



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. Aubin, Henry	Rise of the Golden Cobra	2007
4. Avi	Book Without Words: A Fable of Medieval Magic	2005
5. Balliett, B.	Wright 3, The	2006
6. Birdsall, Jeanne	Penderwicks, The: a summer tale of four sisters, two rabbits, and a very interesting boy	2007
7. Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	Lacemaker and the Princess, The	2007
8. Burns, Lorie Griffin	Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion	2007
9. Caldwell, Dave	Speed Show: How NASCAR Won the Heart of America	2006
10. Carbone, Elisa Lynn	Blood on the river: Jamestown 1607	2006
11. Carey, Janet Lee	Dragon's keep	2007
12. Choldenko, Gennifer	Al Capone Does My Shirts	2004
13. Cooper, Susan	Victory	2006
14. Copeland, Mark	Bundle at Blackthorpe Heath, The	2006
15. Creech, Sharon	Heartbeat	2004
16. Curtis, Christopher Paul	Elijah of Buxton	2007
17. DeFelice, Cynthia	Missing Manatee, The	2005
18. Duey, Kathleen	Skin Hunger: A Resurrection of Magic, Book One	2007
19. Durst, Sarah Beth	Into the Wild	2007
20. Edwards, Julie	Dragon: Hound of Honor	2004
21. Farmer, Nancy	Sea of Trolls, The	2004
22. Fleischman, Sid	Escape!: the story of the Great Houdini	2006
23. Fletcher, Charlie	Stoneheart	2007
24. Frazier, Neta Lohnes	Stout-hearted Seven, The: Orphaned on the Oregon Trail	2006
25. Fuqua, Jonathan Scott	Willoughby Spit Wonder, The	2004
26. Gandits, John	Technically, It's Not My Fault	2004
27. Gilkerson, William	Pirate's Passage	2006
28. Going, K. L.	Liberation of Gabriel King, The	2005
29. Gravett, Christopher	Real Knights: Over 20 True Stories of Chivalrous Deeds	2005

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30. Gray, Dianne E.	Tomorrow the River	2006
31. Grimes, Nikki	Road to Paris, The	2006
32. Haarsma, P. J.	Softwire Virus on Orbis 1	2006
33. Hale, Shannon	Princess Academy	2006
34. Hannigan, Kathrine	Ida B-- : and her plans to maximize fun, avoid disaster, and (possibly) save the world	2004
35. Harness, Cheryl	Franklin & Eleanor	2004
36. Hart, Lenore	Treasure of Savage Island, The	2005
37. Hesse, Karen	Aleutian Sparrow	2005
38. Hobbs, Will	Crossing the Wire	2006
39. Hoffman, Alice	Incantation	2006
40. Holm, Jennifer	Penny from Heaven	2006
41. Horowitz, A	Snakehead	2007
42. Hostetter, Joyce	Blue	2006
43. Jocelyn, Martha	Mable Riley : a reliable record of humdrum, peril, and romance	2004
44. Jones, Kimberly	Sand Dollar Summer	2006
45. Jordan, Rosa	Goatnappers, The	2007
46. Kadohata, Cynthia	Cracker!: the best dog in Vietnam	2007
47. Keehn, Sally M.	Gnat Stokes and the foggy bottom swamp queen	2005
48. Kent, Deborah	Riding the Pony Express	2006
49. Kerr, P. B.	Children of the Lamp, The: The Akhenaten Adventure	2004
50. Kinney, Jeff	Diary of a wimpy kid: Greg Heffley's journal	2007
51. Kladstrup, Kristen	Book of Story Beginnings, The	2006
52. Klages, Ellen	Green Glass Sea, The	2006
53. Korman, Gordon	Schooled	2007
54. Landy, Derek	Skulduggery Pleasant	2007
55. Larson, Kirby	Hattie Big Sky	2006
56. Lester, Julius	Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue	2005
57. Lisle, Janet Taylor	Black Duck	2006
58. Lupica, Mike	Heat	2006
59. Mack, Tracy and Michael Citrin	Sherlock Holmes and the Baker Street Irregulars	2006
60. Mantell, Paul	Arthur Ashe: Young Tennis Champion	2006

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61. Marrin, Albert	Oh, Rats!	2006
62. Marsh, Katherine	Night tourist, The	2007
63. Mass, Wendy	Mango-shaped space, A: A novel	2003
64. Mazer, Harry	Boy No More, A	2004
65. McWhorter, Diane	Dream of Freedom, A: The Civil Rights Movement from 1954 to 1968	2004
66. Miller, Millie	Our World: A Country-by-Country Guide	2006
67. Moses, Shelia P.	I, Dred Scott	2004
68. Murphy, Jim	Desperate Journey	2006
69. Murphy, Pat	Wild girls, The	2007
70. Nimmo, Jenny	Snow Spider, The	2006
71. Paulsen, Gary	The legend of Bass Reeves : being the true account of the most valiant marshal in the West	2006
72. Patron, Susan	Higher Power of Lucky, The	2006
73. Peck, Richard	The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts	2004
74. Porter, Pamela	Crazy Man, The	2005
75. Rinaldi, Anne	Unlikely friendship, An: a novel of Mary Todd Lincoln and Elizabeth Keckley	2007
76. Riordan, Rick	Lightning Thief, The	2005
77. Rowling, J.K.	Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows	2007
78. Russo, Marisabina	Always Remember Me: How One Family Survived World War II	2005
79. Salisbury, Graham	Eyes of the emperor	2005
80. Selznick, Brian	The Invention of Hugo Cabret	2007
81. Shafer, Audrey	Mailbox, The	2006
82. Shreve, Susan	Kiss Me Tomorrow	2006
83. Simmons, Michael	Pool Boy	2005
84. Skye, Obert	Leven Thumps and the Gateway to Foo	2005
85. Smelcer, J. E.	Trap, The	2006
86. Stanley, Diane	Bella at midnight	2006
87. Stead, Rebecca	First light	2007
88. Stewart, Jennifer J.	Close Encounters of a Third World Kind	2004
89. Stine, R. L.	Creepy Creatures: 3 Ghoulish Graphix Tales	2006
90. Stone, Jeff	Crane	2007
91. Telgemeier, Raina	Truth about Stacey, The: A Baby-sitters Club Graphic Novel	2006

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92. Turner, Ann Warren	Hard Hit	2006
93. Van Maarsen, Jacqueline	Friend Called Anne	2005
94. Weeks, Sarah	Jumping the Scratch	2006
95. Whitesel, Cheryl	Blue Fingers: A Ninja's Tale	2004
96. Wilhelm. Doug	Revealers, The	2003
97. Wong, Li Keng	Good fortune: My journey to Gold Mountain	2006
100. Woodson, Jacqueline	Feathers	2007