

Reading List for Middle School Students

Alcott, Louisa May. *Little Women*.

Blume, Judy. *Are You There God? It's Me Margaret*.

A young girl learns about growing up.

Burnett, Frances Hodgson. *The Secret Garden*.

When Mary arrives at her uncle's mysterious mansion in the English countryside, she discovers an abandoned garden-and transforms it into a place of beauty and happiness.

Byars, Betsy. *The Pinballs*.

Three adolescents overcome personal tragedy together in a foster home.

Cooney, Caroline B. *Driver's Ed*.

Cooney, Caroline B. *Flight #116 is Down*.

When a 747 jumbo jet crashes in her backyard, 16-year-old Heidi must summon all of her courage and strength to help local rescue workers save the passengers.

When 15-year-old Remy goes along with a driver's ed class prank of stealing road signs, it looks to be harmless fun. However, when fun turns to vandalism, events spiral out of control to a deadly conclusion.

Cooper, James Fenimore. *The Last of the Mohicans*.

Cormier, Robert. *Beyond the Chocolate War*

Brilliant sequel to *The Chocolate War* reveals what happens to devious Archie Costello when the students at Trinity School decide to take revenge on him.

Cormier, Robert. *The Chocolate War*.

A brilliant, unflinching portrait of cruelty and conformity in an exclusive prep school. This unforgettable story will hold readers spellbound until the final, anguished fight on the school football fields.

Cormier, Robert. *I Am the Cheese*.

A stunning novel of psychological power and explosive suspense. When a teenager finds two different birth certificates with his name on them, he is plunged into a devastating family secret.

Crane, Stephen. *The Red Badge of Courage*.

Crutcher, Chris. *Athletic Shorts*

Six unforgettable stories about struggling teenage athletes.

Cushman, Karen. *Catherine, Called Birdy*.

In the year 1290, her fourteenth year, Catherine begins a diary that quickly fills with the irrepressible joys and frustrations of her life. Winner of the Newbery Honor Award, this story presents a very colorful and personal window into medieval England.

Dickinson, Peter. *Eva*.

An extraordinary story of a girl whose memories and personality are implanted into the body of a chimp.

Duncan, Lois. *Who Killed My Daughter?.*

Mature Readers

Frank, Anne. *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

Highwater, Jamake. *Anpao: An American Indian Odyssey*

Highwater weaves generations of legends into the haunting tale of a handsome brave who must journey to the sun.

Kipling, Rudyard. *The Jungle Book*.

Knowles, John. *A Separate Peace*.

At an exclusive prep school in the 1940s, two friends, a shy loner and a handsome daredevil-learns shattering lessons about growing up.

Le Guin, Ursula K. *The Beginning Place*

Deep in the woods, two young people stumble into Tembreabrezi-a strange and wonderful world where time stands still. When this place of enchantment turns into a realm of horror, they embark on a dangerous quest.

London, Jack. *The Call of the Wild*.

The story of a dog's fight for survival in the harsh and frozen Yukon.

London, Jack. *White Fang*

Lord, Walter. *A Night to Remember*.

A dramatic portrait of the last harrowing hours of the Titanic's first and final voyage.

McCaffrey, Anne. *Dragonsong*.

An enchanting tale of Pern; with colorful dragons and fantastic characters.

McCaffrey, Anne. *Dragonsinger*.

The second volume in the fantasy trilogy.

McCaffrey, Anne. *Dragondrums*.

The final volume of the best-selling trilogy reveals how Menolly's best friend, Piemur, becomes a dragon rider-and makes an incredible journey to Pern's uncharted Southern Continent.

McKinley, Robin. *The Blue Sword*.

A tale of an enchanted land, a brave girl, and a powerful sword from the past.

McKinley, Robin. *The Hero and the Crown*.

Splendid fantasy novel of a mythical kingdom, a high-spirited girl, and a quest for a legendary sword.

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

The delightful story of a spirited, mischievous girl living in turn-of-the-century Canada.

Montgomery, L.M. *Anne of the Island*

Anne has grown into a lovely young woman. Leaving the tranquility of her home on Prince Edward Island, she begins a new life as a freshman at Redmond College.

O'Dell, Scott. *Sing Down the Moon*.

An authentic portrait of 19th-century Native American life. When white soldiers invade Navajo lands, Bright Morning, a 14-year-old girl, is forced to join the Long Walk with the rest of her people-a 300-mile march to an Indian reservation.

Paterson, Katherine. *Lyddie*.

This richly crafted story paints an authentic portrait of life in the mill towns of the Industrial Revolution. Lyddie is one of the Lowell girls who works in the mills of Lowell, MA. When the conditions at the mill begin to affect her friend's health, Lyddie risks her job to fight for better working conditions.

Peck, Robert Newton. *A Day No Pigs Would Die*.

Based on the author's own childhood, this story is the timeless tale of one Shaker boy, his beloved pet pig, and the joys and hardships that mark his passage into manhood.

Powell, Randy. *Dean Duffy*.

When eighteen-year-old Dean Duffy is offered a baseball scholarship, he finds himself coming out of his slump and daring to dream one more time.

Richter, Conrad. *The Light in the Forest*.

Richter captures the raw spirit of the American frontier in this stunning tale of a white boy raised by Indians, torn between the claims of loyalty and blood.

Spinelli, Jerry. *Crash*.

An exciting sports adventure.

Steinbeck, John. *The Pearl*.

Steinbeck, John. *The Red Pony*.

Stevenson, Robert Louis. *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*.

Suspenseful tale of a London scientist and a monstrous beast; a classic tale of the duality of man's nature.

Stevenson, Robert Louis. *Kidnapped*

Stevenson, Robert Louis. *Treasure Island*.

Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Hobbit*.

A tale of dragons and elves, hobbits and kings; one of the most enchanting stories of all time.

Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Lord of the Rings*.

Twain, Mark. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

A vivid recreation of the history, the people, and the language of the 19th century American south.

Verne, Jules. *Around the World in Eighty Days*.

Verne, Jules. *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*.

A deep sea quest, fantasy, and science combine to make this a timeless adventure.

Vivian Charles E. *The Adventures of Robin Hood*

The legend of Robin Hood is over a thousand years old, but it was Vivian's novel that collected and distilled many of the legends and stories and combined them into this great classic.

Voight, Cynthia. *Homecoming*.

The tale of the Tillermans-four children abandoned by their parents, searching for a place to call home.

Zable, Rona S. *Don't Get Mad-Get Even!*.

Zindel, Paul. *Loch*.

The tale of a 15-year-old boy's encounter with a Loch Ness monster trapped in a chilly New England lake.

Additional books may be found on the following websites:

- <http://als.lib.wi.us/Collegebound.html>
- <http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/newbery.html>
- <http://ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/caldecott.html>
- <http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/awards.html>