

Best Books for Kids

Middle School



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The books on this list for [middle school](#) were recommended by at least 3 of the following sources:

1. [1001 Children's Books You Must Read Before You Grow Up](#) by Julia Eccleshare
2. [100 Best Books for Children](#) by Anita Silvey
3. [The Read-Aloud Handbook](#) by Jim Trelease
4. [Babies Need Books](#) by Dorothy Butler
5. [Valerie and Walter's Best Books for Children](#) by Valerie V. Lewis and Walter M. Mayes
6. [What to Read When](#) by Pam Allyn
7. [Best Books for Boys: A Resource for Educators](#) by Matthew Zbaracki
8. [The New York Times Parents' Guide to the Best Books for Children](#) by Eden Ross Lipson

Author	Title	Sources*	Read?
Rowling	Harry Potter series	7	
Babbitt	Tuck Everlasting	6	
L'Engle	A Wrinkle in Time	6	
Paulsen	Hatchet	6	
Alexander	Chronicles of Prydain series	5	
Almond	Skellig	5	
Avi	The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	5	
Curtis	Bud, Not Buddy	5	
Lowry	The Giver	5	
Paterson	Bridge to Terabithia	5	
Sachar	Holes	5	
Soto	Baseball in April and Other Stories	5	
Spinelli	Maniac Magee	5	
Taylor	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	5	
Alcott	Little Women	4	
Cooper	The Dark is Rising series	4	
D'Aulaire	D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths	4	
George	Julie of the Wolves	4	
George	My Side of the Mountain	4	
Hinton	The Outsiders	4	
Horowitz	Alex Rider series	4	
Lowry	Number the Stars	4	

Peck	A Long Way From Chicago	4	
Pullman	His Dark Materials series	4	
Tan	The Arrival	4	
Armstrong	Souder	3	
Avi	Nothing But the Truth	3	
Bauer	On My Honor	3	
Bloor	Tangerine	3	
Byars	Summer of the Swans	3	
Collier	My Brother Sam is Dead	3	
Cormier	The Chocolate War	3	
Creech	Walk Two Moons	3	
Curtis	The Watsons Go to Birmingham -- 1963	3	
Frank	Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl	3	
Hesse	Out of the Dust	3	
Konigsburg	The View from Saturday	3	
Lester	To Be a Slave	3	
London	The Call of the Wild	3	
Morey	Gentle Ben	3	
Napoli	Zel	3	
Philbrick	Freak, the Mighty	3	
Pullman	The Ruby in the Smoke	3	
Rawlings	The Yearling	3	
Speare	The Witch of Blackbird Pond	3	
Taylor	The Cay	3	
Voight	Homecoming	3	