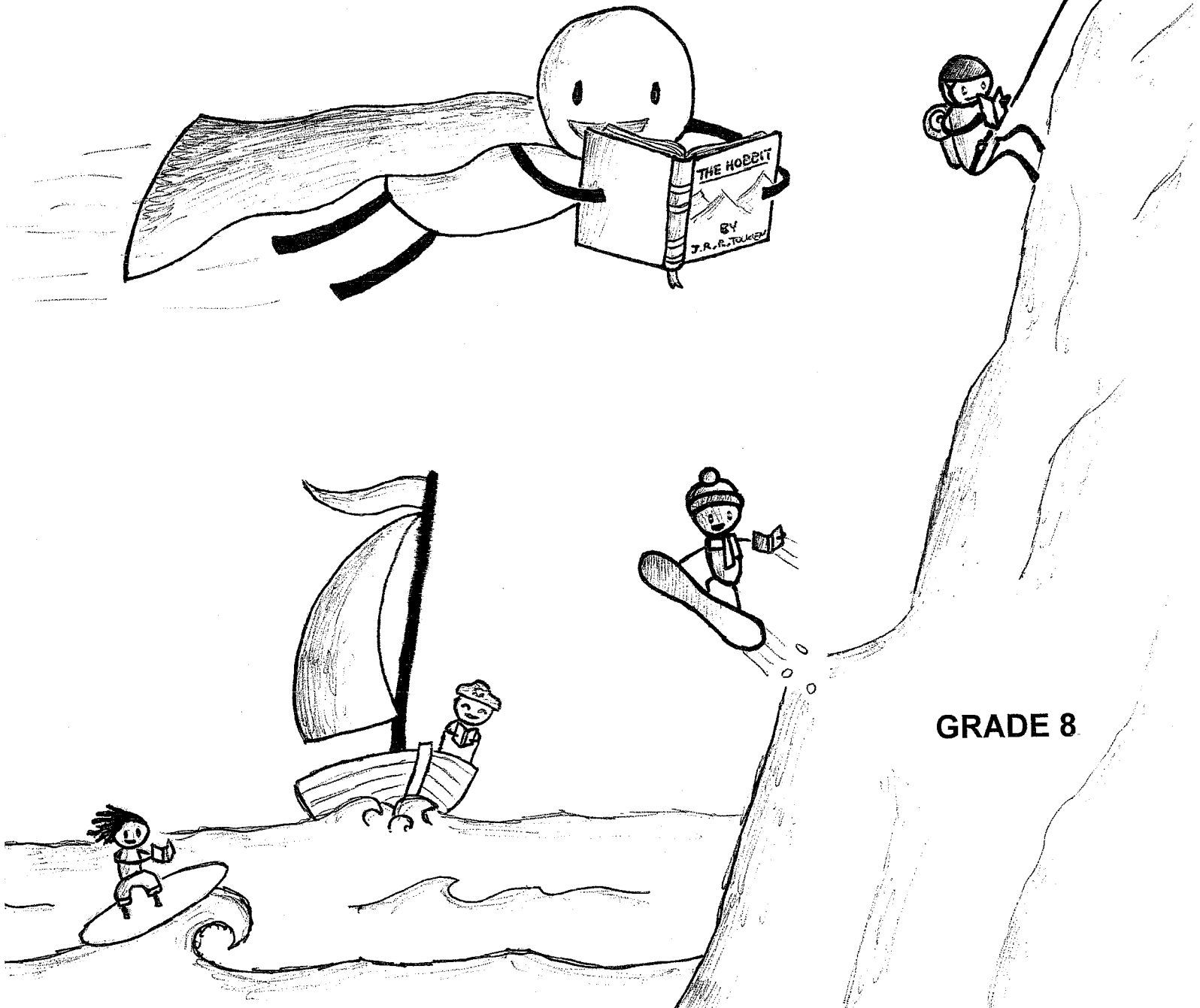


MIDDLEBROOK

SUMMER READING LIST

- 2011 -



GRADE 8

June 2011

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the Middlebrook Summer '11 Reading and Writing Program! Summer is a perfect time for pleasure reading. Whether relaxing at the beach, camping, or sitting in your own backyard, summer is an ideal time to pick up a book of your choice and relax. Last summer Middlebrook students read almost 6,000 books or about six books per student, and we hope to increase our school's total books read this summer.

