

## Temecula Middle School Library/Media Center

### 100 Books to read in Middle School

\* indicates Series

\*\* indicates Trilogy

	Author	Title	Annotation
1	Abrahams, Peter	Reality Check	After a knee injury destroys sixteen-year-old Cody's college hopes, he drops out of high school and gets a job in his small Montana town, but when his ex-girlfriend disappears from her Vermont boarding school, Cody travels cross-country to join the search.
2	Alexie, Sherman	The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian	Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Native American is the school mascot.
3	Anderson, Laurie Halse	Fever 1793	Sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.
4	Avi	Iron Thunder: The Battle Between the Monitor and Merrimac - A Civil War Novel	Thirteen-year-old Tom Carroll takes his place as head of the family after his father dies fighting for the Union; but his job at the local ironworks, where he helps build an iron ship for the Union army, and his loyalty come into question when he is approached by Confederate spies to sell secrets about the ship to the South.
5	Baskin, Nora Raleigh	Anything but Typical	Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.
6	Boyne, John	The Boy in the Striped Pajamas	Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.
7	Brashares, Ann	The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*	Carmen decides to discard an old pair of jeans, but Tibby, Lena, and Bridget think they are great and decide that whoever the pants fit best will get them. When the jeans fit everyone perfectly, a sisterhood and a memorable summer begin.
8	Brennan, Herbie	Faerie Wars*	Troubled by family problems, Henry finds his life taking a whole new dimension when he and his friend, old Mr. Fogarty, become involved with Prince Pyrgus Malvae who has been sent from the faerie world in order to escape the treacherous Faeries of the Night.
9	Carbone, Elisa Lynn	Blood on the River : James Town 1607	Traveling to the New World in 1606 as the page to Captain John Smith, twelve-year-old orphan Samuel Collier settles in the new colony of James Town, where he must quickly learn to distinguish between friend and foe.
10	Card, Orson Scott	Ender's game*	Ender, who is the result of genetic experimentation, may be the military genius Earth needs in its war against an alien enemy.
11	Choldenko, Gennifer	Al Capone Does my Shirts	A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

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12	Choldenko, Gennifer	If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period	Kirsten and Walk, seventh-graders at an elite private school, describe how race, wealth, weight, and other issues shape their relationships as they and other misfits stand up to a mean but influential classmate.
13	Clements, Andrew	Things Not Seen*	When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.
14	Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl*	When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.
15	Collins, Suzanne	Hunger Games**	Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death.
16	Condi, Ally	Matched**	Cassia has always had complete trust in the Society to make decisions for her, but when she is being paired with her ideal mate, a second face flashes on the screen, and Cassia begins to doubt the Society's infallibility as she tries to decide which man she truly loves.
17	Cooney, Caroline B.	The Face on the Milk Carton*	A photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity.
18	Cooney, Caroline B.	Three Black Swans	When sixteen-year-old Missy Vianello decides to try to convince her classmates that her cousin Claire is really her long-lost identical twin, she has no idea that the results of her prank will be so life-changing.
19	Cummings, Priscilla	Red Kayak	Living near the water on Maryland's Eastern Shore, thirteen-year-old Brady and his best friends J.T. and Digger become entangled in a tragedy which tests their friendship and their ideas about right and wrong.
20	Dashner, James	The Maze Runner**	Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.
21	Dashner, James	The Journal of Curious Letters*	Thirteen-year-old Atticus "Tick" Higginbottom begins receiving mysterious letters from around the world signed only "M.G.," and the clues contained therein lead him on a journey to the perilous 13th Reality and a confrontation with evil Mistress Jane.
22	DeFelice, Cynthia	The Ghost of Fossil Glen*	Allie knows it's not her imagination when she hears a voice and sees in her mind's eye the face of a girl who seems to be seeking Allie's help.
23	Delaney, Joseph	Revenge of the Witch* (The Last Apprentice Series)	Young Tom, the seventh son of a seventh son, starts work as an apprentice for the village spook, whose job is to protect ordinary folk from "ghouls, boggarts, and all manner of wicked beasts."
24	D'Lacey, Chris	The Fire Within* (Last Dragon Chronicles)	College student David Rain rents a room in an unusual boardinghouse full of clay dragons, not realizing that they, along with some lively squirrels, will help jumpstart his writing career.
25	Dressen, Sarah	What Happened to Goodbye	Seventeen-year-old Mclean begins to lose sight of who she really is after she tries to reinvent herself at each school she attends after her parents' divorce and her father moves her from town to town.

