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Hunter, Erin (Fantasy)
Kinney, Jeff (Humor)
Korman, Gordon (Humor)
Levine, Gail Carson (Fantasy)
Lupica/Mike (Sports)
Mass, Wendy (Realistic)
Meyer, Carolyn (Historical)
Oliver, Lauren (Fantasy)
Patterson, James (Humor)
Paulsen, Gary (Survival)
Pullman, Phillip (Sci-Fi)
Park, Linda Sue (Realistic)
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Middle School Reading 2021



FICTION

Arnold Marie
The Year I Flew Away

Ten-year-old Gabrielle finds out that America isn't the perfect place she imagined when she moves from Haiti to Brooklyn. With the help of a clever witch, Gabrielle becomes the perfect American -- but will she lose herself in the process?

Callender, Kacen
King and the Dragonflies

In a small but turbulent Louisiana town, one boy's grief takes him beyond the bayous of his backyard, to learn that there is no right way to be yourself.

Nayeri, Daniel
Everything Said is Untrue

The story of a boy who flees Iran as a small child, detours through a refugee camp in Italy, then winds up in middle school in Oklahoma, where he is met with both curiosity and suspicion.

Keller, Tae
When you Trap a Tiger
(Newbery Medal winning book)

When Lily, her sister Sam, and their mother move in with her sick grandmother, Lily traps a tiger and makes a deal with him to heal Halmoni.

Kelly, Erin
We Dream of Space

In the days before the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster, the Thomas siblings navigate the dangerous space of middle school and the fractured constellation of their family. With a deftly constructed 80's backdrop, Kelly's realistically imperfect characters struggle to connect, only finding success when they abandon their own lonely orbits.

LeZotte, Ann Clare
Show Me a Sign

It is 1805 and Mary Lambert has always felt safe among the deaf community of Chilmark, where practically everyone communicates in a shared sign language, but recent events have shattered her life; her brother George has died, land disputes between English settlers and the Wampanoag people are becoming increasingly bitter, and a "scientist" determined to discover the origins of the islands' widespread deafness has decided she makes the perfect "live specimen"--and has kidnapped her.

Walkenstein, Evan
Turtleboy

Seventh-grader Will's Bar Mitzvah community service project, visiting an incurably ill older boy in the hospital, leads to a friendship that is life-changing for both them and those around them.

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Craft, Jerry
Class Act

Eighth grader Drew Ellis recognizes that he isn't afforded the same opportunities, no matter how hard he works, that his privileged classmates at the Riverdale Academy Day School take for granted, and to make matters worse, Drew begins to feel as if his good friend Liam might be one of those privileged kids and is finding it hard not to withdraw, even as their mutual friend Jordan tries to keep their group of friends together.

Ortega, Claribel
Ghost Squad

For Lucely Luna, ghosts are more than just the family business. Shortly before Halloween, Lucely and her best friend, Syd, cast a spell that accidentally awakens malicious spirits, wreaking havoc throughout St. Augustine. Together, they must join forces with Syd's witch grandmother, Babette, and her tubby tabby, Chunk, to fight the haunting head-on and reverse the curse to save the town and Lucely's firefly spirits before it's too late.

O'Neill, Katie
Princess Princess Ever After

When the heroic princess Amira rescues the kind-hearted princess Sadie from her tower prison, neither expects to find a true friend in the bargain. They'll need to join forces and use all the know-how, kindness, and bravery they have in order to defeat their greatest foe yet: a jealous sorceress with a dire grudge against Sadie.

Yang, Gene Luen
Dragon Hoops

Gene understands stories - comic book stories, in particular. The hero always wins. But Gene doesn't get sports. As a kid, his friends called him "Stick" and every basketball game he played ended in pain. He lost interest in basketball long ago, but the high school men's varsity team, the Dragons, is having a phenomenal season that's been decades in the making. Each victory brings them closer to their ultimate goal: the California State Championships. Once Gene gets to know these young all-stars, he knows he has to follow this epic to its end.

NONFICTION

Soontornvat, Christina
All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team (Newbery Honor Book)

This book relays the real-life rescue of the Thai Boys' soccer team in 2018 by highlighting the teamwork of the cave divers and the drilling and medical teams which were crucial for the survival of the coach and the twelve boys. All Thirteen exemplifies superb narrative nonfiction writing.

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