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Summer Reading List
Middle School



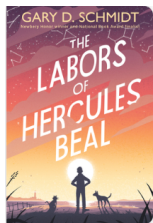
Realistic Fiction



Simon Sort of Says

Erin Bow

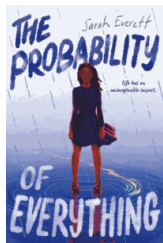
Simon O'Keeffe's biggest claim to fame should be the time his dad accidentally gave a squirrel a holy sacrament. Or maybe the alpaca disaster that went viral on YouTube. But he's famous for living through a horrible experience. Two years later, twelve-year-old Simon and his family move to the National Quiet Zone—the only place in America where the internet is banned. Instead of talking about Simon, the astronomers who flock to the area are busy listening for signs of life in space. And when Simon makes a friend who's determined to give the scientists what they're looking for, he'll finally have the chance to spin a new story for the world to tell. Funny and heartfelt.



The Labors of Hercules Beal

Gary D. Schmidt

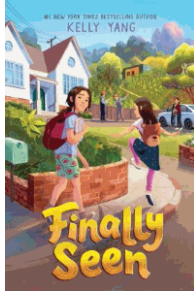
7th grader Herc Beal knows who he's named after—a mythical hero—but he's no superhero. He's the smallest kid in his class. So when his homeroom teacher at his new middle school gives him the assignment of duplicating the mythical Hercules's amazing feats in real life, he's skeptical. After all, there are no Nemean Lions on Cape Cod—and not a single Hydra in sight. Missing his parents terribly and wishing his older brother wasn't working all the time, Herc figures out how to take his first steps along the road that the great Hercules himself once walked.



The Probability of Everything

Sarah Everett

When an asteroid has an 84.7% chance of colliding with the Earth in four days, eleven-year-old Kemi, who loves scientific facts and probability, assembles a time capsule to capture her family's truth as she tries to come to terms with saying goodbye.



Finally Seen

Kelly Yang

When Lina's family immigrated to the United States from China, Lina stayed behind with her grandmother. Five years later, it's Lina's turn to join her family, but she's shocked to discover how hard her new life is.



The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman

Gennifer Choldenko

How do you ask for help? What if every decision you make seems to be the wrong one? Eleven year-old Hank is struggling to take care of his toddler sister Boo after his mom doesn't come home. But it's been a week now. They are out of food and mom has never stayed away this long... Hank knows he needs help, so he and Boo seek out the stranger listed as their emergency contact. But asking for help has consequences. It means having to answer questions about his mom that he's been trying to keep secret. And if they can't find his mom soon, Hank and Boo may end up in different foster homes--he could lose everything.



Other Words for Home

Jasmine Warga

Jude never thought she'd be leaving her beloved older brother and father behind, all the way across the ocean in Syria. But when things in her hometown start becoming volatile, Jude and her mother are sent to live in Cincinnati with relatives. At first, everything in America seems too fast and too loud. She isn't quite prepared for starting school in the US—and her new label of "Middle Eastern," an identity she's never known before. But this life also brings unexpected surprises—there are new friends, a whole new family, and a school musical that Jude might just try out for. Maybe America, too, is a place where Jude can be seen as she really is.

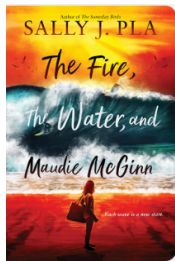


Something Like Home

Andrea Beatriz Arango

Laura Rodríguez Colón has a plan: no matter what the grown-ups say, she will live with her parents again. It's tough to make friends as the new kid at school. And while staying at her aunt's house is okay, it just isn't the same as

being in her own space. So when Laura finds a puppy, it seems like fate. If she can train the puppy to become a therapy dog, then maybe she'll be allowed to visit her parents. Maybe the dog will help them get better and things will finally go back to the way they should be. After all, how do you explain to others that you're technically a foster kid, even though you live with your aunt? And most importantly . . . how do you explain that you're not where you belong, and you just want to go home?



