A Universe of Stories

Suggested Books and Authors for Middle School

REALISTIC FICTION

JUVENILE Cartaya, Pablo
The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora
Arturo uses poetry as a form of protest to save his community.

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

TEEN Feinstein, John
The Walk On (The Triple Threat, book 1)
Alex is an amazing quarterback, but won’t play if the corrupt coach has his way.

JUVENILE Grimes, Nikki
Garvey’s Choice
Garvey embraces his passion for singing, instead of his dad’s—sports.

TEEN Hiaasen, Carl
Hoot
Roy joins the fight to save some endangered burrowing owls.

JUVENILE MYSTERY Johnson, Varian
The Parker Inheritance
Treasure isn’t the only thing Candace digs up in Lambert, SC.

JUVENILE Khan, Hena
Amina’s Voice
When friends change, you can still use your voice for good.

JUVENILE Reynolds, Jason
As Brave as You
When 2 brothers try to prove how brave they are, everything backfires—literally.

JUVENILE Saeed, Aisha
Amal Unbound
In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher after becoming a servant.

JUVENILE Vail, Rachel
Well, That Was Awkward
Middle school crushes and friendships, told through texts.

JUVENILE Yeh, Kat
The Way to Bea
Bea hides her poems, but when they are found, the best part of her begins to shine.

FANTASY AND MAGICAL REALISM

TEEN Deacon, Alexis
Geis: A Matter of Life and Death
Only the most worthy will rule in the place of the matriarch. (Graphic Novel)

TEEN Delaney, Joseph
Revenge of the Witch (The Last Apprentice, book 1)
Thomas is Old Gregory’s last apprentice Spook, tasked with ridding the county of evil.

JUVENILE Gidwitz, Adam
The Inquisitor’s Tale
The tale of 3 adventurers & their holy dog begins on a dark night.

JUVENILE Graff, Keir
The Matchstick Castle
Brian’s boring summer changes when he finds a wacky house in the forest.

JUVENILE Orchard, Eric
Bera the One-Headed Troll
Bera leaves her safe island to go on a quest, and things are never the same! (Graphic Novel)

TEEN Pullman, Philip
La Belle Sauvage (The Book of Dust, book 1)
Malcolm becomes a spy after learning about the dangerous and mysterious Dust.

TEEN Smith, Roland
Independence Hall (I, Q, book 1)
Q tours with his mom’s band, but soon there are too many coincidences for comfort.

TEEN Yang, Gene Luen
The Shadow Hero
Who is the Green Turtle? This is the story of his origin. (Graphic Novel)

HISTORICAL FICTION

JUVENILE DiCamillo, Kate
Raymie Nightingale
Will winning a pageant bring Raymie’s father back home?

TEEN Lee, Stacey
Outrun the Moon
Mercy Wong is new to San Francisco when the 1906 earthquake strikes.

NON FICTION

TEEN 323.44 Kyi
Eyes & Spies: How You’re Tracked and Why You Should Know

TEEN 361.2 Thompson
Be a Changemaker: How to Start Something That Matters

JUVENILE 520 Prinja
Night Sky Watcher

JUVENILE 540 Connolly
The Book of Ingeniously Daring Chemistry

JUVENILE 591.71 Montgomery
Something Rotten: A Fresh Look at Roadkill

TEEN 940.54 Farrell
Pure Grit: How American World War II Nurses Survived Battle and Prison Camp in the Pacific

TEEN B Biyarslanov
Next Round: A Young Athlete’s Journey to Gold