

- [The School of Fear](#) (Mystery/Suspense) by Gitty Danashvari - A group of four children with severe phobias goes to a "school" with a hilariously abnormal teacher to cure them of their fears (ages 9+)
- [Middle School Series](#) by James Patterson With his best friend Leonardo the Silent awarding him points, first year middle schooler Rafe tries to break every rule in his school's oppressive Code of Conduct. But when Rafe's game starts to catch up with him, he'll have to decide if winning is all that matters, or if he's finally ready to face the rules, bullies, and truths he's been avoiding. (ages 8+)
- [Fudge](#) (humour) series by Judy Blume - Fans young and old will laugh out loud at the irrepressible wit of Peter Hatcher, the hilarious antics of mischievous Fudge, and the unbreakable confidence of know-it-all Sheila Tubman in Judy Blume's five Fudge books (age 8+)
- [Charlie & the Chocolate Factory](#) by Roald Dahl - The classic story of a boy named Charlie and his crazy encounter with chocolatier Willie Wonka (7+).
- [Molly Moon's Incredible book of Hypnotism](#) by Georgia Byng - Molly Moon is no ordinary orphan. When she finds a mysterious old book on hypnotism, she discovers she can make people do whatever she wants. But a sinister stranger is watching her every move and he'll do anything to steal her hypnotic secret... (8+)
- [Hank Zipzer](#) & [Ghost Buddy](#) by Henry Winkler
- [Smile by Raina Telgemeier](#) - Raina wants to be a normal sixth grader, but everything changes after she falls and severely injures her teeth. (8+)
- [Flower Power Books by Lauren Myracle](#): Follows a group of middle school girls who called themselves the flower-friend foursome. Cute series. (9+)
- [Confectionately Yours by Lisa Papademetriou](#): A middle grade girl deals with her parents divorce and move into her grandmother's house by baking cupcakes. (8+)
- [Babysitter's Club by Ann M. Martin](#) - Classic novel of a group of teens forming a babysitter's club. (8+)
- [Camp Confidential by Melissa J Morgan](#): Looks at a group of girls going to summer camp and reinventing themselves to new friends. (8+)
- [Goddess Girls by Joan Holub](#): Follows a group of teen goddesses. (8+)
- [Cupcake diaries by Coco Simon](#): Friends get together to form a cupcake club and deal with life in middle school (8+)
- [CandyApple books by various](#): Following different girls with very different personalities through the trials and tribulations of middle school (8+)
- [Whatever After by Sarah Mlynowski](#): Two kids interrupt fairy tales just as they were about to reach a turning point. In the first book, the kids interrupt Snow White just before she takes a bit of the poison apple. But, if she doesn't bit the apple, she doesn't meet the prince! (8+)
- [Twice upon a time by Wendy Mass](#): Fairy tales are true in these lovely tales with a twist. (8+)
- [The Birthday Series](#) by Wendy Mass is highly recommended by YA gals. (8+)
- [Dork Diaries](#) by Rachel Renee Russell - Dork Diaries follows eighth grader Nikki Maxwell as she chronicles through text and sketches her move to a snooty new school; her epic

battle with her mom for an iPhone; her enthusiasm for drawing and art; and a love/hate fascination with the new school's queen bee, a girl named Mackenzie. (9+)

- [Charlotte's Web](#) by E.B. White - Charlotte's spiderweb tells of her feelings for a little pig named Wilbur, who simply wants a friend. They also express the love of a girl named Fern, who saved Wilbur's life when he was born the runt of his litter. (8+)
- [Wonderstruck](#) by Brian Selznick - Ben and Rose secretly wish their lives were different. Ben longs for the father he has never known. Rose dreams of a mysterious actress whose life she chronicles in a scrapbook. When Ben discovers a puzzling clue in his mother's room and Rose reads an enticing headline in the newspaper, both children set out alone on desperate quests to find what they are missing. (8+)
- [The Invention of Hugo Cabret](#) (mystery) by Brian Selznick - Orphan, clock keeper, and thief, Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. But when his world suddenly interlocks with an eccentric, bookish girl and a bitter old man who runs a toy booth in the station, Hugo's undercover life, and his most precious secret, are put in jeopardy. (8+)