

All's Faire in Middle School

By Victoria Jamieson

Have the lessons she has learned in the Renaissance Faire prepared Imogene for her most difficult quest yet....starting middle school?

Amina's Voice

By Hena Khan

Among prejudice and change, how do you stay true to yourself and blend in to a new community at the same time?

Ashes to Asheville

By Sarah Dooley

Fella and her sister Zany take their deceased mother's ashes and run away to Asheville - the last place they were happy as a family - where they hope to scatter them as per her wishes.

Bat Citizens: Defending the Ninjas of the Night

By Rob Laidlaw

Learn about these famously shadowy mammals, from their habits and habitats to their importance for maintaining biodiversity.

Beyond the Bright Sea

By Lauren Wolk

Orphaned and determined to uncover her past, Crow sets sail on a journey of self-discovery.

Blood, Bullets, and Bones: The Story of Forensic Science from Sherlock Holmes to DNA

By Bridget Heos

A gruesome and fascinating account of the indispensable role forensic science plays in our criminal justice system.

Booked

By Kwame Alexander

The thrill of a soccer tournament, the pressure of family expectations, the social minefield of crushes and bullies, and the beauty of words are all explored in this exciting, extraordinary novel in verse.

The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora
By Pablo Cartaya

A shady real estate developer threatens Arturo's Miami community. Can he help the neighborhood and stop being so awkward around his cute neighbor Carmen? Maybe Jose Marti can help.

The First Rule of Punk

By Celia C. Perez

Malu struggles to pull together all the different threads of her life (her love of punk rock, her Mexican heritage, her dislike of cilantro) into an identity all her own.

Fish in a Tree

By Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Ally struggles to hide her dyslexia by continually getting in trouble, until a substitute teacher discovers what she is really hiding.

Summer Reading
Grades 6-8
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The Girl Who Drank the Moon

By Kelly Barnhill

Luna, having been turned into a witch as a young girl, discovers the magic within her while facing an evil force.

Greetings from Witness Protection!

By Jake Burt

Streetwise Nikki is plucked from foster care to help a family in trouble stay hidden; how far will she go to protect her new home?

The Inquisitor's Tale

By Adam Gidwitz

Three travelers unite in a journey through medieval France to escape persecution and save their land.

It All Comes Down to This

By Karen English

In Los Angeles during the summer of 1965, Sophie, an upper middle class African American girl, learns some hard truths about her family, about friendship, and about racism.

Love, Ish

By Karen Rivers

Mischa "Ish" Love's dreams of escaping life in her small town and living on Mars one day are threatened by a sudden illness.

Lucky Broken Girl

By Ruth Behar

After a move from Cuba to New York City, an unexpected accident traps Ruthy in a body cast for months, cutting her off from friends, school and fun, leading her to explore her world through art.

Me & Miranda Mullaly

By Jake Gerhardt

Three boys all trying to gain the attention of the same girl become rivals in this hilarious tale of misunderstandings.

Missing Mike

By Shari Green

He's a rescue, a mutt. He's had a run-in with coyotes and he's missing an eye. But Mike is eleven-year-old Caera Donovan's dog, and they love each other absolutely. Usually her pet follows Caera everywhere, but on the day the family first smells smoke in the air, Mike becomes anxious. Pine Grove is in the path of a wildfire, and the family is ordered to evacuate.

Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor, and Loki

By Kevin Crossley-Holland

Tales of bravery, deceit, and treasure where Viking gods and magical beings struggle for power.

Piecing Me Together

By Renee Watson

Set in present day, rapidly gentrifying Portland, Oregon, Jade struggles to find her voice amid conflicting pressures in this coming of age story.

Samurai Rising

By Pamela S. Turner

An epic tale of warriors and rebellion reveals how Minamoto Yoshitsune became the greatest samurai in Japanese history.

small things

By Mel Tregonning

In this wordless graphic picture book, a young boy feels alone with his worries. He isn't fitting in well at school. His grades are slipping. He's even lashing out at those who love him.

The War that Saved My Life
by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Like many other city children during World War II, Ada and Jamie are being evacuated to live with strangers in the countryside, away from the bombings. They are leaving their mother and all they have ever known. How could this be possibly the best thing that could ever have happened to them.

