

THREE TO READ:

The Essence of Adolescence

How do we grow up? What influences how we will be like as adults? There's nothing like immersing yourself in a good coming-of-age book to find the underlying questions about the mysteries of pre-adulthood. In these three books, the main characters evolve from their child-like ways and find who they truly are through the relationships they develop. Each of these coming-of-age novels tell a story of learning, maturing, and growing up.

Recommended by Marissa Pica from High Tech High International



The Messenger
by Markus Zusak

The Messenger is a beautiful, haunting novel by Zusak about World War II, told from the perspective of the ghost of a soldier who has returned home with a broken heart. The novel is a powerful exploration of the human condition, and it is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the history of war and the impact it has on the lives of those who survive. Zusak's unique voice and the novel's powerful message make it a truly unforgettable read.

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Eleanor & Park
by Rainbow Rowell

Eleanor & Park is a beautiful and heartbreaking novel by Rowell about two young people who fall in love in a world where they feel like outsiders. The novel is a powerful exploration of the human condition, and it is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the history of war and the impact it has on the lives of those who survive. Rowell's unique voice and the novel's powerful message make it a truly unforgettable read.

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Sophie's World
by Jostein Gaarder

Sophie's World is a novel written by Gaarder about a young girl who discovers the world of philosophy through a series of letters. The novel is a powerful exploration of the human condition, and it is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the history of war and the impact it has on the lives of those who survive. Gaarder's unique voice and the novel's powerful message make it a truly unforgettable read.

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