

Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick
JF PHILBR R

At the beginning of eighth grade, learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.

The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman
JF PULLMA P

Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds
YA FIC REYNOL J

A collection of ten short stories that all take place in the same day about kids walking home from school.

The Hired Girl by Laura Amy Schlitz
YA FIC SCHLIT A

Fourteen-year-old Joan Skraggs, just like the heroines in her beloved novels, yearns for real life and true love. But what hope is there for adventure, beauty, or art on a hardscrabble farm in Pennsylvania where the work never ends? Over the summer of 1911, Joan pours her heart out into her diary as she seeks a new, better life for herself.

Orbiting Jupiter by Gary Schmidt
YA FIC SCHMID G

Jack, 12, tells the gripping story of Joseph, 14, who joins his family as a foster child. Damaged in prison, Joseph wants nothing more than to find his baby daughter, Jupiter, whom he has never seen. When Joseph has begun to believe he'll have a future, he is confronted by demons from his past that force a tragic sacrifice.

Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights by Steve Sheinkin
YA 940.5453 SHE

Presents an account of the 1944 civil rights protest involving hundreds of African-American Navy servicemen who were unjustly charged with mutiny for refusing to work in unsafe conditions after the deadly Port Chicago explosion.

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
JF SPINEL J

In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.

The Amulet of Samarkand by Jonathan Stroud
YA FIC STROUD J

Nathaniel, a magician's apprentice, summons up the djinni Bartimaeus and instructs him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Lovelace.

The Thief by Megan Whalen Turner
JF TURNER M

Gen flaunts his ingenuity as a thief and relishes the adventure which takes him to a remote temple of the gods where he will attempt to steal a precious stone.



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RECOMMENDED READS FOR EIGHTH GRADE



Tangerine by Edward Bloor

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Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

YA FIC CARD O

Ender Wiggin isn't just playing games at Battle School; he and the other children are being tested and trained in Earth's attempt to find the military genius that the planet needs in its all-out war with an alien enemy.

Catherine, Called Birdy by Karen Cushman

JF CUSHMA K

The daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.

Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

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Discovered in the attic in which she spent the last years of her life, Anne Frank's remarkable diary has since become a world classic - a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament to the human spirit.

Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George

JF GEORGE J

While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.

The Goose Girl by Shannon Hale

YA FIC HALE S

Princess Anidori, on her way to marry a prince she has never met, is betrayed by her lady-in-waiting and must become a goose girl to survive until she can reveal her true identity and reclaim the crown that is rightfully hers.

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

JF HESSE K

In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.

Girl of the Southern Sea by Michelle

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JF KADARU M

A 14-year-old girl living in the Jakarta slums who longs to be a writer sees an opportunity to raise money for school fees when she survives a minibus accident and the locals begin saying she has magical good luck. But when the crowd turns against her and she discovers her father's plan to marry her off to an older man, she must summon courage and conviction to write her own story.

Alexander Hamilton: The Making of America by

Teri Kanefield

JB HAMILT ALEXAN KANEFI

A poor immigrant, Hamilton believed that America should be a land of opportunity for newcomers. He rose from poverty through his intelligence and ability, and did more to shape our country than any of his contemporaries.

A Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K. Le Guin

YA FIC LEGUIN U

A boy grows to manhood while attempting to subdue the evil he unleashed on the world as an apprentice to the Master Wizard.

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

JF LONDON J

The adventures of an unusual dog, part Saint Bernard and part Scotch shepherd, that's forcibly taken to the Klondike gold fields where he eventually becomes the leader of a wolf pack.

A Night to Remember by Walter Lord

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A riveting account of the Titanic's fatal collision and the behavior of the passengers and crew, both noble and ignominious.

I'll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson

YA FIC NELSON J

A story of first love, family, loss, and betrayal told from different points in time, and in separate voices, by artists Jude and her twin brother Noah.

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

YA FIC NESS P

Thirteen-year-old Conor awakens one night to find a monster outside his bedroom window, but not the one from the recurring nightmare that began when his mother became ill--an ancient, wild creature that wants him to face truth and loss.

Eragon by Christopher Paolini

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In Alagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.

Woods Runner by Gary Paulsen

JF PAULSE G

From his 1776 Pennsylvania homestead, teenage Samuel, a skilled woodsman, sets out toward New York City to rescue his parents from the band of British soldiers who kidnapped them after slaughtering most of their community.