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26	Ellis, Deborah	The Breadwinner*	Because the Taliban rulers of Kabul, Afghanistan, impose strict limitations on women's freedom and behavior, eleven-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy so that her family can survive after her father's arrest.
27	Evans, Richard Paul	The Prisoner of Cell 25* (Michael Vey Series)	Fourteen-year-old Michael discovers he has special electrical powers and, with the help of his best friends, becomes aware that there are other teens with similar powers, but something or someone is hunting them and, after Michael's mother is kidnapped, he will need to rely on his powers and his friends to rescue his mom, protect himself, and save the others.
28	Flanagan, John	The Ruins of Gorlan* (Ranger's Apprentice Series)	When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.
29	Gantos, Jack	Joe Pigza Swallowed the Key*	To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription medications wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired.
30	Gee, Maurice	Salt**	Hari, a downtrodden underclass boy, and Pearl, a privileged girl, both develop a talent to speak to animals and humans through mind control, and find themselves thrown together on a quest to save mankind from a terrible weapon.
31	Grisham, John	Kid Lawyer* (Theodore Boone Series)	Thirteen-year-old Theodore Boone, who knows every judge, police officer, and court clerk in the small town of Strattenburg, finds himself involved in a murder trial because of knowledge he might have about a cold-blooded killer.
32	Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Among the Hidden*	In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.
33	Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Found* (The Missing Series)	When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time.
34	Hahn, Mary Downing	Closed for the Season - A Mystery Story	When thirteen-year-old Logan and his family move into a run-down old house in rural Virginia, he discovers that a woman was murdered there and becomes involved with his neighbor Arthur in a dangerous investigation to try to uncover the killer.
35	Kadohata, Cynthia	Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam	A young soldier in Vietnam bonds with his bomb-sniffing dog.
36	Kehret, Peg	Ghost Dog Secrets	Sixth-grader Rusty, determined to help an injured dog that is chained outdoors in frigid weather, calls animal control then takes matters into his own hands, aided by his best friend and a ghost collie that leads Rusty to an even deeper secret.
37	Key, Watt	Alabama Moon	After the death of his father, ten-year-old Moon leaves their forest shelter home and is sent to an institution where he makes good friends, a relentless enemy, and a new life.

