

Top 25 Young Adult Authors

The following are suggestions from Middle Level Listserv participants in response to the following request:

Dear Collective Brain:

Two months ago, I asked folks on this listserv to tell me who they considered the most important authors in the field of YA literature. I posted a preliminary list of authors who were identified in 1988 as being influential in the field. That study by Don Gallo is now 15 years old, so I thought it was time to ask the question again.

Here are the final results of the survey many of you completed at the beginning of the summer. Thanks to all of you who participated.

Top Twenty-Five Authors (in order by vote totals):

Gary Paulsen
Robert Cormier
Walter Dean Myers
Jerry Spinelli
Chris Crutcher
Katherine Paterson
S. E. Hinton
Madeline L'engle
Mildred Taylor
Phillip Pullman
Paul Zindel
Sharon Creech
J. K. Rowling
Cynthia Voigt
Lois Lowry
Christopher Paul Curtis
Virginia Hamilton
Louis Sachar
Karen Hesse
Lois Duncan
Jane Yolen
Virginia Euwer Wolff
Richard Peck
Judy Blume
Brian Jacques

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