

Contemporary Fiction

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| Nothing But the Truth..... | <i>Avi</i> |
| Tangerine..... | <i>Bloor</i> |
| The Tequila Worm..... | <i>Canales</i> |
| Getting Near to Baby..... | <i>Coulumbis</i> |
| Hazelwood High Trilogy (series)..... | <i>Draper</i> |
| Monkey Island..... | <i>Fox</i> |
| Jack Henry (series)..... | <i>Gantos</i> |
| Eleven..... | <i>Giff</i> |
| Blue Lipstick: Concrete Poems..... | <i>Grandits</i> |
| Olive's Ocean..... | <i>Henkes</i> |
| Middle School is Worse Than Meatloaf..... | <i>Holm</i> |
| Bird..... | <i>Johnson</i> |
| Buddha Boy..... | <i>Koja</i> |
| Silent to the Bone..... | <i>Konigsburg</i> |
| Silk Umbrellas..... | <i>Marsden</i> |
| Autobiography of My Dead Brother..... | <i>Myers</i> |
| A Step from Heaven..... | <i>Na</i> |
| Mismatch..... | <i>Namioka</i> |
| Big Mouth and Ugly Girl..... | <i>Oates</i> |
| Holes..... | <i>Sachar</i> |
| The Schwa Was Here..... | <i>Shusterman</i> |
| Keeping the Night Watch..... | <i>Smith</i> |
| Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pic..... | <i>Sonnenblick</i> |
| Stargirl..... | <i>Spinelli</i> |
| Love, Stargirl..... | <i>Spinelli</i> |
| Surviving the Applewhites..... | <i>Tolan</i> |
| True Believer..... | <i>Wolff</i> |
| Black and White..... | <i>Volponi</i> |
| Millicent Min, Girl Genius..... | <i>Yee</i> |
| Reaching For Sun..... | <i>Zimmer</i> |

Fantasy/Science Fiction

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| Underland Chronicles (series)..... | <i>Collins</i> |
| The Dark Is Rising..... | <i>Cooper</i> |
| Revenge of the Witch..... | <i>Delaney</i> |
| Books of Ember (series)..... | <i>DuPrau</i> |
| Inkheart Trilogy (series)..... | <i>Funke</i> |
| Princess Academy..... | <i>Hale</i> |
| Gathering Blue..... | <i>Lowry</i> |
| Keys to the Kingdom (series)..... | <i>Nix</i> |
| Airborn..... | <i>Oppel</i> |
| Eragon..... | <i>Paolini</i> |
| The Wee Free Men..... | <i>Pratchett</i> |
| His Dark Materials Trilogy (series)..... | <i>Pullman</i> |
| Larklight..... | <i>Reeve</i> |
| The Mysterious Benedict Society (series)..... | <i>Stewart</i> |

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| Bartimaeus Trilogy (series)..... | <i>Stroud</i> |
| Dragon Keeper..... | <i>Wilkinson</i> |
| Sorcery and Cecelia..... | <i>Wrede</i> |

Biography

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| Thura's Diary: My Life in Wartime Iraq..... | <i>Al-Windawi</i> |
| Jim Thorpe, Original All-American..... | <i>Bruchac</i> |
| Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science..... | <i>Fleischman</i> |
| The Trouble Begins at 8: A Life of Mark Twain in the Wild, Wild West..... | <i>Fleischman</i> |
| The Lincolns: A Scrapbook Look at Abraham and Mary..... | <i>Fleming</i> |
| 5,000 Miles To Freedom: Ellen and William Craft's Flight from Slavery..... | <i>Fradin</i> |
| The Power of One: Daisy Bates and the Little Rock Nine..... | <i>Fradin</i> |
| Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth..... | <i>Giblin</i> |
| Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution..... | <i>Jiang</i> |
| Diego Rivera: Legendary Mexican Painter..... | <i>Litwin</i> |
| Terror of the Spanish Main: Sir Henry Morgan and His Buccaneers..... | <i>Marrin</i> |
| Something Out of Nothing: Marie Curie and Radium..... | <i>McClafferty</i> |
| Let It Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters..... | <i>Pinkney</i> |
| The Man Who Went to the Far Side of the Moon: The Story of Apollo 11 Astronaut Michael Collins..... | <i>Schuyffert</i> |
| Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali..... | <i>Smith</i> |

