



Summer Reading List for Middle School

Realistic Fiction



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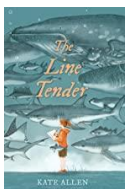
In middle school, words aren't only words-sometimes they can come back to haunt you.



Pax

By Sara Pennypacker

A pet fox returned to the wild- will the two friends ever find each other again?



The Line Tender

By Kate Allen

Wherever the sharks are, Lucy and her family are sure to follow.



Falling Short

By Ernesto Cisneros

A basketball star and an academic star help each other get through life.

Mystery/Horror



The Night Gardener

By Jonathan Auxier

Molly and Kip are looking for a job in England after their parents die in a shipwreck.



Guest: A Changeling Tale

By Mary Downing Hahn

Mollie's baby brother is replaced by an ill-tempered changeling.



Finally, Something Mysterious

By Doug Cornett

Hundreds of rubber duckies have suddenly appeared in Bellwood! Where did they all come from?



Spirit Hunters

By Ellen Oh

A haunted house and a ghost who haunts Harper's younger brother makes a scary story!

Fantasy/Science Fiction



The Lion of Mars

By Jennifer Holm

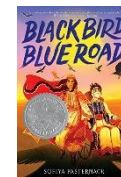
Living on Mars comes with a ton of rules- until a virus breaks out!



The Patron Thief of Bread

By Lindsay Eagar

Discover a medieval world, complete with baking, gargoyles, and fun characters!



Black Bird, Blue Road

By Sofiya Pasternack

Ziva goes to great lengths to help save her sick twin brother.



Seventh Grade vs. the Galaxy

By Joshua Levy

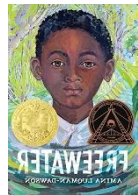
School 118 isn't your ordinary school- it's an old spaceship orbiting one of the moons of Jupiter!

Historical Fiction



We Dream of Space **By Erin Kelly**

Three siblings await the launch of the space shuttle Challenger.



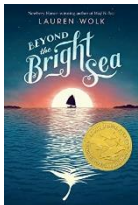
Freewater **By Amina Luqman-Dawson**

During the night, 12-year-old Homer flees the plantation, inadvertently leaving mother behind.



We Own the Sky **By Rodman Philbrick**

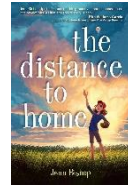
A thrilling adventure about stunt pilots who spend their time wing-walking, leaping from planes, and flying through fireworks.



Beyond the Bright Sea **By Lauren Wolk**

An orphaned girl sets out with her adoptive father to learn about her past despite the many dangers they face.

Sports



The Distance to Home **By Jenn Bishop**

A book about baseball and loss, told over the course of two summers.



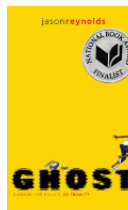
Wave **By Diana Farid**

Written in verse, Ava rides the waves, falls, and finds her way back to shore in many ways.



Extra Yard **By Mike Lupica**

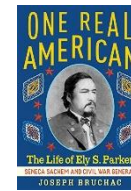
Teddy has been training all summer to make the new football team, but bigger challenges are on the horizon.



Ghost **By Jason Reynolds**

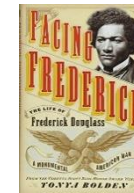
Ghost wants to be the fastest runner on the team, but his past slows him down.

Biographies



The Life of Ely S. Parker **By Joseph Bruchac**

Parker is one of the most unique but little-known figures in U.S. history! Learn more about him!



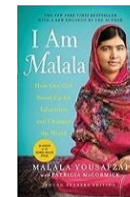
Facing Frederick: The Life of Frederick Douglass, A Monumental American Man **By Tonya Bolden**

Frederick Douglass is best known for the telling of his own emancipation-but there is so much more than his enslavement.



Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart **By Candace Fleming**

Amelia was the most famous female pilot of all time when she disappeared over the Pacific Ocean and has never been found.



I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World- Young Reader's edition **By Malala Yousafzai**

Malala's story will make you believe in the possibility that one young person really can change the world. Malala is the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize winner.

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