

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

Mia is just an ordinary girl – until she finds out her father is the prince of Genovia, a small European country she has never been to. Now she's taking princess lessons from her tough-as-nails grandmother and

preparing to inherit the throne all while going to high school.

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.

Feinstein, J. Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery

Aspiring sportswriters Stevie and Susan Carol have won the chance of a lifetime to report on the Final Four basketball championship. But when they overhear a plan to throw the game, they have only two days to figure out who is blackmailing one of the star players – and why.

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.

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Green, T. Best of the Best: A Baseball Great Novel

Josh's parents are getting a divorce and he's convinced his dad's new girlfriend just wants him out of the house. Luckily, he has Little League World Championships to concentrate on. Can he win the game while still finding a way to keep his family together?

Hale, S. Book of a Thousand Days

Dashti and the princess she serves are locked in a tower because the princess refuses to marry a man she does not love. While Dashti struggles to keep them fed, two suitors suddenly appear, and Dashti must choose what she will make of her life.

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.

Lupica, M. Heat

Michael spends his time playing baseball, while trying not worry about being taken away from his older brother, the only family he has left. When someone accuses him of being too old to play in Little League, Michael must find a way to keep sight of his dreams.

Miller, S. Miss Spitfire

Annie Sullivan has one chance to prove herself – teach Helen, the deaf-blind six-year-old daughter of a former Army captain. The job is daunting but Annie is determined not to let Helen get the better of her. The true story of how Helen Keller learned to communicate.

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.

Pierce, T. Alanna: The First Adventure

Alanna has always wanted to be a knight. But she's a girl, and girls aren't allowed to train as knights. She refuses to let that stop her and disguises herself as a boy to train with the best in the kingdom.

Sheth, K. Keeping Corner

When twelve-year-old Leela's husband dies before they had a chance to live together, Leela is left a child widow, forced to keep to her house for a year. But as she learns more about Gandhi's rebellion against the British, she begins to see that the future is not set in stone.

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.

Westerfield, S. Uglies

Tally lives in a world of extreme beauty, where everyone gets plastic surgery at the age of sixteen to become a Pretty. Then Tally meets Shay, who isn't sure she wants to be pretty, and soon Tally must question everything she knows about her world.