**AoW—November 3, 2014**

**Directions:**

1. Read the following opening lines of young adult novels. In the space to the right, comment on your favorites, and why you like them.

 **20 Amazing Opening Lines in YA**

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Sometimes all it takes is a stellar opening line (or paragraph!) to get us hooked on a book; and so we’re bringing you twenty of our favorites.

 1.) “It has been sixty-four years since the president and the Consortium identified love as a disease, and forty-three since the scientists perfected a cure.” [***–Delirium* by Lauren Oliver**](http://www.epicreads.com/books/delirium/9780061726835/)

 2.) “The house looked strange. It was completely empty now, and the door was flung wide open, like something wild had just escaped from it. Like it was the empty, two-story tomb of some runaway zombie.”—**Tangering by Edward Bloor**

 3.) “The way I figure it, everyone gets a miracle.” **–*Paper Towns* by John Green**

 4.) “Let me tell you something straight off. This is a love story, but not like any you’ve heard. The boy and the girl are far from innocent. Dear lives are lost. And good doesn’t win. In some places, there is something ultimately good about endings. In Neverland, that is not the case.” **–**[***Tiger Lily***](http://www.epicreads.com/books/tiger-lily/9780062003256/) **by Jodi Lynn Anderson**

 5.) “I wake up. Immediately I have to figure out who I am. It’s not just the body–opening my eyes and discovering whether the ksin on my arm is light or dark, whether my hair is long or short, whether I’m fat or thin, boy or girl, scarred or smooth. The body is the easiest thing to adjust to, if you’re used to waking up in a new one each morning. It’s the life, the context of the body, that can be hard to grasp.” **–*Every Day* by David Levithan**

 6.) “One minute the teacher was talking about the Civil War. And the next minute he was gone.” **–**[***Gone***](http://www.epicreads.com/books/gone/9780061448782/) **by Michael Grant**

 7.) “Blue Sargent had forgotten how many times she’d been told that she would kill her true love.” **–*The Raven Boys* by Maggie Stiefvater**

 8.) “The best day of my life happened when I was five and almost died at Disney World. I’m sixteen now, so you can imagine that’s left me with quite a few days of major suckage.” **–*Going Bovine* by Libba Bray**

 9.) “The rain poured down on London so hard that it seemed that it was dancing spray, every raindrop contending with its fellows for supremacy in the air and waiting to splash down. It was a deluge.” **–**[***Dodger***](http://www.epicreads.com/books/dodger/9780062009494/) **by Terry Pratchett**

 10.) “It’s so hard to *talk* when you want to kill yourself.” **–*It’s Kind of A Funny Story* by Ned Vizzini**

 11.) “They called the world beyond the walls of the Pod ‘The Death Shop’. A million ways to die out there. Aria never thought she’d get so close.” **–**[***Under The Never Sky***](http://www.epicreads.com/books/under-the-never-sky/9780062072047/) **by Veronica Rossi**

 12.) “All I did was ask a stupid question.” **–*Everybody Sees the Ants* by A.S. King**

 13.) “The early summer sky was the color of cat vomit.” **–*Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld**

 14.) “The best time to cry is at night, when the lights are out and someone is being beaten up and screaming for help. That way even if you sniffle a little they won’t hear you. If anybody knows that you are crying, they’ll start talking about it and soon it’ll be your turn to get beat up when the lights go out.” **–**[***Monster***](http://www.epicreads.com/books/monster/9780064407311/) **by Walter Dean Myers**

 15.) “The afternoon my parents died, I was out shoplifting with Irene Klauson.” [***–The Miseducation of Cameron Post***](http://www.epicreads.com/books/the-miseducation-of-cameron-post/9780062020574/) **by emily m. danforth**

 16.) “We went to the moon to have fun, but the moon turned out to completely suck.” **–*Feed* by M.T. Anderson**

 17.) “There is one mirror in my house. It is behind a sliding panel in the hallway upstairs. Our faction allows me to stand in front of it on the second day of every third month, the day my mother cuts my hair.” **–**[***Divergent***](http://www.epicreads.com/books/divergent/9780062024039/) **by Veronica Roth**

 18.) “Newborn #485GA18M died on June 30, 2076, at 6:07 in the morning. She was three days old. The average lifespan of a human child, in the time since the break, was fifty-six hours.” **–**[***Partials***](http://www.epicreads.com/books/partials/9780062071057/) **by Dan Wells**

 19.) “The end of the world started when a pegasus landed on the hood of my car.” **–*The Last Olympian* by Rick Riordan**

 20.) “There once was a young man who wished to gain his Heart’s Desire.” **–**[***Stardust***](http://www.epicreads.com/books/stardust/9780061689246/) **by Neil Gaiman**

**RDW #1**—After reading these opening lines, reflect on:

 -which were your favorites? Why?
 -what type of opening lines did you like the best?
 -what type of opening do you think you will include in your story?

Highlight at least three compound sentences.