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38	Kinney, Jeff	Diary of a wimpy kid*	Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.
39	Kirby, Jessi	Moonglass	At age seven, Anna watched her mother walk into the surf and drown, but nine years later, when she moves with her father to the beach where her parents fell in love, she joins the cross-country team, makes new friends, and faces her guilt.
40	Korman, Gordon	Schooled	Cap lives in isolation with his grandmother, a former hippie; but when she falls from a tree and breaks her hip, Cap is sent to a foster home where he has his first experience in a public school.
41	Landson, Kristen	The Limit	When his family exceeds its legal debt limit, thirteen-year-old Matt is sent to the Federal Debt Rehabilitation Agency workhouse, where he discovers illicit activities are being carried out using the children who have been placed there.
42	Lawson, Kirby	Hattie Big Sky	Sixteen-year-old Hattie Brooks inherits her uncle's homesteading claim in Montana in 1917 and encounters some unexpected problems related to the war in Europe.
43	Lester, Julius	Day of Tears : A Novel in Dialogue	Presents an historical fiction written in first-person format that follows Emma, the slave of Pierce Butler, through a series of events in her life as her master hosts the largest slave auction in American history in Savannah, Georgia in 1859 in order to pay off his mounting gambling debts.
44	Lipsyte, Robert	Yellow Flag	When seventeen-year-old Kyle reluctantly succumbs to family pressure and replaces his injured brother in the family racecar, he struggles to keep up with his trumpet playing while deciding how--or if--he can continue making music with a brass quintet and headlines as a Nascar racer.
45	Lord, Cynthia	Rules	Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with an young paraplegic.
46	Lord, Gabrielle	January* (Conspiracy 365 Series)	After his father's murder, fifteen-year-old Cal becomes a fugitive and must find a way to survive the next 365 days, solve his father's murder, and uncover a history-changing secret.
47	Lowry, Lois	The Giver*	Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other. He then learns the terrible truth about the Community.
48	Lu, Marie	Legend**	Set in Los Angeles in a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, two teenagers from different classes, Day, a criminal and June, an elite, cross paths and uncover a truth that will become legend.
49	Lupica, Mike	Travel team*	After he is cut from his travel basketball team--the very same team that his father once led to national prominence--twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.

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50	Lupica, Mike	Heat	Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.
51	Lynch, Chris	I Pledge Allegiance : Vietnam*	Best friends Morris, Rudi, Ivan, and Beck, having been either drafted or enlisted in the military during the Vietnam War, pledge they will come home together, and Morris, a sailor on the USS "Boston," relies on that promise to stay strong while his courage and resolve are tested under attack.
52	MacHale, D.J.	The Merchant of Death* (Pendragon Series)	Fourteen-year-old Bobby Pendragon, having learned he is a Traveler--someone who can ride "flumes" through time and space, is soon off to the alternative dimension of Denduron where he teams up with Loor, a girl his age from the warrior-territory of Zadaa, in an attempt to save the gentle Milago people from slavery.
53	Mazer, Harry	A Boy at War : A Novel of Pearl Harbor	While fishing with his friends off Honolulu on December 7, 1941, teenaged Adam is caught in the midst of the Japanese attack and through the chaos of the subsequent days tries to find his father, a naval officer who was serving on the U.S.S. Arizona when the bombs fell.
54	McDaniel, Lurlene	Heart to Heart	Relates the complicated friendship of a teenaged girl, her best friend, her best friend's boyfriend, and a young heart transplant recipient.
55	McDowell, Beck	This is Not a Drill	Two teens must work together to protect a class of first-graders when a soldier with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder takes them hostage
56	Meyer, Stephanie	Twilight**	When seventeen-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not wholly human.
57	Mikaelson, Ben	Touching Spirit Bear	After his anger erupts into violence, fifteen year-old Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the Native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.
58	Morpurgo, Michael	Private Peaceful	When Thomas Peaceful's older brother is forced to join the British Army, Thomas decides to sign up as well, although he is only fourteen years old, to prove himself to his country, his family, his childhood love, Molly, and himself.
59	Mull, Brandon	Fablehaven*	When Kendra and Seth go to stay at their grandparents' estate, they discover that it is a sanctuary for magical creatures and that a battle between good and evil is looming.
60	Myers, Walter Dean	Sunrise over Fallujah	Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.
61	Napoli, Donna Jo	Three Days	Eleven-year-old Jackie, traveling with her father in Italy, finds herself in a dangerous situation when she is picked up by two men after her father dies suddenly of a heart attack, leaving her alone on an Italian highway.