Because we understand that during any summer some reading and writing skills may be lost, and because we all understand that students who read become both better readers and better writers, we join many area towns in supporting a summer reading program. Every Middlebrook student is required to choose and read three books. Those three titles should be recorded, along with the titles of all other books read, on the page provided in this reading list. It will be collected by one of your child's language arts teachers within the first week of school. In addition, your child will be asked within the first week or so of school to write about one of those books by choosing one of the writing prompts also included in this packet. The completion of the writing assignment will allow both your child to carefully consider one of the books and the staff to reinforce the qualities of good writing at the beginning of the school year.

Besides the space to record titles of the books read, you will also find in this grade-level booklet a "suggested reading list" compiled by Middlebrook's Media Center Specialist and Language Arts teachers. There is an essential core of books of varying difficulty and depth that is repeated in all grade levels, but grade-level titles are also included. Peruse the list carefully. Many of the authors included here have written other wonderful books, but due to space limitations, we could not include them all. Be sure to check out additional titles by your favorite author even if they are not listed here. In addition, Wilton's Public Library has an extensive bibliography shelf and should be considered another great source from which your child could choose titles. There is also a page of web sites at the end of this packet, and it offers yet another resource for additional titles. We encourage parents to actively participate in this program by assisting in the selection of relevant and challenging titles.

Reading this summer is the very best preparation for next year. Begin to turn the pages in the books you choose, and enjoy the summer!

Sincerely,

Middlebrook's Language Arts Teachers
and Media Center Specialist

8th GRADE WRITING PROMPTS



In September, each eighth grader will choose one of the following writing prompts to share some thoughts about the summer reading he/she did and to review and practice all of the qualities of good writing. Each student will have freedom to choose the prompt and to choose the book to be considered in this piece of writing.

PROMPT #1:

Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451 is about a society that burns books instead of reading them. Imagine that you are a member of this society and that you find one of your summer reading books hidden in an attic. You secretly read the book, knowing that you are not supposed to do so, and decide that you want to keep the book safe from the fires. Compose a letter to someone you trust, and persuade him/her to keep the book safe for you. Be sure to explain to the person what the book is about, why you want to keep it safe, and why he/she should risk punishment to protect this book. Strong reasons and supporting details are critical to the success of your persuasion.

- OR -

PROMPT #2:

If you chose to read a book from the list, and if you think the book was a good one, write a letter to your teacher to convince him/her to keep it on the summer reading list for next year. If you chose to read a book that was not on the list, and if you think the book was a good one, write a letter to your teacher to convince him/her to put it on next summer's reading list. Whichever position you choose, be sure to use strong reasons and good supporting details to make your argument successful.

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PROMPT #3:

Write a letter to a character in your favorite book from your summer reading list. Either persuade him/her to take a course of action that is different from the one he/she took in the book, or persuade him/her that you believe that the course of action that he/she chose was the correct one. Be sure to use strong reasons and good supporting details to make your argument successful.

PLAN - OF - ACTION

FOR

SUMMER READING

After reviewing this reading list, I think I might like to read the following:

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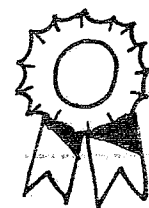
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NOTE: Please post this sheet of paper on your refrigerator, and bring it with you on the first day of school. If you need more space, just attach another piece of paper to this one. Happy reading!

NEWBERY MEDAL AND HONOR BOOKS 2007 - 2011



These prizes are awarded yearly by the American Library Association for the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children. For the complete list of all Newbery winners, please see the web site on the last page of this reading list.

2011 Medalist: **Vanderpool, Clare** **Moon Over Manifest**

During the Great Depression Abilene Tucker's father sends her to Manifest to spend the summer. She never expects to be caught up in an old mystery, but she finds herself involved with spies, bootleggers, and coal-mining immigrants in this small town in Kansas.

2011 Honor Books: **Holm, Jennifer** **Turtle in Paradise**

It is the Great Depression, and eleven-year-old Turtle has to leave her home and move to Key West, Florida to live with relatives she does not know. She is unhappy and expects the worst, but she finds an exotic place, some enterprising cousins, and many adventures.

Preus, Margi **Heart of a Samurai**

Manjiro, a fourteen-year-old Japanese boy, is rescued by an American sea captain and goes to live with him in Massachusetts in 1841. He tries to fit into American life, but he faces challenges and prejudice as well as the loss of his Japanese world.

