

Middle School Summer Reading 2015

Kick Back and Read



There are hundreds of books to choose from at your local library or neighborhood bookstore. Choose two or three...or ten to read this summer.

Students may choose what they want to read.

The following list of recommended titles is a list of age appropriate books that are well written and interesting to the reader. Browse the library shelves at your local branch for one or more of these books.

2014 Updates:

Divergent series
Wimpy Kid series
Book Thief, *The*
Lightning Thief series
Golden Compass
Hunger Games series
Maximum Ride series
The Fault in Our Stars

Veronica Roth
Jeff Kinney
Markus Zusak
Rick Riordan
Phillip Pullman
Suzanne Collins
James Patterson
John Green

2014-15 titles recommended by various organizations:

- American Library Association:
<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/2015-best-fiction-young-adults>

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- **International Reading Association:**
<http://www.reading.org/Libraries/choices/yac2014.pdf>
- **NPR:**
<http://www.listchallenges.com/npr-100-best-ever-teen-novels>

Title and Lexile	Author
<i>Abacadabra Kid: A Writer's Life</i> (940)	Fleischman, Sid
<i>After the Rain</i> (660)	Mazer, Norma Fox
<i>Al Capone Does My Shirts</i> (NA)	Chlodenko, G.
<i>Among the Hidden</i> (800)	Haddix, Margaret
<i>Anna of Byzantium</i> (910)	Barrett, Tracy
<i>Apprenticeship of Lucas Whitaker, The</i> (830)	DeFelice, Cynthia
<i>Backwater</i> (810)	Bauer, Joan
<i>Bandit's Moon</i> (690)	Fleischman, Sid
<i>Battle of Jericho, The</i> (700)	Draper, Sharon
<i>Becoming Naomi Leon</i> (830)	Ryan, Pam Munoz
<i>Beyond the Western Sea: Book 1 and 2</i> (690)	Avi
<i>Bound</i> (NA)	Napoli, Donna Jo
<i>Boy at War: A Novel of Pearl Harbor, A</i> (530)	Mazer, Harry
<i>Boy in the Striped Pajamas</i> (1080)	Boyne, J.
<i>Calico Captive</i> (900)	Speare, Elizabeth George
<i>Captain Horatio Hornblower</i> (NA)	Forester, C.S.
<i>Chasing Redbird</i> (860)	Creech, Sharon
<i>Chicken Boy</i> (860)	Dowell, Frances O'Roark
<i>Cloud Chamber, The</i> (NA)	Maynard, Joyce
<i>Coach's Daughter, The</i> (NA)	McGowan, Wandra Daniel
<i>Coraline</i> (740)	Gaiman, Neil
<i>Corner of the Universe, A</i> (750)	Martin, Ann M.
<i>Cowboys of the Wild West</i> (1160)	Freedman, Russell
<i>Cry of the Icemark</i> (1140)	Hill, S
<i>Cryptid Hunters</i> (750)	Smith, Roland
<i>Daughter of Venice</i> (720)	Napoli, Donna Jo
<i>Day of Tears</i> (Non-Prose)	Lester, Julius
<i>Double Identity</i> (810)	Haddix, Margaret Peterson
<i>Downriver</i> ((760)	Hobbs, Will
<i>Edge on the Sword, The</i> (930)	Tingle, Rebecca
<i>Ella Enchanted</i> (670)	Levine, Gail
<i>Ender's Game</i> (780)	Card, Orson Scott
<i>Esperanza Rising</i> (750)	Ryan, Pam Munoz
<i>Eyes of the Emperor</i> (630)	Salisbury, Graham
<i>Fairest</i> (590)	Levine, Gail Carson
<i>Fever, 1793</i> (580)	Anderson, Laurie Halse
<i>Flipped</i> (720)	Van Draanen, Wendelin
<i>Girl from Yamhill, A</i> (1040)	Cleary, Beverly
<i>Girl Who Ate Chicken Feet, The</i> (930)	DiCamillo, Kate
<i>Girlhearts</i> (600)	Mazer, Norma Fox

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Golden Compass, The (930)
Haunting, The (820)
Hidden Talents (620)
Hit and Run (570)
Hitch (830)
Homeless Bird (800)
Hope Was Here (710)
Hound of the Baskervilles, The (1090)
House of the Scorpion (660)
I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly (820)
Ice Story: Shackleton's Lost Expedition (1130)
In Darkness, Death (760)
Jade Green: A Ghost Story (1040)
Jake's Orphan (790)
Jar of Dreams, A (970)
Just Ella (850)
Just Jane (740)
Kavik, The Wolf Dog (740)
King of Shadows, The (1010)
King's Shadow, The (940)
Kissing Doorknobs (730)
Kit's Wilderness (470)
Knots in My Yo-Yo String (980)
Last Shot (760)
Liberation of Gabriel King, The (780)
Life and Death of Crazy Horse, The (1100)
Lightening Thief, The (740)
Locked in Time (990)
Long Way from Chicago, A (750)
Love that Dog (1010)
Maze, The (720)
Memory Boy (570)
Mick Harte Was Here (730)
Miracle's Boys (660)
Mississippi Bridge (810)
Moves Make the Man, The (1150)
Murder for Her Majesty, A (690)
My Side of the Mountain (810)
Night Hoops (630)
Nightjohn (770)
Nobody's There (630)
On the Far Side of the Mountain (760)
One True Friend (720)
Other Side of Truth, The (710)
Out of the Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille (1000)
Peter and the Star Catchers (770)
Pirates (800)
Princess Academy (890)
Pullman, Phillip
Nixon, Joan Lowery
Lubar, David
Stine, R.L.
Ingold, Jeanette
Whelan, Gloria
Bauer, Joan
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan
Farmer, Nancy
Hansen, Joyce
Kimmell, Elizabeth Cody
Hoobler, Dorothy
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds
Brooke, Peggy
Uchida, Yoshiko
Haddix, Margaret
Lavender, William
Morey, Walt
Cooper, Susan
Alder, Elizabeth
Hesser, Terry Spencer
Almond, David
Spinelli, Jerry
Feinstein, John
Going, K.L.
Freedman, Russell
Riordan, Rick
Duncan, Lois
Peck, Richard
Creech, Sharon
Hobbs, Will
Weaver, Will
Pack, Barbara
Woodson, Jacqueline
Taylor, Mildred
Brooks, Bruce
Hilgartner, Beth
George, Jean Craighead
Deuker, Carl
Paulsen, Gary
Nixon, Joan Lowery
George, Jean Craighead
Hansen, Joyce
Naidoo, Beverly
Freedman, Russell
Barry, Dave
Celia Rees
Hale, Shannon

