanderson* 680L **YA Sand** *Fiction*  
At age eight, David watched as his father was killed by an Epic, a human with superhuman powers, and now, ten years later, he joins the Reckoners--the only people who are trying to kill the Epics and end their tyranny.

**The Infects** *Sean Beaudoin* 640L **YA Beau** *Fiction*  
A celebration of zombie culture features the story of seventeen-year-old Nero, who is stranded in the wilderness with fellow juvenile delinquents when their counselors transform into flesh-eating maniacs.

**Sky On Fire** *Emmy Laybourne* 560L **YA Layb** *Fiction*  
After repairing a school bus, the group of survivors split in two, with one group heading to the airport in hopes of reuniting with their parents and saving their dying friend and the other trying to rebuild the community they lost.

**The Hunger Games** *Suzanne Collins* 810L **YA Coll** *Fiction*

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

**The Living** *Matt de la Pena* 700L **YA Dela** *Fiction*

After an earthquake destroys California and a tsunami wrecks the luxury cruise ship where he is a summer employee, high schooler Shy confronts another deadly surprise.

**The Young World** *Chris Weitz* **YA Weit** *Fiction*

Jefferson, with his childhood friend Donna, leads a tribe of teenagers in New York City on a dangerous quest to find an antidote for a mysterious illness that wiped out all adults and children.

**The Forest of Hands and Teeth** *Carrie Ryan* 900 L **YA Ryan** *Fiction*

Through twists and turns of fate, orphaned Mary seeks knowledge of life, love, and especially what lies beyond her walled village and the surrounding forest, where dwell the Unconsecrated, aggressive flesh-eating people who were once dead.

**The Stand** *Stephen King* 900L **Fic King** *Fiction*

A monumentally devastating plague leaves only a few survivors in a desert world who move toward the ultimate confrontation of good and evil.

**The Dog Stars** *Peter Heller* **Fic Hell** *Fiction*

Surviving a pandemic disease that has killed everyone he knows, a pilot establishes a shelter in an abandoned airport hangar before hearing a random radio transmission that compels him to risk his life to seek out other survivors.

**The Road** *Cormac McCarthy* 670L **Fic McCa** *Fiction*

Apocalypse grips the earth; wildlife has disappeared; and starvation prevails. Amidst this bleak backdrop, a man and his young son slowly make their way toward the coast. Avoiding roves of marauding cannibals and fighting off starvation, they gain hope and stamina in knowing they are some of the remaining few virtuous people.

**Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the Siege of Leningrad**

*M.T. Anderson* 990L **YA B Shos** *Non-Fiction*

An account of the Siege of Leningrad reveals the role played by Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich and his Leningrad Symphony in rallying and commemorating their fellow citizens.

**Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans**

*Don Brown* 920L **YA 976.044 Brow** *Non-Fiction*

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina's monstrous winds and surging water overwhelmed the protective levees around low-lying New Orleans, Louisiana. Eighty percent of the city flooded, in some places under twenty feet of water. Property damages across the Gulf Coast topped \$100 billion. One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three people lost their lives. The tale of this historic storm and the drowning of an American city is one of selflessness, heroism, and courage -- and also of incompetence, racism, and criminality. Don Brown's kinetic art and as-it-happens narrative capture both the tragedy and triumph of one of the worst natural disasters in American history.

**The end: 50 apocalyptic visions from pop culture that you should know about...before it's too late** *Laura Barcella* 1240 L **YA 236.9 Barc** *Non-Fiction*

The end takes 50 iconic apocalypse scenarios ... and explains where they came from, why they matter, and when it's time to abandon life at street level and dive into the closest bomb shelter

**The ebola epidemic: the fight, the future** *Connie Goldsmith* 1160L **YA 614.57 Gold**  
*Non-Fiction*

Discusses the history of the ebola virus, particularly the epidemic that exploded in West Africa in late 2013.

**Tom Brown's field guide to nature and survival for children** *Tom Brown* **613.69 Brow**  
*Non-Fiction*

Here is the perfect guide to exploring the wonders of nature with children--safely. Whether your outdoor experience includes day trips to local parks or long wilderness treks, Tom Brown, Jr. can help children and adults fully appreciate the boundless beauty of our most precious natural resources. The ideal handbook for teachers, parents, counselors and children, it can make every trip to a park or forest a safe and educational wilderness adventure.