Sidman, Joyce **Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night**

Wonderful images about the creatures and feelings of the night fill these poems and drawings.

Williams-Garcia, Rita **One Crazy Summer**

Delphine and her sisters have to go to California in the summer of 1968 to live with their mother, who had abandoned them years earlier. To add to those changes, the girls have to attend a summer camp run by the Black Panthers, a revolutionary group seeking more rights for Blacks.

2010 Medalist: **Stead, Rebecca** **When You Reach Me**

Someone is sending Miranda notes. Some of the notes are about events which have already happened, and some are about future events. Miranda has to solve the puzzle in the notes if she is going to save someone's life.

2010 Honor Books: **Hoose, Phillip** **Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice**

The hero of the Montgomery bus boycott comes alive in this narrative biography which helps the reader better understand the challenges of the Civil Rights Movement.

Kelly, Jacqueline **The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate**

Kelly, with the help of her naturalist grandfather, has just become more aware of the natural world. She begins to think like a scientist as she observes and comes to understand the possibilities around her.

Lin, Grace **Where the Mountain Meets The Moon**

Dragon and Minli take the readers into their fantastic world filled with many adventures and quests for great fortune.

Philbrick, Rodman **The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg**

Twelve-year-old Homer uses his humor and spirit to give the readers some fascinating perspectives on parts of the Civil War.

2009 Medalist:

Gaiman, Neil

The Graveyard Book

A child named Nobody Owens is marked for death by a group of assassins. Where can he go to survive? The answer is to hide in a graveyard and to find help from the ghosts who live there.

2009 Honor Books:

Appelt, Kathi

The Underneath

Under the canopy of the loblolly pines and in the swamp which lies on the floor of the forest are many unusual characters whose stories of love, loss, loneliness, and hope capture the reader's curiosity.

Engle, Margarita

The Surrender Tree:

Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom

Cuba's three wars for independence from Spain are shared in free verse form and various voices, including both fictional characters and some real-life heroes who struggled to save everyone involved.

Law, Ingrid

Savvy

Mibs Beaumont and her friends wind their way through the countryside on a wild bus ride and learn much about themselves as they do so.

Woodson, Jacqueline

**After Tupac &
D Foster**

Life changes for two girls in a New York neighborhood when a third girl joins their game of Double Dutch. Freedom and friendship are just some of the ideas explored as the girls redefine their own identities.

2008 Medalist:

Schlitz, Laura A.

**Good Masters! Sweet
Ladies! Voices From a Medieval Village**

Hugo, Nellie, and nineteen other young individuals share narratives about their lives in their 13th century village and manor. These performances create a dramatic pageant revealing many of the village's relationships in this different time and space.

2008 Honor Books:

Curtis, Christopher Paul

Elijah of Buxton

Elijah is the first free-born child in Buxton, the Canadian community of escaped slaves. The realities of slavery in 1860 and the meaning of freedom become abundantly clear as Elijah's story unfolds.

Schmidt, Gary D.

The Wednesday Wars

Holling Hoodhood believes his seventh grade teacher hates him. In their Wednesday afternoon Shakespeare sessions they both experience some funny and some serious lessons in life.

Woodson, Jacqueline

Feathers

Frannie begins to recognize the barriers that separate people and the hope needed to bridge that separation when a new boy arrives in her sixth grade classroom.

2007 Medalist:

Patron, Susan

The Higher Power of Lucky

Lucky Trimble eavesdrops from her hiding place behind the museum and learns quirky details about some people in town. These details lead to both adventures and some hilarious moments as children learn to support each other.

2007 Honor Books:

Holm, Jennifer L.

Penny From Heaven

Penny looks forward to spending the summer rooting for the Brooklyn Dodgers and scheming with her cousin Frankie but winds up navigating between her two families and trying to find ways to bring them back together.

Larson, Kirby

Hattie Big Sky

Hattie strives to forge a new life and "prove her claim" to a new home when she moves from Iowa to Montana.

Lord, Cynthia

Rules

Catherine tries to create rules for her younger autistic brother David in an attempt to normalize his life and her own.

SOME OUTSTANDING MYSTERY TITLES

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Wolf Rider

Andy, 15, receives an anonymous phone call about a murder. Andy is sure the message was serious, but his father dismisses it as just a crank call. Andy is determined to find out the truth.

