Middle School Book List

Fiction, Non-Fiction and Graphic Novels in our collection for children entering or in 6th, 7th or 8th grade.



Merci Suârez Changes Gears

by Meg Medina

Merci Suâarez begins the sixth grade and knows things will change, but she did not count on her grandfather acting strangely, not fitting in at her private school, and dealing with Edna Santos' jealousy.



Hello Universe

by Erin Entrada Kelly

Lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him



Amal Unbound

by Aisha Saeed

Forced to leave school to care for her siblings in accordance with Pakistani village tradition, a disappointed Amal suffers an accidental run-in with the son of a corrupt landlord and is forced into indentured servitude, where her witness to

her master's nefarious dealings compels her to make risky alliances in support of change.



Once Upon an Eid : Stories of Hope and Joy by 15 Muslim Voices

by Aisha Saeed

Featuring contributions by such established genre authors as Hena Khan, Randa Abdel-Fattah and Ashley Franklin, a collection of short stories celebrates

Muslim culture and the joyful holiday traditions of Eid. Coedited by the author of Amal Unbound.



Words with wings

by Nikki Grimes

When Gabby's parents separate, her tendency to daydream becomes essential to coping with life's difficulties, which only increase when she moves with her mother to a new home and a new school.



Good Different

by Meg Eden Kuyatt
Neurodivergent kid Selah, who tries her
best to control her anger, explodes at
school one day, hitting a fellow student.
She must figure out more about who she
is in order to understand that different
doesn't mean damaged.



You Are Here: Connecting Flights

by Ellen Oh

Twelve award-winning Asian American authors explore contemporary East and Southeast Asian American identity through interconnected stories set in a Chicago airport where an incident at a

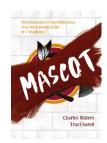
TSA security checkpoint sets in motion a chain of events that affects the lives of 12 young Asian Americans.



The Last Cuentista

by Donna Barba Higuera
Petra wanted nothing more than to be a
storyteller, like her abuelita, but Earth
has been destroyed by a comet, and
only a few hundred scientists and their
children - among them Petra and her
family - have been chosen to journey to
a new planet. Hundreds of years later,

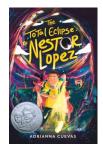
Petra wakes to this new planet - and the discovery that she alone now carries the stories of our past, and with them, any hope for our future. Can she make them live again?



Mascot

by Charles Waters

Told from several perspectives, this timely novel follows six middle-schoolers, all with different backgrounds and beliefs, as they learn about identity, tradition and what it means to stand up for real change when their school's mascot is seen as racist.



The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez

by Adrianna Cuevas

A Cuban American boy must use his secret ability to communicate with animals to save the inhabitants of his town when they are threatened by a tule vieja, a witch that transforms into animals.



Stand Up, Yumi Chung!

by Jessica Kim

Reworking mortifying memories about her perpetual shyness and cross-cultural realities into comedy gold, an aspiring comedian accidentally lands in a comedy camp under the instruction of a favorite celebrity.

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Pashmina

by Nidhi Chanani
When Priyanka finds a mysterious
pashmina in her house, she is transported
to an India which may or may not be real,
and goes in search of the reason why her
mother left her homeland and the father



The Last Mapmaker

she has never met.

by Christina Soontornvat
Joining an expedition to chart the
southern seas, 12-year-old mapmaker's
assistant Sai, posing as a well-bred young
lady with a glittering future, realizes she's
not the only one on board harboring
secrets when she discovers the ship's true

destination.



The Sasquatch Escape

by Suzanne Selfors

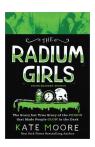
Spending the summer in his grandfather's rundown town, 10-year-old Ben meets an adventurous local girl and together they learn that the town's veterinarian runs a secret hospital for imaginary creatures.



The Unwanteds

by Lisa McMann

Anticipating his death when he is labeled an "Unwanted" in a dystopian world that strictly filters its citizens, 13-year-old Alex is astonished when he is sent to a fantastical place where he's encouraged to develop magical abilities that eventually pit him against his twin brother.

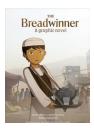


The Radium Girls: The Scary But True Story of the Poison that Made People Glow in the Dark

by Kate Moore

Adapted for younger readers, a narrative account of the true story of the young women who were exposed to Marie and

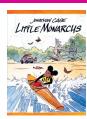
Pierre Curie's newly discovered element details their courageous struggle for justice and role in establishing lifesaving regulations and preventing nuclear war.



The Breadwinner: A Graphic Novel

by Shelley Tanaka

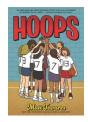
Parvana must disguise herself as a boy to work and support her family after her father is arrested by the Taliban.



Little monarchs

by Jonathan Case

The only two humans who can survive during daylight, 10-year-old Elvie and her caretaker Flora, a biologist, embark on a mission to find the monarch butterflies needed to make a sun sickness antidote and save humanity from extinction.



Hoops

by Matt Tavares

Inspired by a true story, this graphic novel about the ongoing battle of women striving for equality in sports follows the Wilkins Regional High School girls' basketball team in 1975 Indiana, as they push through to improbable victory after

improbable victory despite their disadvantages.



Bloom

by Kenneth Oppel

When the world is overtaken by monster alien plants that emit toxic pollens and swallow up people, three kids on a remote island look for clues in their unusual allergies to understand their immunity to the invaders.



Onibi : Diary of a Yokai Ghost Hunter

by Cecile Brun

Follows the adventures of two young foreigners as they travel to a remote corner of Japan, where they find an old camera that has the ability to capture images of Japan's invisible spirit world



Rad Women Worldwide: Artists and Athletes, Pirates and Punks, and Other Revolutionaries Who Shaped History

by Kate Schatz

From the author and illustrator of the New York Times best-selling book Rad American Women A-Z, comes a bold new collection of 40 biographical profiles showcasing extraordinary women from around the world.



The Improbable Tales of Baskerville Hall

by Ali Standish

A young, impoverished Arthur Conan Doyle is invited to attend an elite, secretive boarding school named Baskerville Hall.