

# Great Middle Grade Reads!



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The following titles can be found in the Young Adult Fiction Section.

**Alexander, K. Booked**

Twelve-year-old Nick, a soccer star, is trying to impress his dream girl, handle problems at home and stand up to bullies while keeping his soccer game the best it can be. Luckily, he has his best friend at his side to help, and a rapping librarian who's always ready with the right book.

**Benjamin, A. The Thing About Jellyfish**

Suzy knows a lot about just about everything, but she doesn't know why her friend Franny is suddenly gone. Grieving for her friend, Suzy escapes into her imagination to forget that she never got to apologize for something she did to Franny – until she finds the courage and knowledge to forgive herself.

**Bunker, L. Feliz Yz**

Felix was accidentally fused with a friendly alien named Zyx when he was three, and he's grown up with it ever since. Now he's thirteen, going to school and hoping his crush might like him back – and dealing with the fact that he may not survive the way his dad found to separate him and Zyx.

**Cabot, M. The Princess Diaries**

Fourteen-year-old Mia, who is trying to lead a normal life as a teenage girl in New York City, is shocked to learn that her father is the Prince of Genovia, a small European principality, and that she is a princess and the heir to the throne.

**Cheng, J. See You in the Cosmos.**

Alex loves space. He wants to send his iPod into space so other life forms can see what life on Earth is like, so he goes on a journey to record what he finds. But nothing prepares him for the family secrets he uncovers along the way.

**D'Lacey, C. The Fire Within**

When college student David Rain rents a room in an unusual boardinghouse full of clay dragons, he has no idea that they, along with some lively squirrels, will help jumpstart his writing career. A magical adventure about the power of dragons.

**Earl, R. My Life Uploaded**

Millie Porter is sensible. She can't help it. It's inherited from her mom, and it makes her deeply uncool. That's why she started an advice vlog. It's the perfect way for her to feel like she's making a difference and catch the eye of the super-cute new boy in school. But with Internet fame comes Internet trolls.

**Feinstein, J. Last Shot: Mystery at the Final Four**

After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.

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**Flight            Flight 29 Down: Static**

When their plane's engine dies on the way to a school-sponsored eco-tour, Flight 29 crash-lands on a Pacific Island and leaves seven survivors stranded.

**Gaiman, N.      The Graveyard Book**

Nobody Owens, called "Bod," was raised in a graveyard by ghosts after his parents were killed. He's spent his life exploring it until he begins to explore the outside world. But the outside world isn't safe – the man who killed his family is still out there, and he won't let Bod go again.

**Hemphill, S.    Wicked Girls: A Novel of the Salem Witch Trials**

Ann Putnam and her friends are the "it" girls of Salem in the 1690s. But when illnesses in the town are blamed on witchcraft, the three girls find themselves in the center of the accusations.

**Lai, T.            Listen, Slowly**

Mai wants to spend her summer at the beach, but her parents are sending her to Vietnam with her grandmother instead. Mai is sure that Vietnam is her parents' country, not hers. But she must find the balance between her American life and her Vietnamese heritage to make it through the summer.

**Montgomery, L. Anne of Green Gables**

Anne Shirley is a red-headed, imaginative, too-talkative orphan sent to a farm that wanted a boy. Through her adventures, scrapes and laugh-out-loud moments, Anne's optimism, and imagination shine through.

**Myracle, L.     ttyl**

Chronicles, in "instant message" format, the day-to-day experiences, feelings, and plans of three friends, Zoe, Maddie, and Angela, as they begin tenth grade.

**Sachar, L.       Holes**

Stanley Yelnats is cursed. Cursed by his no-good, dirty, rotten, pig-stealing great-grandfather. That's why he's sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where all the boys ever do is dig holes. But then Stanley makes his first real friend, finds a treasure, and maybe, finds himself too.

**Telgemeier, R. Drama**

Callie loves theater. And while she would totally try out for her middle school's production of Moon Over Mississippi, she's a terrible singer. Instead, she's the set designer for the stage crew, and this year she's determined to create a set worthy of Broadway on a middle-school budget. But how can she, when she doesn't know much about carpentry? Not to mention the

onstage AND offstage drama that occurs once the actors are chosen, and when two cute brothers enter the picture, things get even crazier! **\*This Title may be found in the Teen Graphic Novel Section\***

**Van Draanen, W. Flipped**

When Juli first saw Bryce, she flipped for him, and he ran away. Now that they're in eighth grade, Juli is starting to realize that Bryce isn't as wonderful as he seemed, just as he is starting to realize that Juli is pretty amazing.

**Yang, G.         American Born Chinese**

Jin just wants to be an all-American boy, because he's in love with an all-American girl. Danny is an all-American boy: great at basketball, popular with the girls. But his obnoxious Chinese cousin Chin-Kee's annual visit is such a disaster that it ruins Danny's reputation at school, leaving him with no choice but to transfer somewhere he can start all over again. **\*This title may be found in the Teen Graphic Novel Section\***