Babbitt, Natalie

Knee-Knock Rise

The villagers of Knee-knock Rise seem to be under a spell. At night weird howls come from the mountain. Young Egan is determined to find the source.

Bawden, Nina

Carrie's War

During World War II, Carrie and her brother Nick were evacuees. They went to live in a small Welsh mining town where they stayed with strict Mr. Evans.

Bunting, Eve

The Haunting of Safekeep

While Trying to understand her mother, who abandoned her as a child, eighteen-year-old Sara takes a summer job as a caretaker at a Victorian restoration site and encounters a foundling and two ghosts.

Cameron, Eleanor

The Court of The Stone Children

Lonely, Nina plays an imaginary game in a San Francisco museum. She ends up solving a murder mystery that has been unsolved since the early 19th century.

Christie, Agatha

Murder On The Orient Express

On a snowbound European train, a wealthy American is found stabbed in his bunk. Monsieur Poirot must search for the murderer among his fellow passengers.

Clements, Bruce

The Treasure of Plunderell Manor

Fourteen-year-old Laurel is hired as Lady's maid to Alice Plunderell. This young heiress is threatened by her evil relatives, Lord and Lady Stayne, who want Alice dead in order to take possession of a hidden treasure.

Cooney, Caroline B.

The Face On The Milk Carton

Fifteen-year-old Janie Johnson stares at the picture on the milk carton. It is the face of a little girl who was kidnapped 12 years ago in a shopping mall. It is her own face!

Cooney, Caroline B.

Whatever Happened to Janie?

Fifteen-year-old Janie is suddenly faced with the fact that she was kidnapped as an infant. Two different families love her and want her. But who is she really: Janie Johnson or Jennie Spring? Sequel to The Face on the Milk Carton.

Dixon, Franklin W.

The Twisted Claw

The Hardy Boys embark on another puzzling mystery when they try to discover who is stealing a rare collection of ancient pirate treasure and smuggling them out of the United States.



Du Maurier, Daphne

Rebecca

A shy young bride comes home to Manderley, her husband's lavish estate. But she is haunted by the evil presence of his beautiful first wife who died there.

Erwin, Vicki

Jamie and the Mystery Quilt

Jamie finds an old quilt in the attic. Which is an exact map of her house as it used to be fifty years ago. Then the quilt is stolen. Can she get it back and find out what clue the quilt silently holds?

Fleischman, Paul

A Fate Totally Worse Than Death

In this parody of teen horror novels, something ghastly is happening to the leaders of the ruling clique at Cliffside High. Could Helga, the beautiful exchange student from Norway, be a vengeful ghost?

George, Jean Craighead

The Fire Bug Connection

Two faculty kids, 12-year-old Maggie and pesky 10-year-old Mitch (who happens to be a computer whiz), become ecological detectives when Maggie's exotic fire bugs start to die.

Hahn, Mary Downing

The Doll In The Garden: a Ghost Story

Ashley and Kristi discover they can travel through time back to the turn of the century by going through a hole in the hedge. They meet a sickly girl named Louisa whose beloved doll has disappeared.

Hahn, Mary Downing

The Dead Man in Indian Creek

When Parker talks Matt into camping out at Indian Creek, he never dreams that they will stumble over a dead body...or that their own lives will be in danger from a killer who guesses that the boys know too much.

Hall, Lynn

Ride A Dark Horse

Seventeen-year-old Gusty finds herself in increasing danger as she tries to prove her suspicions about dishonest breeding practices at the farm where she works.

Hayes, Daniel

Trouble With Lemons

Two eighth-grade outsiders, Tyler (who is convinced he is a loser) and his friend Lymie, discover a body floating in the local quarry. They are determined to solve the mystery and find the murderer themselves.

Hobbs, Will

Ghost Canoe

In 1874, a ship is wrecked off Washington's Cape Flattery. Nathan, the 14-year-old son of the lighthouse keeper, searches for a lone survivor...and finds himself caught up in a dangerous mystery involving Spanish treasure.

Holland, Isabelle

The Unfrightened Dark

When her beloved seeing eyed dog is kidnapped, Jocelyn, orphaned and blind since the age twelve, determines to solve the mystery surrounding his disappearance.

Howe, James

Stage Fright

Young Sebastian Barth investigates the tangle of warnings and ominous accidents surrounding a famous actress visiting his home town.

