



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. Alexander, Alma	Gift of the Unmage	2007
2. Anderson, Jody Lynn	May-Bird and the Ever After	2006
3. Anderson, John David	Standard Hero Behavior	2007
4. Appelt, Kathi	Underneath, The	2008
5. Aubin, Henry	Rise of the Golden Cobra	2007
6. Avi	Traitors' Gate, The	2007
7. Avi, et al	Acting Out: Six One-Act Plays! Six Newbery Stars!	2008
8. Balliett, B.	Wright 3, The	2006
9. Bartoletti, Susan Campbell	Boy Who Dared, The	2008
10. Bausum, Ann	Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the front lines of the Civil Rights Movement	2006
11. Bell, Hilari	Sword of Waters, The	2008
12. Birdsall, Jeanne	Penderwicks, The: a summer tale of four sisters, two rabbits, and a very interesting boy	2007
13. Blos, Joan W.	Letters from the Corrugated Castle: A Novel of Gold Rush California, 1850-1052	2007
14. Bracegirdle, P. J.	Fiendish Deeds	2008
15. Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	Lacemaker and the Princess, The	2007
16. Brezenoff, Steve	Mummy at Midnight, The	2009
17. Burns, Lorie Griffin	Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion	2007
18. Caldwell, Dave	Speed Show: How NASCAR Won the Heart of America	2006
19. Carbone, Elisa Lynn	Blood on the river: Jamestown 1607	2006
20. Carey, Janet Lee	Dragon's keep	2007
21. Caseley, Judith	Kissing Diary, The	2007
22. Cooper, Susan	Victory	2006
23. Copeland, Mark	Bundle at Blackthorpe Heath, The	2006
24. Curtis, Christopher Paul	Elijah of Buxton	2007
25. Dahl, Michael	Curtains! A High School Musical Mystery	2009
26. DiTerlizzi, Tony	Kenny & the Dragon	2008
27. Duey, Kathleen	Skin Hunger: A Resurrection of Magic, Book One	2007
28. DuPrau, Jeanne	City of Ember	2008
29. Durst, Sarah Beth	Into the Wild	2007

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30. Farr, Richard	Emperors of the Ice: A True Story of Disaster and Survival in the Antarctic, 1910-13	2008
31. Fleischman, Sid	Escape!: the story of the Great Houdini	2006
32. Fletcher, Charlie	Stoneheart	2007
33. Frazier, Neta Lohnes	Stout-hearted Seven, The: Orphaned on the Oregon Trail	2006
34. Frost, Helen	Diamond Willow	2008
35. Garcia, Cristina	I Wanna Be Your Shoebox	2008
36. Gilkerson, William	Pirate's Passage	2006
37. Gray, Dianne E.	Tomorrow the River	2006
38. Grimes, Nikki	Road to Paris, The	2006
39. Haarsma, P. J.	Softwire Virus on Orbis 1	2006
40. Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Found	2008
41. Hale, Shannon	Princess Academy	2006
42. Hiaasen, Carl	Scat	2009
43. Hillmam, Ben	How Strong Is It? A Mighty Book All About Strength	2008
44. Hobbs, Will	Crossing the Wire	2006
45. Hoffman, Alice	Incantation	2006
46. Holm, Jennifer L.	Middle School is Worse Than Meatloaf	2007
47. Hood, Ann	How I Saved My Father's Life (And Ruined Everything Else)	2008
48. Horowitz, A	Snakehead	2007
49. Hostetter, Joyce	Blue	2006
50. Hull, Nancy L.	On Rough Seas	2008
51. Hunter, Erin	Quest Begins, The	2008
52. Hurst, Carol Otis	Torchlight	2006
53. Jones, Kimberly	Sand Dollar Summer	2006
54. Jordan, Rosa	Goatnappers, The	2007
55. Kadohata, Cynthia	Cracker!: the best dog in Vietnam	2007
56. Kent, Deborah	Riding the Pony Express	2006
57. Kinney, Jeff	Diary of a wimpy kid: Greg Heffley's journal	2007
58. Kladstrup, Kristen	Book of Story Beginnings, The	2006
59. Klages, Ellen	Green Glass Sea, The	2006
60. Korman, Gordon	Schooled	2007

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61. LaFaye, A.	Stella Stands Alone	2008
62. Landy, Derek	Skulduggery Pleasant	2007
63. Larson, Kirby	Hattie Big Sky	2006
64. Lennon, Joan	Questors	2007
65. Lisle, Janet Taylor	Black Duck	2006
66. Lupica, Mike	Big Field, The	2008
67. Macauley, David	Human Machine, The	2008
68. MacDonald, Amy	Too Much Flapdoodle	2008
69. Mack, Tracy and Michael Citrin	Sherlock Holmes and the Baker Street Irregulars	2006
70. Maddox, Jake	Running Rivals	2009
71. Mantell, Paul	Arthur Ashe: Young Tennis Champion	2006
72. Marrin, Albert	Oh, Rats!	2006
73. Marsh, Katherine	Night tourist, The	2007
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. Miller, Millie	Our World: A Country-by-Country Guide	2006
77. Murphy, Jim	Desperate Journey	2006
78. Murphy, Pat	Wild girls, The	2007
79. Nardo, Don	Climate Crisis	2009
80. Nimmo, Jenny	Snow Spider, The	2006
81. Patron, Susan	Higher Power of Lucky, The	2006
82. Paulsen, Gary	The legend of Bass Reeves : being the true account of the most valiant marshal in the West	2006
83. Peck, Dale	Lost Cities, The: A Drift House Voyage	2007
84. Rinaldi, Anne	Redheaded Princess, The	2008
85. Riordan, Rick	Lightning Thief, The	2007
86. Rowling, J.K.	Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows	2007
87. Shafer, Audrey	Mailbox, The	2006
88. Shearer, Alex	Canned	2008
89. Shreve, Susan	Kiss Me Tomorrow	2006
90. Smelcer, J. E.	Trap, The	2006
91. Stanley, Diane	Bella at midnight	2006

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92. Staples, Suzanne Risher	House of Djinn, The	2008
93. Stead, Rebecca	First light	2007
94. Stone, Jeff	Crane	2007
95. Turner, Ann Warren	Hard Hit	2006
96. Walden, Mark	H.I.V.E.: The Higher Institute of Villainous Education	2007
97. Weeks, Sarah	Jumping the Scratch	2006
98. Wolf, Joan M.	Someone Named Eva	2007
99. Wong, Li Keng	Good fortune: My journey to Gold Mountain	2006
100. Woodson, Jacqueline	Feathers	2007