

If Most YA is Bought by Adults, Should We Still Call it YA?

Once again it has come up that a majority of YA fiction tends to be purchased by adults and the question was asked, should we still call it YA if adults are the ones mostly buying (and presumably reading) it? And here is my answer (with some help from my friends on Twitter).



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I have a lot of thoughts about this, but my basic answer is yes. Other useful info in the post as well. twitter.com/JensBookPage/s...



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There are so many signals society already sends that let teens know we don't value them. Keep YA, and Keep YA for Teens.



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I begrudge no adult who wants to buy and read YA for whatever reason, but let's not change YA because they do. Teens NEED YA.

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As a YA librarian, I can assure that TEENS WANT, NEED, AND READ YA. Every day I talk with them. Trust me.

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True story. [twitter.com/kidsilkhaze/st...](https://twitter.com/kidsilkhaze/status/1111111111)

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Yes, they need to know where/how to find the books that reflect their lives. Adults already have large sections. [twitter.com/JensBookPage/s...](https://twitter.com/JensBookPage/status/1111111111)

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I would love to know more about this as well. I mean, I buy YA. I read YA. I also have a Teen. And I work w/teens. [twitter.com/mosylu/status/...](https://twitter.com/mosylu/status/1111111111)

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**Jennifer
SCRAM!**
@kidsilkhaze

.@TLT16 @JensBookPage Teens have limited disposable income. Most of their things are purchased by adults.

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.@TLT16 @JensBookPage We never say "most teen clothing is purchased by adults! maybe we should call it something different!"

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There was almost no YA when I was a teen. I read adult books. What a difference it would be if I had access 2 the YA books 2day. I needed YA

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I needed to know that my peers thought, feared, and worried about the same things. That I wasn't alone. That I wasn't abnormal.

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I needed to know that there were other sexual assault survivors, that there were other anorexics, others who were lost.

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Alex

@Lez_Brarian

Anything good that teens have, adults want to claim for themselves, which leads to pushing teens out of it. grrrr. @TLT16

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I couldn't relate to the things in the adult fiction I read. I didn't know what it meant to be married. To be a mom. I struggled 2 connect.

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When I see my teens reading YA, I see how much it matters. How much it helps them in this personal journey.

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This twitter.com/JensBookPage/s...

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Librarian Pam
@PamelaJean0

I needed YA when I was a teen because it probably saved my life. Thank you, Wintergirls. twitter.com/TLT16/status/6...

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Yes, which is why they always come up Missing! twitter.com/mosylu/status/...

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The "but adults read YA too" argument reminds me too much of "but all lives matter"- yes they do, but that's BESIDE THE POINT @TLT16

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Me too! I think this is true of all YA collections. twitter.com/PamelaJean0/st...

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I see my teenage daughter reading Sarah Dessen, & Kissing in America and more to help her navigate teenage friendships. I am thankful 4 this

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I see her dipping her toes into YA romance as she is just starting to think about this & I am grateful it is there for her.

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Basically, I'm thankful teens today have the YA they want & need to navigate the teen years. Let them keep it. #yasaves

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And yes, YA is well written & funny & entertaining. That doesn't mean it still can't be for teens. They deserve quality. They deserve fun.

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I'm now going to call my baby & ask her what she's reading today because that's another thing about YA, it bonds, builds bridges, open doors

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In fact, if you are an adult that cares about any teen, you should read YA and then talk to the teens in your life about it. Communication!

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