Martin, Ann M.

Missing Since Monday

First Maggie's 4-year-old sister disappears. Then Maggie begins to receive threatening phone calls and is followed by a green car. Maggie wonders if she's going to be the next one to turn up missing.

Pullman, Philip

The Ruby In The Smoke

In Victorian London, 16-year-old Sally Lockhart tries to solve the mystery of her father's death. She finds herself in danger as she uncovers information about the opium trade and about a stolen ruby.

Raskin, Ellen

The Westing Game

At the reading of the will of Samuel Westing, 16 heirs are given a set of clues. The game is dangerous but the prize is a million dollars.

Snyder, Ziilpha Keatley

The Egypt Game

April is the new girl in Melanie's 6th grade class. They become friends building an Egyptian model together and dealing with strange events.

Temple, Frances

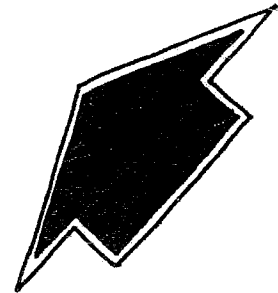
Grab Hands and Run

Despite the danger, Felipe's father Jacinto works actively with the opposition in El Salvador. When Jacinto disappears, 12-year-old Felipe, his mother, and sister find themselves on the run.

Voight, Cynthia

The Callender Papers

It is the summer of 1894 in New England. Thirteen-year-old Jean stumbles onto a mystery in some old family papers. Suddenly her life is in danger.



**SOME OUTSTANDING
SCIENCE FICTION and FANTASY STORIES**

Adams, Douglas

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

This is the first book in Adams' trilogy which follows Arthur Dent and his friend Ford Prefect's adventures through the universe after the end of the earth.

Asimov, Isaac

Fantastic Voyage: a Novel

A miniature submarine and its five inhabitants travel through the human body to locate a blood clot.

Bova, Ben

City of Darkness

Trapped in a Manhattan of the future, populated only by gangs, young Ron fights for his life and tries to make sense of this brutal world.

Cameron, Eleanor

Stowaway to the Mushroom Planet

A snooping stowaway tries to learn the secrets of space travel on a voyage to a planet inhabited by shy Mushroom people. This is the second book in the Mushroom Series.

Card, Scott Orson

Ender's Game (Ender's Game Series)

Ender Wiggin, bred to be a military genius, quickly realizes time is running out for Earth.

Christopher, John

The White Mountains

The known Earth has been taken over by Tripods which control human minds by "capping" them at an early age. Three boys escape their capping and embark on an adventure to find the White Mountains and freedom. This is the first in a trilogy and is followed by The City of Gold and The Pool of Fire.

Clarke, Arthur C.

2001: A Space Odyssey

Astronauts of the spaceship Discovery, and their computer Hal, blast off in search of extraterrestrial beings.

Crichton, Michael

Jurassic Park

Scientists get tragic results when they use fossilized DNA to create dinosaurs for an unusual theme park.

Funke, Cornelia

Inkspell (Inkheart Series)

What is real life and what is fiction when the characters and actions in the story come alive? Join Meggie as she finds action, romance, and danger in Inkworld.

Jones, Diana Wynne

A Tale of Time City

In 1939 an 11-year-old London girl is kidnapped to Time City where she finds the inhabitants facing the worst hours of crisis.

L'Engle, Madeline

A Wrinkle in Time

After a mysterious visit of an intriguing stranger, a young girl and her brother try to solve their father's disappearance by stepping through time.

LeGuin, Ursula

Wizard of Earthsea

Ged is a young goat herder who discovers his talent for magic and begins a quest to discover and understand his own identity.

Lowry, Lois

The Giver

In a futuristic world twelve-year-old Jonas is chosen to receive special training from The Giver, the only one who holds the memories of real pain and real joy in life. This is the first in a series and is followed by Gathering Blue and The Messenger.

Maguire, Gregory

I Feel Like the Morning Star

A young boy's small act of rebellion and his brutal suppression cause his friends to challenge the authority of their space colony.

Norton, Andre

Exiles of the Stars

While on a mission for the Thothian priests, the Free Trader ship is forced down on a barren and seemingly uninhabited planet.

