

# Recommended Reads for Middle Schoolers

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## FICTION

Arnett, Mindee. **The Nightmare Affair.** 2013.

*Being the only Nightmare at Arkwell Academy, a boarding school for "magickind," 16-year-old Destiny Everhart feeds on the dreams of others, working with a handsome human student to find a killer.*

Cooper, Susan. **Ghost Hawk.\*** 2013.

Lexile: 940

*At the end of a winter-long journey, Little Hawk returns to find his village decimated by a white man's plague. Despite a fresh start, he dies violently but his spirit remains trapped, seeing how his world changes.*

Eulberg, Elizabeth. **Better Off Friends.** 2014.

Lexile: 590

*Macallan and Levi are best friends from the first day they meet in seventh grade, but over the years their close friendship keeps interfering with their dating life because everyone else regards them as a couple.*

Federle, Tim. **Better Nate than Ever.\*** 2013.

Lexile: 930

*An eighth-grader, who dreams of performing in a Broadway musical, concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of "E.T."*

Hawkins, Rachel. **Rebel Belle.** 2014.

*Harper Price, peerless Southern belle, was born ready for a Homecoming tiara, but after a strange run-in at the dance imbues her with incredible abilities, her destiny takes a turn for the seriously weird.*

Meyer, Marissa. **Cinder.\*** 2012.

Lexile: 790

*In this futuristic take on the Cinderella story, Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, becomes involved with handsome Prince Kai, and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the plague-ravaged Earth.*

Morrill, Lauren. **Being Sloane Jacobs.\*** 2014.

*Sloane Emily Jacobs and Sloane Devon Jacobs, from very different worlds but both with problem families, meet in in Montreal where they will stay in the same hotel while attending camp, one for figure skating, the other for ice hockey.*

Stroud, Jonathan. **The Screaming Staircase.\*** 2013.

Lexile: 720

*Three young operatives of a Psychic Detection Agency battle an epidemic of ghosts in London.*

Timberlake, Amy. **One Came Home.\*** 2013.

Lexile: 690

*In 1871 Wisconsin, 13-year-old Georgia sets out to find her sister Agatha – presumed dead when remains are found wearing the dress she was last seen in – and before the end of the year gains fame as a sharpshooter and foiler of counterfeiters.*

Vanderpool, Clare. **Navigating Early.** 2013.

Lexile: 790

*Navigating Early is the odyssey-like adventure of two boys' incredible quest on the Appalachian Trail where they deal with pirates, buried secrets and extraordinary encounters.*

West, Kasie. **Pivot Point.** 2013.

*A girl with the power to search alternate futures lives out six weeks of two different lives in alternating chapters. Both futures hold the potential for love and loss and, ultimately, she is forced to choose which fate she is willing to live through.*

Zadoff, Allen. **Boy Nobody**\* 2013.

*Sixteen-year-old Boy Nobody, an assassin controlled by a shadowy government organization, considers sabotaging his latest mission because his target reminds him of the normal life he craves.*

## NONFICTION

**Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickels: America's First Black Paratroopers**\* by Tanya Lee Stone. 2013.

Lexile: 1090

*Examines the role of African-Americans in the military through the history of the Triple Nickles, America's first black paratroopers, who fought against attacks perpetrated on the American West by the Japanese during World War II.*

J 940.5412 STO

**Lincoln's Grave Robbers** by Steve Sheinkin. 2013.

Lexile: 930

*A true crime thriller - the first book for teens to tell the nearly unknown tale of the brazen attempt to steal Abraham Lincoln's body!*

J 973.7092 SHE

**The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi** by Neal Bascomb. 2013.

Lexile: 1000

*Sixteen years after World War II ended, a team of undercover Israeli agents captured Adolf Eichmann, a Nazi war criminal, in a remote area of Argentina, and brought him to trial in Israel for crimes committed during the Holocaust.*

Teen 943.086 BAS

**The President Has Been Shot! The Assassination of John F. Kennedy**\* by James L. Swanson. 2013.

Lexile: 1080

*Learn more about President John F. Kennedy's assassination. This book details key events, while sharing informative back matter and archival photographs.*

J 973.922 SWA

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