Oceans of Possibilities

Suggested Books and Authors for Middle School

REALISTIC FICTION
JUVENILE Cartaya, Pablo
The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora
Can Arturo save his family’s restaurant, his community, and maybe even get a date?

JUVENILE Clarke, Cat
The Pants Project
Liv’s middle school requires girls to wear skirts, but what if Liv is really a boy?

JUVENILE Khan, Hena
More to the Story
How will Jameela juggle her journalism dreams and illness in her family?

JUVENILE Kim, Jessica
Stand up, Yumi Chung!
Yumi wants to go to a comedy camp, but a case of mistaken identity complicates things.

JUVENILE King, A. S.
The Year We Fell from Space
Liberty thinks a meteorite is a sign that will help her regain order in her very disordered life.

TEEN Mathieu, Jennifer
Moxie: A Novel
Viv is fed up with the patriarchal politics of her high school and starts a feminist zine.

JUVENILE Pérez, Celia C.
The First Rule of Punk
The first rule of punk is be yourself. Will that help Malú survive middle school?

JUVENILE Ramée, Lisa Moore
A Good Kind of Trouble
Shay has to decide if some rules are worth breaking and how to do the right thing.

TEEN Shusterman, Neal
Dry
When a California drought causes the taps to run dry, Alyssa’s neighborhood turns into a warzone.

JUVENILE Stone, Nic
Fast Pitch
Can Shenice prove Black girls belong on the field and clear her family’s name?

HISTORICAL FICTION
JUVENILE Albus, Kate
A Place to Hang the Moon
Forced to evacuate during the Blitz, the Pearce children look for a family to be their own.

JUVENILE Draper, Sharon M.
Stella by Starlight
In 1930s North Carolina, Stella stands strong, seeking equality and change in her community.

JUVENILE Ireland, Justina
Ophie’s Ghosts
Can Ophie’s ability to see ghosts help uncover the secrets of a haunted manor in 1920s Pittsburgh?

FANTASY, HORROR, AND MAGICAL REALISM
JUVENILE Alston, B. B.
Amari and the Night Brothers
Can Amari win a spot on the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, find her missing brother, and help stop an evil magician before it is too late?

JUVENILE Arden, Katherine
Small Spaces (Small Spaces)
After the school bus breaks down on a field trip, Ollie receives two cryptic messages: 1) run, and 2) avoid large places.

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**TEEN**

**Mendoza, Paola**

**Sanctuary**

In 2032, Vali must escape Vermont with her 8-year-old brother, hoping to reach the California Sanctuary State.

**JUVENILE**

**Riordan, Rick**

**Daughter of the Deep**

After tragedy during her first trial at sea, Ana and her friends must solve the mysteries behind their school and Ana’s past.

**JUVENILE**

**Stone, Nic**

**Shuri: A Black Panther Novel**

Can Shuri figure out what is killing the Heart-Shaped Herb and save Wakanda?

**GRAPHIC NOVEL**

**Craft, Jerry**

**Class Act**

Drew Ellis works hard to survive middle school and fight the prejudices of his privileged classmates.

**TEEN**

**Gaiman, Neil**

**Troll Bridge**

Jack explores the forest and meets a curious and hungry monster.

**JUVENILE**

**Jamieson, Victoria**

**When Stars Are Scattered**

Omar, a refugee wanting a better life, is torn between attending school and protecting his brother.

**JUVENILE**

**McCoola, Marika**

**Baba Yaga’s Assistant**

Does Masha have what it takes to become an assistant to a witch?

**TEEN**

**Wartman, Peter**

**Over the Wall**

A girl goes on an adventure in a forbidden city to find her missing brother.

**TEEN**

**796.323 Yang**

**Dragon Hoops**

Gene Luen Yang shares stories behind the players on Bishop O’Dowd High’s School basketball team, The Dragons.

**NON-FICTION**

**TEEN 155.533 Wagenen**

**Popular: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek**

**JUVENILE 391.009 McMahon**

**Killer Style: How Fashion Has Injured, Maimed, & Murdered Through History**

**JUVENILE 796.52 Soontornvat**

**All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys’ Soccer Team**

**TEEN 811.6 Browne**

**Black Girl Magic: A Poem**

**TEEN 973.932 Brayton**

**Yes She Can: 10 Stories of Hope & Change from Young Female Staffers of the Obama White House**

**TEEN B Ginsburg**

**Dissenter on the Bench: Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s Life & Work**

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