Pullman, Philip

The Golden Compass

Lyra is a smart orphan who lives near Oxford University in England, but her world is not like ours, for she has her own "daemon" or manifestation of her soul in the form of an animal. This is the first in a series and is followed by The Subtle Knife and The Amber Spyglass.

Sleator, William

The Boy Who Reversed Himself

When Laura discovers the boy next door has the ability to go into the Fourth Dimension, she decides to accompany him.

The Duplicate

A machine that duplicates matter enables David to duplicate himself. When the duplicate begins to duplicate itself, though, problems arise.

Wells, H.G.

The Time Machine

A scientist invents a time machine and uses it to travel to the year 802,701 AD, where he discovers the childlike Eloi and the hideous underground Morlocks.

The War of the Worlds

Earth is invaded by extraterrestrial beings from Mars.

Williams, Jay

Danny Dunn, Invisible Boy

By accidentally triggering Prof. Bullfinch's circuits, Danny enables the professor to create a new machine that makes Danny invisible.



SOME OUTSTANDING SPORTS STORIES

Bauer, Marion Dane

FACE TO FACE

Michael is fed up with school bullies and his stepfather, so when he gets an invitation to visit the father he barely remembers - now a white-water rafting guide - he sets out to prove himself.

Christopher, Matt

SOCCER HALFBACK

Jabber Morris, in love with soccer, faces pressure from his family to switch his sport to football. Pete even tries to guilt trip Jabber, telling him their football star father, if he were alive, would want Jabber to play football.

Duder, Tessa

IN LANE THREE, ALEX ARCHER

Up until now, Alex has done everything except concentrate on swimming. Will the shock of her best friend Andy's death force Alex back to her goal of swimming on the New Zealand Olympic team in Rome?

Dygaard, Thomas

HALFBACK TOUGH

At his old school, Joe had always looked down upon the goody-goody football players. Now he is a star on the team of his new school, and his attitude changes.

Harris, Mark

BANG THE DRUM SLOWLY

This poignant, time tested-tale, narrated by New York Mammoth pitcher Henry Wiggen, re-creates the 1955 baseball season when a close teammate continues playing ball while suffering from Hodgkin's disease.

Hobbs, Will

DOWNRIVER

When Jessie's had two car accidents before getting her driver's license, her father decides it's time to send her to "Discovery Unlimited" in the hopes it will teach her personal responsibility. Instead, she and the group members steal their guide's equipment and raft the treacherous Colorado River. By the end of the trip Jessie has learned responsibility, but not without a lot of disastrous consequences.

Hurwitz, Johanna

BASEBALL FEVER

Ezra has a big problem with his dad. Mr. Feldman doesn't understand baseball, having grown up in Europe, and he doesn't understand Ezra's passion for the game. How can Ezra come up a winner if he and his dad are on opposite teams?

Levy, Elizabeth

COLD AS ICE

Thanks to her mother being in charge of security for "The Dome" sports/entertainment complex, Kelly has a great job in a concession stand. The Olympic skating tour is booked, Kelly falls for skater Ken Swanson and becomes involved in a mystery surrounding Ken and his rival Andre.

Lupica, Mike

TRAVEL TEAM

Though Danny is considered too small to play basketball on the travel team, he and his dad decide on a new plan of action and start a new travel team. Does he have the determination he needs to meet his new goals?

Miklowitz, Gloria

ANYTHING TO WIN

When Cam Potter is told that he needs to gain 30 pounds in order to win a college football scholarship, he struggles with the moral and medical dilemmas of using steroids. Will he do anything to win?

Myers, Walter Dean

HOOPS

Growing up in the streets of Harlem, Lonnie Jackson dreams of making a better life. He has a "game," and he sees basketball as his way out of the ghetto.

SLAM!

Slam lives in Harlem and faces many very real problems, but his abilities on the basketball court give him some great fantasies, too. Will his attitude help him or hurt him?

O'Dell, Scott

BLACK STAR, BRIGHT DAWN

Bright Dawn takes over for her injured father in the Iditarod Sled Dog Race from Anchorage to Nome. She faces not only the competition but the dangers of the race itself, including the conflict of Eskimo and white cultures.

Paulsen, Gary

WINTERDANCE: THE FINE MADNESS OF WINNING THE IDITAROD

The author outlines the preparations and training that go into running the famous annual Alaskan dog race - a real test of human and animal endurance.

