

# MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING

Some suggestions from English teacher, Ms. Hentges and her students,  
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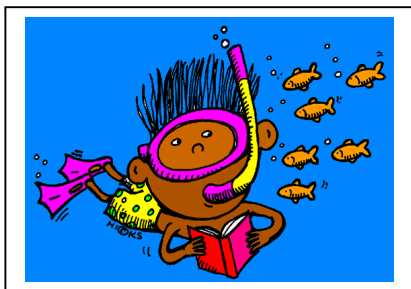
## FICTION

Alcott, L. M. Little Women and others; the lives of four sisters during the Civil War  
Avi: The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle; historical fiction  
Curtis, Christopher Paul: Bud, Not Buddy; boy seeks his father during Great Depression  
Cushman, Karen: Catherine Called Birdy; historical fiction, Middle Ages  
Farmer, Nancy: The House of the Scorpion; science fiction  
Feinstein, John, Last Shot; mystery set during NCAA's Final Four tourney  
Hesse, Karen, Out of the Dust; poetic account of family's struggles on Oklahoma farm  
Hobbs, Will: Downriver and others; adventure  
Jacques, Brian: Redwall series; fantasies set in Middle Ages  
Kelly, Eric: The Trumpeter of Krakow; historical fiction  
Lewis, C.S.: Chronicles of Narnia; fantasy  
Lowry, Lois: The Giver; utopian future society  
Paulson, Gary: Hatchet and others; adventure  
Rawls, Wilson, Where the Red Fern Grows; a boy and his dogs  
Rowling, J. K.: Harry Potter books; fantasy  
Ryan, Pam Munoz, Esperanza Rising; Mexican immigrants leave their privileged life for work camps  
Sachar, Louis: Holes; teens at a correctional camp  
Tolkien, J.R.R.: The Hobbit, others; fantasy  
White, Robb, Deathwatch; adventure  
Yolen, Janet, Devil's Arithmetic; time travel places Jewish girl in Polish village occupied by Nazis

CHECK YOUR PUBLIC  
LIBRARY FOR MORE  
GREAT TITLES!

## NONFICTION

Amory, Cleveland: The Best Cat Ever; orphaned cat and his owner  
Gutman, Bill: Brett Favre, other sports bios.  
Jiang, Ji-Li: Red Scarf Girl; growing up during the cultural revolution in China  
Krakauer, Jon, Into Thin Air; mountaineering expedition to Mt. Everest goes wrong  
Satrapi, Marjane, Persepolis; growing up in Iran during Islamic cultural revolution; in comic format  
Simon, Rachel, Riding the Bus with My Sister; memoir of author's experiences with her mentally challenged sister



## SOME ONLINE BOOK LISTS

Reading Rockets  
[www.readingrockets.org](http://www.readingrockets.org)

Guys Read  
<http://www.guysread.com/>

Hennepin County Public Library Teen List  
[http://www.hclib.org/pub/books/BookListAction.cfm?list\\_num=469](http://www.hclib.org/pub/books/BookListAction.cfm?list_num=469)

YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Assoc.)  
<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/booklistsbook.htm>

STUDENT  
SUGGESTIONS  
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## STUDENT SUGGESTIONS

### BOYS

Bascom, Neal The Perfect Mile  
Bellairs, John A House with a Clock in Its Walls  
Berke, Art Babe Ruth  
Farmer, Nancy House of the Scorpion  
Flynn, Vince Term Limits  
Frank, Anne Diary of a Young Girl  
Funke, Cornelia C. The Thief Lord  
Gunther, John Death Be Not Proud  
Horowitz, Anthony Skeleton Key  
Lowry, Lois The Giver  
McCaffrey, Anne Dragon Quest Adventures  
Orwell, George Animal Farm  
Paolini, Christopher Eragon and Eldest  
Paterson, Katherine Bridge to Terabithia  
Raskin, Ellen The Westing Game  
Read, Piers Paul Alive: story of the Andes Survivors  
Reardon, Finn My Name is America  
Smith, Roland Zach's Lie  
Tolkien, J.R. R. Lord of the Rings trilogy  
Yolen, Jane Briar Rose

### GIRLS

Anderson, Jodi Lynn Peaches  
Barry, Dave Peter and the Starcatchers  
Berry, Liz The China Garden  
Brashares, Ann Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants  
Cabot, Meggin All American Girl  
Card, Orson Scott Ender's Game  
Colfer, Eoin Half Moon Investigations  
Cooney, Doug Beloved Dearly  
Creech, Sharon Chasing Redbird  
Dessen, Sarah Just Listen  
Duane, Diane So You Want to be a Wizard  
Grogan, John Marley and Me  
Harrison, Lisi The Clique  
Horowitz, Anthony Raven's Gate  
Kimmel, Elizabeth In the Stone Circle  
Lowry, Lois Gathering Blue and Number the Stars  
Rupp, Rebecca The Waterstone  
Rusesabagina, Paul An Ordinary Man  
Scholinski, Daphne The Last Time I Wore a Dress  
Scollins, Suzanna Gregor and the Masks of Secret  
von Ziegesar, Cecily The IT Girl  
Westerfield, Scott The Uglies and The Pretties