



South Carolina Reads

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100 Suggested Titles for Middle School Students

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This is a suggested reading list for middle school students and is not intended for elementary students. However, some titles will be of interest to high school students. The recommended titles reflect the quality and complexity of the types of material middle school students should be reading both at school and outside of class. This list contains contemporary titles to create a more comprehensive list for expanding options for classroom teachers, librarians, students, and parents.

The purpose of this list is to provide suggestions for literature with a wide appeal to middle school students. While this list is not intended to replace existing reading lists, classroom teachers, reading teachers, library information specialists, parents, and others should use this list to encourage their young people to read a wider variety of current literature.

Criteria used in the selection of books for this suggested reading list were:

- Copyright date must be within five years from the current calendar date;
- Each title must have at least three favorable reviews from recognized review sources;
- Each title must be currently available in print; and
- The current winner of the South Carolina Junior Book Award.

This list will be updated annually to meet the selection criteria as outlined above. For more information about this middle school suggested reading list, please contact Martha Alewine (malewine@ed.sc.gov).

100 Suggested Titles for Middle School Students Alphabetical by Author

Author	Title	©Date
1. Abbott, Tony	Postcard, The	2008
2. Alexander, Alma	Gift of the Unmage	2007
3. Anderson, John David	Standard Hero Behavior	2007
4. Anderson, Laurie Halse	Chains	2008
5. Appelt, Kathi	Keeper	2010
6. Aubin, Henry	Rise of the Golden Cobra	2007
7. Avi, et al	Acting Out: Six One-Act Plays! Six Newbery Stars!	2008
8. Bartoletti, Susan Campbell	Boy Who Dared, The	2008
9. Bell, Hilari	Sword of Waters, The	2008
10. Birdsall, Jeanne	Penderwicks, The: a summer tale of four sisters, two rabbits, and a very interesting boy	2007
11. Blos, Joan W.	Letters from the Corrugated Castle: A Novel of Gold Rush California, 1850-1052	2007
12. Bracegirdle, P. J.	Fiendish Deeds	2008
13. Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	Lacemaker and the Princess, The	2007
14. Brezenoff, Steve	Mummy at Midnight, The	2009
15. Burg, Shana	Thousand Never Evers, A	2008
16. Burns, Lorie Griffin	Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion	2007
17. Carey, Janet Lee	Dragon's keep	2007
18. Caseley, Judith	Kissing Diary, The	2007
19. Cody, Matthew	Powerless	2009
20. Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl: the graphic novel 2: The Artic Incident	2009
21. Couloumbis, Audrey	War games : a novel based on a true story	2009
22. Crane, E. M.	Skin Deep	2008
23. Curtis, Christopher Paul	Elijah of Buxton	2007
24. Dahl, Michael	Curtains! A High School Musical Mystery	2009
25. deGusman, Michael	Henrietta Hurnbuckle's Circus of Life	2010
26. DiTerlizzi, Tony	Kenny & the Dragon	2008
27. Doyle, Marissa	Bewitching Season	2008
28. Draper, Sharon	Out of my Mind	2010
29. Dubosarsky, Ursula	World Snoop, The	2009