Soto, Gary

BASEBALL IN APRIL AND OTHER STORIES

This collection of 11 short stories describes the trials and triumphs of growing up and coming of age. From the title story about a spring junior league baseball team to the tale of a marble champion, Soto captures the small events of everyday life.

Wells, Rosemary

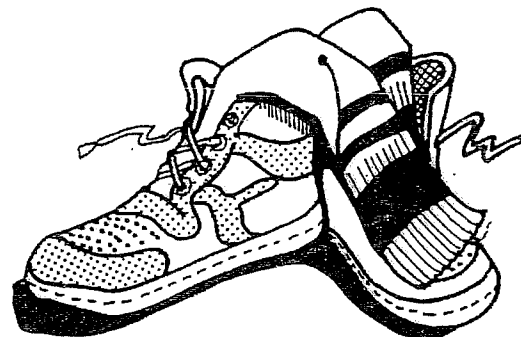
WHEN NO ONE WAS LOOKING

For teenage tennis star Kathy, driven by coach and parents, winning has become an obsession - and then her most challenging rival is found drowned.

Wolf, Virginia Euwer

THE MOZART SEASON

Softball practice and violin lessons overlap in Allegra's mind as she prepares to play a Mozart Concerto in the Ernest Bloch Competition. This summer of practice is a summer of revelation for her, bringing her both an inner peace and a greater understanding of the adversities faced by her family and her friends.



TIMELESS CLASSICS PAGE



8th Grade

Alcott, Louisa May

Little Women

The four March sisters are definitely individuals as they work their way toward adulthood, but they are also united in their devotion to each other and their family as they struggle to survive in New England during the Civil War.

Austen, Jane

Emma

Pretty, spunky Emma thinks she knows what is best for everybody. A young woman about to enter society, Emma is the center of Austen's rich and amusing portrayal of English middle class life.

Bradbury, Ray

Fahrenheit 451

A book burning official in a future oppressive state finds out that books are actually an important part of the culture he never knew. He secretly begins reading to learn about his world's past.

Brontë, Emily

Wuthering Heights

This novel follows the tortured love story of Heathcliff and Catherine, and the revenge Heathcliff exacts on his tormentors.

Carroll, Lewis

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Follow Alice as she falls down a rabbit hole to find herself in a crazy world where nothing is ever as it appears to be. The Mad Hatter, the Queen of Hearts, and the Cheshire Cat are some of the unforgettable characters Alice meets.

Defoe, Daniel

Robinson Crusoe

This famous tale of adventure, based on a true story, chronicles Crusoe's escape from a shipwreck and his subsequent life on a deserted island.

Dumas, Alexander

The Three Musketeers

The adventures of high-spirited Frenchmen are set against the historical background of the courts of Louis XIII and Louis XIV.

Gunther, John

Death Be Not Proud

This deeply moving book is a father's memoir of his seventeen-year-old son's brave and spirited fight to overcome a brain tumor.

Hemingway, Ernest

The Old Man and the Sea

This modern classic tells the tragic yet triumphant story of an old Cuban fisherman and his battle with a giant marlin far out in the Gulf Stream.

Irving, Washington

The Sketch Book

This famous and classic book contains both "Rip Van Winkle" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," two tales which mark the acceptance of short stories in American literature.

Kipling, Rudyard

Kim

Kim O'Hara, the orphaned son of an Irish soldier, lives the life of a beggar in colonial India. Rescued by members of his father's regiment, Kim is sent away to be educated but returns to India as an agent for the British Secret Service.

TIMELESS CLASSICS PAGE

Lord, Walter

A Night to Remember

April 14, 1912 became a night to remember for those on the ill-fated liner, Titanic. This book describes in gripping detail the ship's first and last voyage.

Montgomery, Lucy Maud

Anne of Green Gables

Anne Shirley is a romantic, red-headed orphan and dreamer who changes the lives of the brother and sister who adopt her through her unbreakable spirit.

O'Dell, Scott

Island of the Blue Dolphins

A Native American girl, Karana, spends eighteen years alone on an island. There she learns about nature and herself as she struggles to survive.

Paton, Alan

Cry, the Beloved Country

This is the compassionate story of the Zulu pastor Stephen Kumalo and his son, Absalom, told against a background of the beautiful and troubled land of South Africa.

Stevenson, Robert Louis

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

Edward Hyde is a vile man, while Henry Jekyll is a pleasant, reputable doctor. The recent relationship between Jekyll and Hyde puzzles the doctor's friends, but little do they know that the good doctor has created the weird Mr. Hyde.