The Fire, the Water, and Maudie McGinn

Sally J. Pla

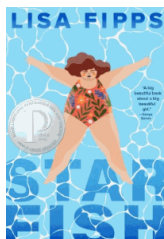
Maudie always looks forward to the summers she spends in California with her dad. But this year, she must keep a troubling secret about her home life--one that her mom warned her never to tell. Maudie wants to confide in her dad about her stepdad's anger, but she's scared. When a wildfire strikes, Maudie and her dad are forced to evacuate to the beach town where he grew up. As Maudie navigates unfamiliar waters, she makes friends--and her autism no longer feels like the big deal her mom makes it out to be. But her secret is still threatening to sink her. Will Maudie find the strength to reveal the awful truth--and maybe even find some way to stay with Dad--before summer is over? How do



The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise

Dan Gemenhart

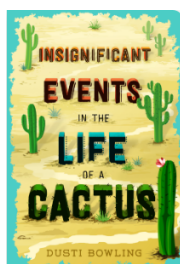
Coyote and her dad, Rodeo, sold everything and went to live in an old school bus, crisscrossing the nation when Coyote lost her mom and two sisters in a car crash. Coyote hasn't been back home in 5 years, but when she learns the park in her old neighborhood is being demolished - the very same park where she, her mom, and her sisters buried a treasured memory box - she devises an elaborate plan to get her dad to drive 3,600 miles back to Washington state in four days...without him realizing it. Along the way, they'll pick up a strange crew of misfit travelers.



Starfish

Lisa Fipps

In this novel-in-verse, Ellie is bullied about her weight both at home and at school. Of course, it bothers Ellie—especially her mother's hurtful comments—but her spirited self-talk helps her get through each day, along with support from her dad, her new friend Catalina, and Catalina's family.



Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus

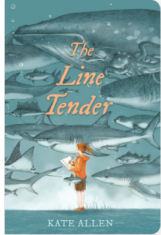
Dusti Bowling

Aven Green loves to tell people that she lost her arms in an alligator wrestling match, but the truth is she was born without them. And when her

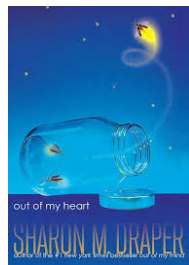
parents take a job running Stagecoach Pass, a rundown western theme park in Arizona, Aven moves with them across the country. Her new life takes an unexpected turn when she bonds with Connor, a classmate who also feels isolated because of his own disability, and they discover a room at the theme park that holds bigger secrets than Aven ever could have imagined.

The Line Tender

Kate Allen



Wherever the sharks led, Lucy Everhart's marine-biologist mother was sure to follow. In fact, she was on a boat far off the coast of Massachusetts, preparing to swim with a Great White, when she died suddenly. Lucy was eight. Since then Lucy and her father have done OK—thanks in large part to her best friend, Fred, and a few close friends and neighbors. But June of her twelfth summer brings more than the end of school and a heat wave to sleepy Rockport.



Out of My Heart

Sharon M. Draper

In this sequel to *Out of My Mind*, Melody is a year older, and a year braver. And now with her Medi-talker, she feels nothing's out of her reach, not even summer camp. By the light of flickering campfires and the power of thunderstorms, through the terror of unexpected creatures in cabins and the first sparkle of a crush, Melody's about to discover how brave and strong she really is.



Blended

Sharon M. Draper

Accomplished pianist Isabella divides her time between two homes and blended families. Having a black father and a white mother also has Isabella examining her biracial identity. A hate incident at school and an unexpected confrontation threaten to tear apart her already fragile world.



Summerlost

Ally Condie

After losing her father and brother in a car accident, twelve-year-old Cedar struggles with her grief as she faces her first summer without them. When her mother moves what's left of their family to Iron Creek, Cedar meets a quirky boy named Leo. As they enjoy the town's annual Summerlost Theater Festival, they become intrigued by the mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of a famous local actress.



Amina's Voice

Hena Khan

A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community.