Myths & Legends

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| Sign of the Qin..... | <i>Bass</i> |
| The Green Man: Tales from the Mythic Forest..... | <i>Datlow</i> |
| Book of a Thousand Days..... | <i>Hale</i> |
| Spiders in the Hairdo: Modern Urban Legends..... | <i>Holt</i> |
| The Game..... | <i>Jones</i> |
| Ever..... | <i>Levine</i> |
| Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales..... | <i>Mandela</i> |
| Gilgamesh..... | <i>McCaughrean</i> |
| Starry Tales..... | <i>McCaughrean</i> |
| Sir Gawain and the Green Knight..... | <i>Morpurgo</i> |
| Bound..... | <i>Napoli</i> |
| Percy Jackson and the Olympians (series)..... | <i>Riordan</i> |
| American Born Chinese..... | <i>Yang</i> |

Mystery

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| Echo Falls Mysteries (series)..... | <i>Abrahams</i> |
| Gilda Joyce, Psychic Investigator..... | <i>Allison</i> |
| Chasing Vermeer..... | <i>Balliett</i> |
| Hoot..... | <i>Hiaasen</i> |
| The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn..... | <i>Hoobler</i> |
| Alex Rider (series)..... | <i>Horowitz</i> |
| The Star of Kazan..... | <i>Ibbotson</i> |
| Lady Grace Mysteries (series)..... | <i>Finney</i> |
| Bad Kitty..... | <i>Jaffe</i> |
| Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos..... | <i>LaFevers</i> |
| Blood Secret..... | <i>Lasky</i> |
| Lulu Dark Can See Through Walls..... | <i>Madison</i> |
| Kiki Strike (series)..... | <i>Miller</i> |
| Jade Green..... | <i>Naylor</i> |
| Eye of the Crow..... | <i>Peacock</i> |
| The Case of the Missing Marquess..... | <i>Springer</i> |
| Montmorency: Thief, Liar, Gentleman?..... | <i>Udiale</i> |
| Sammy Keyes (series)..... | <i>Van Draanen</i> |
| Never Trust a Dead Man..... | <i>Vande Velde</i> |



Historical Fiction

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| Before We Were Free..... | <i>Alvarez</i> |
| Fever 1793..... | <i>Anderson</i> |
| Crispin: The Cross of Lead..... | <i>Avi</i> |
| Crispin: At the Edge of the World..... | <i>Avi</i> |
| Year of Impossible Goodbyes..... | <i>Choi</i> |
| Al Capone Does My Shirts..... | <i>Choldenko</i> |
| Revolution is Not a Dinner Party..... | <i>Compstine</i> |
| Iqbal..... | <i>D'Adamo</i> |
| Guests..... | <i>Dorris</i> |
| Bull Run..... | <i>Fleischman</i> |
| Water Street..... | <i>Giff</i> |
| Jazmin's Notebook..... | <i>Grimes</i> |

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| Incantation..... | <i>Hoffman</i> |
| Kira-Kira..... | <i>Kadobata</i> |
| Green Glass Sea..... | <i>Klages</i> |
| Dave at Night..... | <i>Levine</i> |
| Gold Dust..... | <i>Lynch</i> |
| Mary, Bloody Mary..... | <i>Meyer</i> |
| Criss Cross..... | <i>Perkins</i> |
| Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy..... | <i>Schmidt</i> |
| Keeping Corner..... | <i>Sheth</i> |
| Red Moon at Sharpsburg..... | <i>Wells</i> |
| Listening for Lions..... | <i>Whelan</i> |
| Black Storm Comin'..... | <i>Wilson</i> |
| Counting On Grace..... | <i>Wintrop</i> |

Informational Books

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| Wake Up Our Souls: A Celebration of Black American Artists..... | <i>Bolden</i> |
| Palco Bugs: Survival of the Creepiest..... | <i>Bradley</i> |
| Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion..... | <i>Burns</i> |
| Bodies from the Ash: Life and Death in Ancient Pompeii..... | <i>Deem</i> |
| What Are You?: Voices of Mixed-Race Young People..... | <i>Gaskins</i> |
| The Bone Detectives: How Forensic Anthropologists Solve Crimes..... | <i>Jackson</i> |
| The Way We Work: Getting to Know the Amazing Human Body..... | <i>Macaulay</i> |
| An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793..... | <i>Murphy</i> |
| Our White House: Looking In, Looking Out..... | <i>NCBLA</i> |
| A Kid's Guide to African American History..... | <i>Sanders</i> |
| Chew on This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food..... | <i>Schlusser</i> |

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This Summer Book List will help you choose high quality literature geared to the interests of middle school students. All the books on the list are available at your neighborhood library. Your local librarian can suggest additional titles.

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Happy reading!

Sincerely,

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