Stoker, Bram

Dracula

When Count Dracula, a vampire, becomes fixated on Jonathan Harker's fiancée, Mina, Jonathan and his friends must break Dracula's curse before it is too late.

Tolkien, J.R.R.

The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings Trilogy

In a world inhabited by dwarves, dragons, elves, and an occasional human, hobbit Bilbo Baggins attempts to recover a stolen treasure hidden on Lonely Mountain.

Twain, Mark

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

Huck Finn and Jim, a runaway slave, travel down the Mississippi River, witnessing murders and robberies along the way.

Verne, Jules

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

A large sea monster menacing ships is actually a submarine named the *Nautilus*, commanded by the eccentric Captain Nemo. Pursued by Professor Aronnay and his good friend, Conseil, Nemo shows these men a part of the sea they have never explored.

Wells, H.G.

War of the Worlds

When war ships from Mars descend upon Earth shooting destructive light rays, human weapons are ineffective against the invaders, and the fate of Earth appears grim.

Other Titles Recommended by 8th Grade Students and Teachers

Author/Editor

Albom, Mitch
Adamson, Joy
Ambrose, Stephen
Anonymous
Bissinger, H.G.
Bradley, James
Bryson, Bill
Burch, Jennings
Hillenbrand, Laura
Junger, Sebastian
Krakauer, Jon
Lord, Walter
Pausch, Eric
Wilson, Charles & Schlosser, Eric

Author/Editor

Alexie, Sherman
Boyne, John
Coelho, Paulo
Collins, Suzanne
Cormier, Robert
DuPrau, Jeanne
Fast, Howard
Hobbs, Will
Horowitz, Anthony

Konigsberg, E.L.
London, Jack
Magorian, Michelle
Martell, Yann
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Non-Fiction Titles

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The Alchemist
The Hunger Games, Catching Fire, Mockingjay
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White Fang
Goodnight Mr. Tom
Life of Pi
The Secret Life of Bees
Monster
Jacob Have I Loved
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The Lightning Thief (series)
Holes
Gods and Generals, The Last Full Measure
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Poetry Titles

Stories & Poems for Extremely Intelligent Children of All Ages

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Revolting Rhymes

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Poets' Corner: The One and Only Poetry Book for the Whole Family

Love to Langston (14 poems of Langston Hughes)

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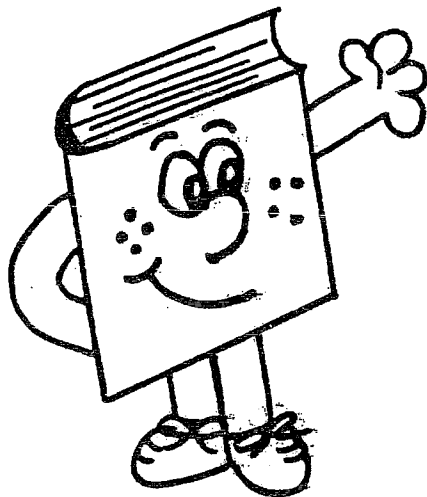
Honeybee: Poems & Short Prose

This Same Sky: A Collection of Poems from Around the World

The Flag of Childhood: Poems from the Middle

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<http://bccb.lis.uiuc.edu>

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EBSCOHOST: Novelist K-8

<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=uid>

This site allows you to browse by theme, author, series, title, and subject. Plus, Novelist K-8 will suggest other titles based on your favorites. To access Novelist K-8, go to the site listed above and enter USER ID = 'mbklib' and PASSWORD = 'wilton'. Then, choose Novelist K-8 from the list of resources.

Guys Read

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

Young adult author Jon Scieszka has established this web site to connect boys with books they will want to read. Part of the program's larger mission is to "help boys become better readers, better students, and better guys".

Kids Webrary

<http://www.webrary.org/kids/jbibmenu.html>

This site is useful for anyone looking for children's stories about specific topics. The author of each book is included, and short plot synopses give readers an idea of what each book is about.

Bookwink

<http://www.bookwink.com>

This site allows you to browse for books by grade level, title, author, subject, and read-alikes. In addition the site provides access to video booktalks. Each video is about three minutes long, and the booktalks are updated monthly. An archive of the video booktalks is also available.

Newbery Award Winners

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