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Punished (540)
Randall's Wall (730)
Ransom of Mercy Carter, The (730)
Revealers, The (580)
Ribbons (710)
Riding Freedom (710)
Robinson Crusoe (930)
Safe-Keeper's Secret, The (860)
Sally Ride: Shooting for the Stars (NA)
Scribbler of Dreams (640)
Sea of Trolls, The (670)
Secret of Castle Cant, The (970)
Secrets of a Wildlife Watcher (900)
Seeing Stone, The (640)
Shakespeare's Secret (NA)
Silent to the Bone (810)
Single Shard, A (920)
Sixth Grade Glommers, Norks, and Me (650)
Skeleton Man (730)
Skin I'm In, The (670)
Smugglers, The (640)
Snow (NA)
Soul Surfer (960)
Story of Thomas Edison, The (950)
Strider (840)
Surviving the Applewhites (820)
That Summer (1020)
The Greatest: Muhammed Ali (1030)
Thief Lord, The (640)
Ties That Bind, Ties That Break (830)
Time of Angels, A (650)
Torn Thread (880)
Touching Spirit Bear (670)
Traitor: The Case of Benedict Arnold (1020)
Turn Homeward, Hannalee (830)
Twisted Summer (840)
Two Princesses of Bamarre, The (570)
Uglies (770)
Under a War-Torn Sky (640)
Under the Watson's Porch (NA)
Vanishing Chip (700)
Voyage on the Great Titanic (1010)
When Pigs Fly (770)
When Zachary Beaver Came to Town (700)
Where the Red Fern Grows (700)
Wild Man Island (690)
Williwaw (910)
Wind in the Willows (920)

Lubar, David
Fenner, Carol
Cooney, Caroline
Wilhelm, Doug
Yep, Laurence
Ryan, Pam Munoz
Defoe, Daniel
Shinn, Sharon
Hurwitz, Jane and Sue
Pearson, Mary
Farmer, Nancy
Bath, Kevin P
Arnosky, Jim
Crossley-Holland, Kevin
Broach, Elise
Konisburg, E.L.
Park, Linda Sue
Papademetriou, Lisa
Bruchac, Joseph
Flake, Sharon
Lawrence, Iain
Lynn, Tracy
Hamilton, Bethany
Cousins, Margaret
Cleary, Beverly
Tolan, Stephanie
Sarah Dessen
Myers, Walter Dean
Funke, Cornelia
Namioka, Lensey
Hesse, Karen
Isaacs, Anne
Mikaelsen, Ben
Fritz, Jean
Beatty, Patricia
Roberts, Willo Davis
Levine, Gail Carson
Westerfield, Scott
Elliott, Laura
Shreve, Susan
Delaney, Mark
White, Ellen Emerson
Wood, June Rae
Holt, Kimberly
Rawls, Wilson
Hobbs, Will
Bodett, Tom
Grahame, Kenneth

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Wind Singer (770)
Windcatcher (540)
Wolves of Willoughby Chase, The (1020)
Wreckers, The (640)
Wright 3 (770)
Wringer (690)
You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton? (870)
Zel (630)
Tangerine (680)

Series

Bloody Jack series
Chronicles of Narnia
Chronicles of Prydain
Dear America
Dork Series
Hercule Poirot Mysteries
Herculeah Jones Mysteries
Horse Stories
Jane Marple Mysteries
Joey Pigza
My Name is America
Orphan Train Adventures
Orphan Train Quartet
Princess Diaries
Rowan
Royal Diaries Series
Shakespeare Series
Stormbreaker Series: Alex Rider Adventure
The Lord of the Rings (Trilogy)
The Quilt Trilogy
The Tucket Adventures

Recommended Young Adult Authors

Avi
Christopher Paul Curtis
Gary Paulsen
Lois Duncan
Lois Lowry
Mary Hahn
Richard Peck
Robert Cormier
Sharon Draper
Walter Dean Myers
Will Hobbs

Nicholson, William
Avi
Aiken, Joan
Lawrence, Iain
Balliett, Blue
Spinelli, Jerry
Fritz, Jean
Napoli, Donna Jo
Bloor, Edward

Author

Myer, Louis A.
Lewis, C.S.
Alexander, Lloyd
Various Authors, Scholastic
Gorman, Carol
Christie, Agatha
Byars, Betsy
Henry, Marguerite
Christie, Agatha
Gantos, Jack
Various Authors, Scholastic
Nixon, Joan Lowery
Nixon, Joan Lowery
Cabot, Meg
Rodda, Emily
Various Authors, Scholastic
Blackwood, Gary
Horowitz, Anthony
Tolkien, J.R.R.
Rinaldi, Ann
Paulsen, Gary