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Gary Paulsen: A Companion to the Young Adult Literature. By Mary Ellen Snodgrass. McFarland, 2018.

In this in-depth reference work, Mary Ellen Snodgrass provides readers with insights and background information regarding all of Gary Paulsen's books, including *Hatchet*, *The Winter Room*, and *Woodson*. The volume includes entries for each book as well as for the major themes that run throughout Paulsen's oeuvre, such as "dogs" and "survival." Snodgrass also provides a chronology of his life and work.

Pre-K Stories: Playing with Authorship and Integrating Curriculum in Early Childhood. By Dana Frantz Bentley and Mariana Souto-Manning. Teachers College Press, 2019.

Intended for preschool teachers, this book provides practical advice on how young children can create their own books with a little help from their teachers. The authors discuss the ways in which published children's books can serve as models or sources of inspiration for children's creative efforts.

Reading for Action: Engaging Youth in Social Justice through Young Adult Literature. By Ashley S. Boyd and Janine J. Darragh. Rowman & Littlefield, 2019.

Reading for Action provides students and teachers with suggestions on how to use young adult literature to address complex social issues. Each chapter focuses on a particular issue such as bullying, global poverty, or sexual orientation. Among the young adult novels discussed in the book are Meg Medina's *Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass*, Jeff Zentner's *The Serpent King*, and Jandy Nelson's *I'll Give You the Sun*.

Why Was Billy Bunter Never Really Expelled? and Another Twenty-Five Mysteries of Children's Literature. By Dennis Butts and Peter Hunt. Lutterworth, 2019.

This book is a follow-up to Dennis Butts and Peter Hunt's *How Did Long John Silver Lose his Leg? and Twenty-Six Other Mysteries of Children's Literature*, which came out in 2013. In this volume, Butts and Hunt provide

succinct and entertaining responses to a series of questions related to children's literature, with each question serving as a chapter heading. Examples include "Why Are There

So Many Dead Parents in Children's Books?" and "Why Does C. S. Lewis Annoy So Many People?" Most of the book's twenty-six chapters include illustrations.