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62	Napoli, Donna Jo	Alligator Bayou	Fourteen-year-old Calogero Scalise and his Sicilian uncles and cousin live in small-town Louisiana in 1899, when Jim Crow laws rule and anti-immigration sentiment is strong, so despite his attempts to be polite and to follow American customs, disaster dogs his family at every turn.
63	Oliver, Lauren	Delirium**	Lena looks forward to receiving the government-mandated cure that prevents the <b>delirium</b> of love and leads to a safe, predictable, and happy life, until ninety-five days before her eighteenth birthday and her treatment, when she falls in love.
64	Park, Linda Sue	Project Mulberry	Julia, a Korean-American, and her friend Patrick learn about tolerance, friendship, and patience while working together on a project about silkworms.
65	Paterson, Katherine	Bread and Roses, Too	Twelve-year-old Rosa and thirteen-year-old Jake form an unlikely friendship as they try to survive and understand the 1912 Bread and Roses strike of mill workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts.
66	Patterson, James	Witch & Wizard*	A sister and brother, along with thousands of young people, have been kidnapped and either thrown in prison or turned up missing after accusations of witchcraft were made against them, and the ruling regime will do anything in order to suppress life and liberty, music and books.
67	Paulsen, Gary	Hatchet* (Brian's Saga Series)	After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.
68	Pearson, Ridley	Kingdom Keepers* (Disney After Dark Series)	Five young teens hired as models for theme park guides find themselves pitted against Disney villains and witches that threaten both the future of Walt Disney World and the stability of the world as a whole.
69	Peck, Richard	Here Lies the Librarian	Fourteen-year-old Eleanor "Peewee" McGrath, a tomboy and automobile enthusiast, discovers new possibilities for her future after the 1914 arrival in her small Indiana town of four young librarians.
70	Pfeffer, Susan Beth	Life As We Knew It*	Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.
71	Poblocki, Dan	The Ghost of Graylock	Staying with their aunts over the summer, Neil Cady, his sister Bree, and their new friends Wesley and Eric, set out to explore Greylock Hall, an abandoned psychiatric hospital which is supposed to be haunted by the ghost of Nurse Janet.
72	Reichs, Kathy	Viral*	Tory Brennan and her friends are exposed to a canine parvovirus when they rescue a dog from a medical testing facility and soon realize they have heightened senses, which they use to solve a cold case murder.
73	Rinaldi, Ann	Come Juneteenth	Fourteen-year-old Luli and her family face tragedy after failing to tell their slaves that President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation made them free.

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74	Riordan, Rick	The Lightning Thief* (Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series)	Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, and is sent to Camp Half Blood where he is befriended by a satyr and the demigod daughter of Athena who join him in a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a catastrophic war.
75	Riordan, Rick	Red Pyramid* (Kane Chronicles Series)	Brilliant Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kane accidentally unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes the doctor to oblivion and forces his two children to embark on a dangerous journey, bringing them closer to the truth about their family and its links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.
76	Rorby, Ginny	Lost in a River of Grass	When two Florida teenagers become stranded on a tiny island in the Everglades, they attempt to walk ten miles through swampland to reach civilization.
77	Roth, Veronica	Divergent**	In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all.
78	Roy, Jennifer	Yellow Star	From 1939, when Sylvia is four and a half years old, to 1945 when she has just turned ten, a Jewish girl and her family struggle to survive in Poland's Lodz ghetto during the Nazi occupation.
79	Sage, Angie	Magyk* (Septimus Heap Series)	After learning that she is the Princess, Jenna is whisked from her home and carried toward safety from pursuit by agents of those who killed her mother ten years earlier.
80	Selznick, Brian	The Invention of Hugo Cabret : A Novel in Words and Pictures	When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toymaker and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.
81	Shafer, Audrey	The Mailbox	When twelve-year-old Gabe tries to hide his uncle's death from the local authorities, he is not prepared for what happens when this secret is discovered.
82	Shahan, Sherry	Death Mountain	While traveling to visit the mother she has not heard from in almost a year, Erin and another teenage girl become lost in the rugged Sierra Nevada mountains and must struggle for six days to survive.
83	Sherlock, Patti	Letters from Wolfie	Certain that he is doing the right thing by donating his dog, Wolfie, to the Army's scout program in Vietnam, thirteen-year-old Mark begins to have second thoughts when the Army refuses to say when and if Wolfie will ever return.
84	Sonnenblick, Jordan	Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie	When his younger brother is diagnosed with leukemia, thirteen-year-old Steven tries to deal with his complicated emotions, his school life, and his desire to support his family.
85	Tolan, Stephanie	Surviving the Applewhites	Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.

