



TONING THE SWEEP

By Angela Johnson

J FICTION JOHNS

On a visit to her grandmother Ola, who is dying of cancer in her house in the desert, fourteen-year-old Emmie hears many stories about the past and her Black family's history and comes to a better understanding of relatives both dead and living.

WITNESS

By Karen Hesse

J FICTION HESSE

A series of poems express the views of various people in a small Vermont town, including a young black girl and a young Jewish girl during the early 1920s when the Ku Klux Klan is trying to infiltrate the town.



JADE GREEN

By Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

J FICTION NAYLO

While living with her uncle in a house haunted by the ghost of a young woman, recently orphaned Judith Sparrow wonders if

her one small transgression is causing mysterious happenings.

MICK HARTE WAS HERE

By Barbara Park

J FICTION PARK

Phoebe recalls her younger brother Mick and his death in a bicycle accident.



NIGHTJOHN

By Gary Paulsen

J FICTION PAULS

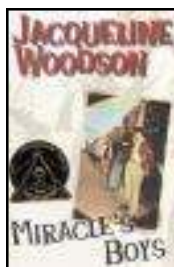
Twelve-year-old Sarny's brutal life as a slave becomes even more dangerous when a newly arrived slave offers to teach her how to read.

AQUAMARINE

By Alice Hoffman

J FICTION HOFFM

A love-struck mermaid named Aquamarine supplies adventure and insights to two twelve-year-old girls, life-long friends who are spending their last summer together before one of them moves away.



MIRACLE'S BOYS

By Jacqueline Woodson

J PBK WOODS

Twelve-year-old Lafayette's close relationship with his older brother Charlie changes after Charlie is released from a detention home and blames Lafayette for the death of their mother.

BULL RUN

By Paul Fleischman

J FICTION FLEIS

Northerners, Southerners, generals, couriers, dreaming boys, and worried sisters describe the glory, the horror, the thrill, and the disillusionment of the first battle of the Civil War.



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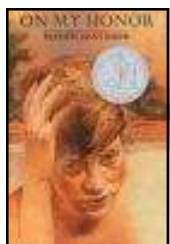


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Looking for something to read but don't have a lot of time? Try some of these titles, perfect for the middle-schooler in your life.



ON MY HONOR

By Marion Dane Bauer

J FICTION BAUER

When his best friend drowns while they are both swimming in a treacherous river that they had promised never to go near,

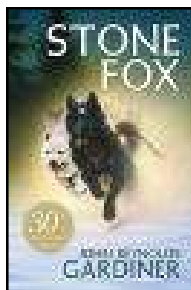
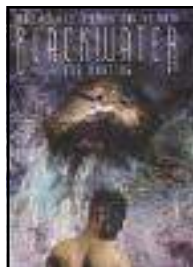
Joel is devastated and terrified at having to tell both sets of parents the terrible consequences of their disobedience.

BLACKWATER

By Eve Bunting

J FICTION BUNTI

When a boy and girl are drowned in the Blackwater River, thirteen-year-old Brodie must decide whether to confess that he may have caused the accident.



STONE FOX

By John Reynolds Gardiner

J FICTION GARDI

Ten-year-old Willy needs to win the big dog-sled race in order to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm--but that means beating the huge Indian mountain man, Stone Fox.



THE TIGER RISING

By Kate DiCamillo

J FICTION DICAM

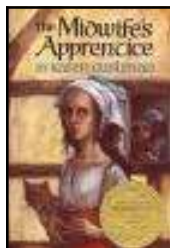
Rob, who passes the time in his rural Florida community by wood carving, is drawn by his spunky but angry friend Sistine into a plan to free a caged tiger.

MORNING GIRL

By Michael Dorris

J FICTION DORRI

Morning Girl, a Taino child who loves the day, and her younger brother Star Boy, who loves the night, take turns describing their life on an island in pre-Columbian America. In Morning Girl's last narrative, she witnesses the arrival of the first Europeans to her world.



THE MIDWIFE'S APPRENTICE

By Karen Cushman

J FICTION CUSHM

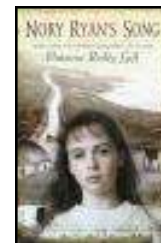
In medieval England, a nameless, homeless girl is taken in by a sharp-tempered midwife, and in spite of obstacles and hardship, eventually gains the three things she most wants: a full belly, a contented heart, and a place in the this world.

THE TULIP TOUCH

By Anne Fine

J FICTION FINE

Natalie, who lives in the large hotel managed by her father, has a dangerous friendship with Tulip, the wildly uncontrollable girl on a neighboring farm.



NORY RYAN'S SONG

By Patricia Reilly Giff

J FICTION GIFF

When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive.

A LONG WAY FROM CHICAGO

By Richard Peck

J FICTION PECK

A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.



LETTERS FROM RIFKA

By Karen Hesse

J FICTION HESSE

In letters to her cousin, a young Jewish girl chronicles her family's flight from Russia in 1919 and her own experiences when she must be left in Belgium for a while when the others emigrate to America.

INDIGO

By Alice Hoffman

J FICTION HOFFM

When her mother dies, Martha is so unhappy living in the dried-up town of Oak Grove, that she convinces two unusual brothers who long to return to the ocean to run away with her.

