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RECENTLY I READ ABOUT AN intriguing newsletter for adult readers. The newsletter has a single criterion for choosing the books it's staff recommends. The recommended book must be a book so suspenseful or so fascinating that a reader will stay up until two o'clock in the morning to finish it. During a time when we are desperately trying to set young adults on the path of lifetime reading, this single-minded approach makes sense. To capture readers in middle school, junior high and high school, we must find the most exciting books we can and get them into the hands of readers, reluctant readers and nonreaders before they leave us for the adult world. Try the novels that follow, see if they keep you reading and then tell your students about them. From horror to humor they're guaranteed to lend excitement to those slow days of summer.

No list of page-turning novels would be complete without at least one horror title. Paul Zindel has recently written two titles with grotesque covers and nonstop action: *Loch*, mentioned in another column and *The doom stone*. The action of this latest thriller takes place around Stonehenge. Fifteen-year-old Jackson Cawley flies to England to stay with his aunt Sarah, an anthropologist who regularly includes Jackson in her work assignments. Before the first chapter ends and only hours after arriving in England, Jackson witnesses his first murder by some sort of human-looking beast. Next, the beast attacks Aunt Sarah and tries to take control of her mind. In the meantime Jackson and men from the army are rushing about trying to track the beast, catch him and hide his presence from the public. Zindel adds an innocent love interest in the person of Alma McPhee, the daughter of a local gravedigger, who is attracted to Jackson and who helps him try to discover the secret of the killing beast and save his aunt. Violence, action and love crash together over and over in this fast-paced novel.

Adventure and survival combine in Alden R. Carter's *Between a rock and a hard place*. Mark Severson and his cousin Randy are supposed to canoe to far north Minnesota as part of the family tradition of gaining manhood. They are supposed to be eagerly looking forward to camping and fishing in the wilderness, but there are problems with that picture. First, Randy is a diabetic and is the last person Mark wants to spend time with. Second, Mark is more artist than outdoorsman although he hasn't admitted this to his dad, who is delighted the boys are going on this rite-of-passage trip. At first the challenge of the trip is to get along, but the boys begin to enjoy the outdoors and...

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To go along with the “IMAGINE YOUR STORY” Summer Reading theme, Page Turner Adventures will be presenting THE MIXED-UP FAIRYTALE. PLUS...This summer, Riley will also be launching her newest picture book: SUCH A LIBRARY: A YIDDISH FOLKTALE RE-IMAGINED. So, you'll get a show and author visit all in one. The mixed-up fairytale. Storyologists Page Turner and Kenny need your help to break a spell placed on Sleeping Beauty! The entire audience must persuade Red Riding Hood to give up her cape, help a wolf discover a magic bean, and retrieve a golden spoon from a REAL 10-FOOT-TALL GIANT! This video fea Book Riot asked their readers to suggest great and exciting page-turners for summer reading and here's a list of some of the suggestions. Have you already read many of these books? 168 users · 785 views. from bookriot.com · made by suzy boots. Summer Page Turners. Page turners for a great summer day's reading. Score. A book's total score is based on multiple factors, including the number of people who have voted for it and how highly those voters ranked the book. All Votes Add Books To This List.