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86	Trueman, Terry	Hurricane : A Novel	A fictional account of one of the worst storms to hit the Caribbean--Hurricane Mitch in 1998--told from the perspective of a thirteen-year-old boy living in a small village in Honduras, who was one of the few left after the storm. It is a storm about a young boy's fear and courage.
87	Van Draanen, Wendelin	Flipped	In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.
88	Vega, Denise	Click Here : To find out how I survived 7th Grade - A Novel	Seventh-grader Erin Swift writes about her friends and classmates in her private blog, but when it accidentally gets posted on the school Intranet site, she learns some important lessons about friendship.
89	Walden, Mark	H.I.V.E. - Higher Institute of Villainous Education*	Thirteen-year-old orphan Otto Malpense, identified as a boy with a special talent for villainy, is kidnapped and taken to the remote Higher Institute of Villainous Education, or H.I.V.E., where he is enrolled in a six-year training program and immediately begins formulating a plan to escape.
90	Weeks, Sarah	So B. It : A Novel	After spending her life with her mentally retarded mother and agoraphobic neighbor, twelve-year-old Heidi sets out from Reno, Nevada, to New York to find out who she is.
91	Westerfeld, Scott	Leviathan**	In an alternate 1914 Europe, fifteen-year-old Austrian Prince Alek, on the run from the Clanker Powers who are attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery, forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically-engineered beasts.
92	Westerfeld, Scott	The Uglies**	Tally is faced with a difficult choice when her new friend Shay decides to risk life on the outside rather than submit to the forced operation that turns sixteen year old girls into gorgeous beauties, and realizes that there is a whole new side to the pretty world that she doesn't like.
93	Weyn, Suzanne	Bar Code Tattoo*	Kayla is ostracized at school because she refused to get the required tattooed bar code and now she and her family must run to avoid the dangers threats against them.
94	White, Amy Brecount	Forget-her-nots	At a Charlottesville, Virginia, boarding school, fourteen-year-old Laurel realizes that she shares her deceased mother's connection with flowers, but as she begins to learn their ancient language and share it with other students, she discovers powers that are beyond her control.
95	White, Robb	Deathwatch	Needing money for school, a college student accepts a job as a guide on a desert hunting trip and nearly loses his life.
96	Whitmore, Arvella	Trapped Between the Lash and the Gun : A Boy's journey	Twelve-year-old Jordan is becoming dangerously involved with a street gang when he is suddenly transported through time to become a slave on the plantation of his ancestors.
97	Williams, Kathryn	Pizza, Love, and Other Stuff that Made me Famous	Although sixteen-year-old Sophie has grown up working in her family's Mediterranean restaurant in Washington, D.C., she is not prepared to compete on the new reality show, Teen Test Kitchen, when her best friend Alex convinces her to audition. Includes recipes.



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98	Williams, Suzanne	Bull Rider	When his older brother, a bull-riding champion, returns from the Iraq War partially paralyzed, fourteen-year-old Cam takes a break from skateboarding to enter a bull-riding contest, in hopes of winning the \$15,000 prize and motivating his depressed brother to continue with his rehabilitation.
99	Wolf, Joan M.	Someone Named Eva	From her home in Lidice, Czechoslovakia, in 1942, eleven-year-old Milada is taken with other blond, blue-eyed children to a school in Poland to be trained as "proper Germans" for adoption by German families, but all the while she remembers her true name and history.
100	Zusak, Markus	The Book Thief	Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.