

Middle School

Fiction



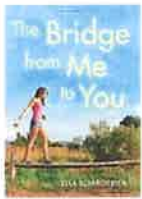
Absolutely Truly by Heather Vogel Frederick

Twelve-year-old Truly Lovejoy's family moves to a small town to take over a bookstore. Soon, she has to solve two mysteries involving a missing book and an undelivered letter.



The Boundless by Kenneth Oppel

Aboard "The Boundless," the greatest train ever built, on its maiden voyage across Canada, teenaged Will enlists the aid of a traveling circus to save the train from villains.



The Bridge from Me to You by Lisa Schroeder

Lauren has a secret. Colby has a problem. But when they find each other, everything falls into place. In alternating chapters of verse and prose, new girl Lauren and football hero Colby come together, fall apart, and build something stronger than either of them thought possible -- something to truly believe in.



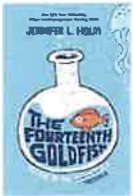
Fantasy League by Mike Lupica

In Los Angeles, twelve-year-old Charlie's skill at fantasy football gains the attention of both the local media and the owner of a professional football team.



Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read.



The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer Holm

Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager--which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.



The Glass Sentence by S. E. Grove

In 1891, in a world transformed by 1799's Great Disruption--when all of the continents were flung into different time periods--thirteen-year-old Sophia Tims and her friend Theo go in search of Sophia's uncle, Shadrack Elli, Boston's foremost cartographer, who has been kidnapped.



The Island of Dr. Libris by Chris Grabenstein

Twelve-year-old Billy Gillfoyle discovers that an island in the middle of the lake where he is spending the summer is the testing grounds of the mysterious Dr. Libris, who may have invented a way to make the characters in books come alive.



Listen, Slowly by Thanhha Lai

Twelve-year-old Mai is sick of being perfect and her straight As and extracurricular activities have gotten her a much unwanted trip to Vietnam with her family so she can learn more about her roots. But as time goes on, Mai grows closer to her family and she begins to understand her culture.



Lockwood & Co. (series) by Jonathan Stroud

Follows three young operatives of a psychic detection agency as they battle an epidemic of ghosts in London.



The Lonely Hearts Club by Elizabeth Eulberg

Fed up with boys and the way they have treated her and her friends, high school junior Penny Lane--named after the Beatles song--forms a club whose members vow to stop dating, but the repercussions are surprising.



The Luck Uglies (series) by Paul Durham

Eleven-year-old Rye O'Chanter and her two friends delve into the secret lore of their village when mysterious creatures of legend reappear on the night of the Black Moon, leading them to the notorious secret society, the Luck Uglies.



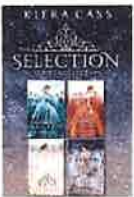
Nuts to You by Lynne Rae Perkins

After surviving being carried off by a hawk, a young squirrel resolves to find his way home, as his best friends begin their search for him.



Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson

A graphic novel adventure about a girl who discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart.



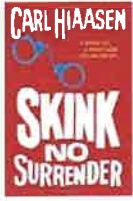
The Selection (series) by Keira Cass

Sixteen-year-old America Singer is living in the caste-divided nation of Illea, which formed after the war that destroyed the United States. America is chosen to compete in the Selection--a contest to see which girl can win the heart of Illea's prince--but all she really wants is a chance for a future with her secret love, Aspen, who is a caste below her.



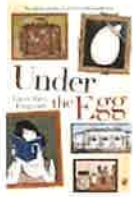
Sisters by Raina Telgemeier

Companion to: *Smile*. In graphic novel format, Raina Telgemeier shares the story of her relationship with her younger sister.



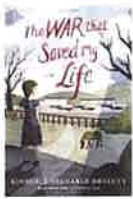
Skink -- No Surrender by Carl Hiaasen

With the help of an eccentric ex-governor, a teenaged boy searches for his missing cousin in the Florida wilds.



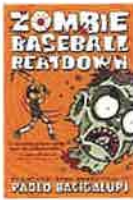
Under the Egg by Laura Marx Fitzgerald

Her grandfather's dying words lead thirteen-year-old Theodora Tenpenny to a valuable, hidden painting she fears may be stolen, but it is her search for answers in her Greenwich Village neighborhood that brings a real treasure.



The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.



Zombie Baseball Beatdown by Paolo Bacigalupi

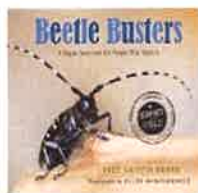
While practicing for their next baseball game, thirteen-year-old friends Rabi, Miguel, and Joe discover that the nefarious activities of the Delbe, Iowa, meatpacking plant have caused cows to turn into zombies.

Non-fiction



365 Days of Wonder by R. J. Palacio

A book of precepts, with one saying for each day, and a monthly essay from Auggie's teacher Mr. Brown. (Companion to *Wonder*.)



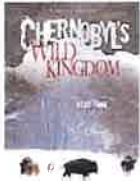
Beetle Busters: A Rogue Insect and the People Who Track It by Loree Griffen Burns

The Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) has made news across the United States. These beetles came to America from China, living in wood turned into shipping material. How do you balance the needs of residents, the impact to the environment, and an invasive species primed to wipe out entire forests?



Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Jacqueline Woodson shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South. Newbery Honor, National Book Award winner.



Chernobyl's Wild Kingdom by Rebecca Johnson

After the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear explosion, scientists believed radiation would make the area a barren wasteland. Today the Dead Zone is teeming with wildlife. But every plant and animal is radioactive, leaving scientists wondering how their survival is possible.



El Deafo by Cece Bell

A graphic novel memoir of author/illustrator Cece Bell who grew up hearing impaired. Newbery Honor.



Eyes Wide Open: Going Behind the Environmental Headlines by Paul Fleischman

Fleischman offers teens an environmental wake-up call and a toolkit for decoding the barrage of conflicting information confronting them.



Fashion Design Workshop by Stephanie Corfee

A guide to drawing for fashion designers that discusses tools, materials, techniques, creating texture, terms, figure proportions and poses, hairstyles, and other related topics and includes step-by-step instructions for projects.

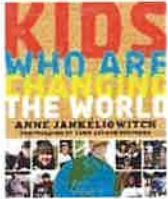


How the Beatles Changed the World by Martin W. Sandler

Text and illustrations look at The Beatles' dramatic rise to fame and their impact on rock and roll music.



I am Malala (Young Reader) by Malala Yousafzai
Memoir of a young girl from Pakistan standing up for education.



Kids Who are Changing the World by Anne Jankeliowitch
The inspiring stories of 45 young heroes who have made an impact on our planet.



The Magician of Auschwitz by Kathy Kacer
This is the true story of a young boy on the inside of Auschwitz, whose life is changed by the actions of a prisoner who performs magic for the guards and who the boy later learns was the famous Nivelli.



Park Scientists by Mary Kay Carson
America's National Parks are protected places and have become living museums for as many as 270 million visitors per year! In addition, researchers are able to perform long term studies of a wide number of subjects from salamanders the size of thumbnails to gigantic geothermal geysers.



Popular: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek by Maya Van Wagenen
Presents a memoir of a one year social experiment in which teen author Maya Van Wagenen followed a 1950's popularity guide, written by former teen model Betty Cornell.

Middle School Suggested Authors: Gary Paulsen, Mike Lupica, Rick Riordan, Dean Hughes, Sarah Dessen, Meg Cabot, Tim Green, Roland Smith, Jordan Sonnenblick, Jennifer Roy, Harry Mazer, Anthony Horowitz, Hilary McKay, Sharon Draper, Marissa Meyer