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30. Duey, Kathleen	Skin Hunger: A Resurrection of Magic, Book One	2007
31. DuPrau, Jeanne	City of Ember	2008
32. Durst, Sarah Beth	Into the Wild	2007
33. Engle, Margarita	Tropical Secrets: Holocaust Refugees in Cuba	2009
34. Farr, Richard	Emperors of the Ice: A True Story of Disaster and Survival in the Antarctic, 1910-13	2008
35. Fergus, Maureen	Ortega	2010
36. Fleming, Candace	The Great and Only Barnum: The Tremendous, Stupendous Life of P. T. Barnum	2009
37. Fletcher, Charlie	Stoneheart	2007
38. Flood, Bo	Warriors in the Crossfire	2010
39. Frost, Helen	Diamond Willow	2008
40. Gaiman, Neil	Graveyard Book, The	2008
41. Garcia, Cristina	I Wanna Be Your Shoebox	2008
42. Gephart, Donna	As If Being 12 3/4 Isn't Bad Enough, My Mother Is Running for President!	2008
43. Grabenstein, Chris	Crossroads, The	2008
44. Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Found	2008
45. Hahn, Mary Downing	Deep, Dark and Dangerous	2007
46. Hale, Shannon	Rapunzel's Revenge (graphic novel)	2008
47. Hale, Shannon	Calamity Jack (graphic novel)	2010
48. Harper, Jessica	Uh-oh, Cleo: I Barfed on Mrs. Kenly	2010
49. Hess, Nina	Practical Guide to Monsters, A	2007
50. Hiaasen, Carl	Scat	2009
51. Hillmam, Ben	How Strong Is It? A Mighty Book All About Strength	2008
52. Holm, Jennifer L.	Middle School is Worse Than Meatloaf	2007
53. Hood, Ann	How I Saved My Father's Life (And Ruined Everything Else)	2008
54. Horowitz, Anthony	Snakehead	2007
55. Horvath, Polly	My One Hundred Adventures	2008
56. Hull, Nancy L.	On Rough Seas	2008
57. Hunter, Erin	Quest Begins, The	2008
58. Jordan, Rosa	Goatnappers, The	2007
59. Kelly, Jacqueline	Evolution of Calpurnia Tate, The	2009
60. Kodahata, Cynthia	Million Shades of Gray, A	2010

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61. Korman, Gordon	Pop	2009
62. LaFaye, A.	Stella Stands Alone	2008
63. Landy, Derek	Skulduggery Pleasant	2007
64. Lasky, Katheryn	Hawksmaid: The Untold Story of Robin Hood and Maid Marian	2010
65. Lee, Y. S.	Agency, The: A Spy in the House	2010
66. Lennon, Joan	Questors	2007
67. Levy, Debbie	Year of Goodbyes, The	2010
68. Lupica, Mike	Big Field, The	2008
69. Macauley, David	Human Machine, The	2008
70. MacDonald, Amy	Too Much Flapdoodle	2008
71. Maddox, Jake	Running Rivals	2009
72. Marsh, Katherine	Night tourist, The	2007
73. Mass, Wendy	Every Soul a Star	2009
74. McClafferty, Carla Killough	In Defiance of Hitler: The Secret Mission of Varian Fry	2008
75. Mercado, Nancy, ed.	Baseball Crazy: Ten Short Stories that Cover All the Bases	2008
76. Murphy, Pat	Wild girls, The	2007
77. Myracle, Lauren	Thirteen	2008
78. Nardo, Don	Climate Crisis	2009
79. Paulsen, Gary	Lawn Boy Returns	2010
80. Peck, Dale	Lost Cities, The: A Drift House Voyage	2007
81. Powell, Martin	Tale of Paul Bunyan, The	2010
82. Rappaport, Doreen	Eleanor, Quiet No More	2009
83. Resau, Laura	Star in the Forest	2010
84. Rinaldi, Anne	Redheaded Princess, The	2008
85. Rodman, Mary Ann	Jimmy's Stars	2008
86. Shearer, Alex	Canned	2008
87. Skelton, Matthew	Story of Cirrus Flux, The	2010
88. Sonnenblick, Jordan	After Ever After	2010
89. Staples, Suzanne Risher	House of Djinn, The	2008
90. Stead, Rebecca	First light	2007
91. Stone, Jeff	Crane	2007
92. Stone, Tanya Lee	Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared	2009

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93. Swanson, James L.	Chasing Lincoln's Killer	2009
94. Walden, Mark	H.I.V.E.: The Higher Institute of Villainous Education	2007
95. Warner, Sally	It's Only Temporary	2008
96. Wiles, Deborah	Countdown	2010
97. Williams, Rita Garcia	One Crazy Summer	2010
98. Wolf, Joan M.	Someone Named Eva	2007
99. Wood, Don	Into the Volcano: a Graphic Novel	2008
100. Woodson, Jacqueline	Feathers	2007