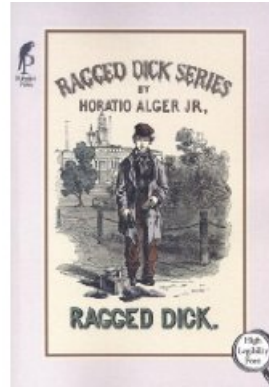
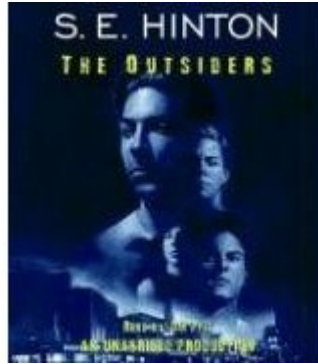
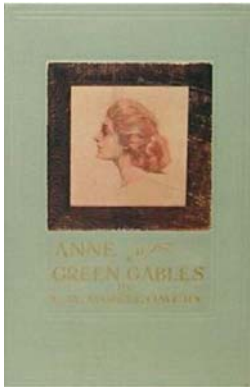


ENGLISH 590: THE HISTORY OF YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE
Instructor: Dr. Jenny Rytting
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This course will cover the history of Young Adult Literature from the medieval period to the present, with a focus on the last few decades (since the late 1960s, which some scholars consider to be the “beginning” of YA Lit). We will discuss how the category of Young Adult Literature has developed and changed along with authors’ shifting perceptions of their audience—and society’s shifting perceptions of adolescence. While pedagogy will not be the main focus of the class, we will also discuss how Young Adult literature can be taught in the grade 7-12 classroom.

This class is open to English, English Education, and Elementary Education majors as well as anyone who enjoys reading Young Adult literature. Possible authors include Horatio Alger, Jr., L. M. Montgomery, S. E. Hinton, Robert Cormier, J. K. Rowling, and Laurie Halse Anderson.

