

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING LIST 2013

Amazing new books! Happy reading!

FICTION

Applegate, Katherine. *The One and Only Ivan*. Newbery Award Winner. When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life. **(Age 10 up)**

Balliet, Blue. *Hold Fast*. On a cold winter day in Chicago, Early's father disappeared, and now she, her mother and her brother have been forced to flee their apartment and join the ranks of the homeless--and it is up to Early to hold her family together and solve the mystery surrounding her father. **(Age 10 up)**

Barnaby, Hannah. *Wonder Show. (Gr 6-8)* Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, step inside Mosco's Traveling Wonder Show, a menagerie of human curiosities and misfits guaranteed to astound and amaze! Perhaps the strangest act of Mosco's display is Portia Remini, a normal among the freaks, on the run from McGreavy's Home for Wayward Girls, where Mister watches and waits. He said he would always find Portia, that she could never leave... **(Age 12 up)**

Brennan, Sarah Rees. *Unspoken: The Lynburn Legacy. (Book 1 in a series)* Kami Glass is in love with someone she's never met--a boy she's talked to in her head since she was born. This has made her an outsider in the sleepy English town of Sorry-in-the-Vale. Her life seems to be in order, until disturbing events begin to occur. There has been screaming in the woods and the manor overlooking the town has lit up for the first time in 10 years. The key to it all just might be the boy in her head. **(Age 12 up)**

Chainani, Soman. *The School for Good and Evil*. At the School for Good and Evil, failing your fairy tale is not an option. The School is where best friends Sophie and Agatha are about to embark on the adventure of a lifetime. With her glass slippers and devotion to good deeds, Sophie knows she'll earn top marks at the School for Good. Meanwhile, Agatha, with her shapeless black frocks and wicked black cat, seems a natural fit for the villains in the School for Evil. The two girls soon find their fortunes reversed. **(Age 10 up)**

Hartman, Rachel. *Seraphina*. In a world where dragons and humans coexist in an uneasy truce and dragons can assume human form, Seraphina, whose mother died giving birth to her, grapples with her own identity while she struggles to accept her extraordinary musical talents. **(Age 12 up)**

Jacobson, Jennifer Richard. *Small as an Elephant*. Ever since Jack can remember, his mom has been unpredictable, sometimes loving and fun, other times caught in a whirlwind of energy and "spinning" wildly until it's over. But Jack never thought his mom would take off during the night and leave him at a campground in Acadia National Park, with no way to reach her and barely enough money for food. Any other kid would report his mom gone, but Jack knows by now that he needs to figure things out for himself - starting with how to get from the backwoods of Maine to his home in Boston before DSS catches on. **(Age 10 up)**

Meloy, Maile. *The Apothecary*. It's 1952 and the Scott family has just moved from Los Angeles to London. Here, fourteen-year-old Janie meets a mysterious apothecary and his son, Benjamin Burrows - a fascinating boy who's not afraid to stand up to authority and dreams of becoming a spy. When Benjamin's father is kidnapped, Janie and Benjamin must uncover the secrets of the apothecary's sacred book in order to find him, the Pharmacopoeia, in order to find him, all while keeping it out of the hands of their enemies - Russian spies in possession of nuclear weapons. Discovering and testing potions they never believed could exist, Janie and Benjamin embark on a dangerous race to save the apothecary and prevent impending disaster. **(Age 10 up)**

Saunders, Kate. *The Whizz Pop Chocolate Shop*. Eleven-year-old twins Oz and Lily are recruited by a talking cat to assist her and M16 in foiling the dastardly plans of their great-great-uncle, a chocolatier who used magic to make a candy that bestows immortality. **(Age 10 up)**

Schlitz, Laura Amy. *Splendors and Gloom*. When Clara vanishes after the puppeteer Grisini and two orphaned assistants were at her twelfth birthday party, suspicion of kidnapping chases the trio away from London and soon the two orphans are caught in a trap set by Grisini's ancient rival, a witch with a deadly inheritance to shed before it is too late. **(Age 10 up)**

Senzai, N. H. *Shooting Kabul*. Escaping from Taliban-controlled Afghanistan in the summer of 2001, eleven-year-old Fadi and his family immigrate to the San Francisco Bay Area, where Fadi schemes to return to the Pakistani refugee camp where his little sister was accidentally left behind. **(Age 10 up)**

MORE FICTION

Sonnenblick, Jordan. *Curveball: The Year I Lost My Grip*. After an injury ends former star pitcher Peter Friedman's athletic dreams, he concentrates on photography which leads him to a girlfriend, new fame as a high school sports photographer, and a deeper relationship with the beloved grandfather who, when he realizes he's becoming senile, gives Pete all of his professional camera gear. **(Age 12 up)**

Timberlake, Amy. *One Came Home*. In 1871 Wisconsin, thirteen-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. **(Age 10 up)**

Vanderpool, Clare. *Navigating Early*. At the end of World War II, Jack Baker, a landlocked Kansas boy, is suddenly uprooted after his mother's death and placed in a boys' boarding school in Maine. There, Jack encounters Early Auden, the strangest of boys, who reads the number pi as a story and collects clippings about the sightings of a great black bear in the nearby mountains. **(Age 10 up)**

Vawter, Vince. *Paperboy*. An 11-year-old boy living in Memphis in 1959 throws the meanest fastball in town, but talking is a whole different ball game. He can barely say a word without stuttering, not even his own name. So when he takes over his best friend's paper route for the month of July, he knows he'll be forced to communicate with the different customers. The paper route poses challenges, but it's a run-in with the neighborhood junkman, a bully and thief, that stirs up real trouble. **(Age 10 up)**

NON-FICTION

Ballard, Chris. *One Shot at Forever*. In 1971, a small-town high school baseball team from rural Illinois playing with hand-me-down uniforms and peace signs on their hats defied convention and the odds.

Ross, Richard. *Juvenile in Justice*. Winner of the 2012 Best News and Documentary Photography Award from the American Society of Magazine Editors. *Juvenile in Justice* open our eyes to the world of the incarceration of American youth. Gives voice to imprisoned children from families that have no resources in communities that have no power.

Sheinkin, Steve. *Bomb: The Race to Build--and Steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon*. **(Newbery Honor Book)** Recounts the scientific discoveries that enabled atom splitting, the military intelligence operations that occurred in rival countries, and the work of brilliant scientists hidden at Los Alamos.

Sandler, Martin W. *The Impossible Rescue: The True Story of an Amazing Arctic Adventure*. A perilous trek over 1,500 miles of nearly impassable Alaskan terrain, in the bone-chilling months of winter, to secure two herds of reindeer (for food) and find a way to guide them to the whalers before they starve.

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Telgemeier, Raina. *Drama*. (Stonewall Honor Book) Following the success of SMILE, Raina Telgemeier brings us another graphic novel featuring a diverse set of characters that humorously explores friendship, crushes, and all-around drama! **(Age 10 up)**

TenNapel, Doug. *Cardboard*. Cam's down-and-out father gives him a cardboard box for his birthday and he knows it's the worst present ever. So to make the best of a bad situation, they bend the cardboard into a man-and to their astonishment, it comes magically to life. But the neighborhood bully, Marcus, warps the powerful cardboard into his own evil creations that threaten to destroy them all! **(Age 10 up)**

Hicks, Faith Erin. *Friends with Boys*. Former homeschooler Maggie adjusts to life in high school and confronts her ghosts -- literally. **(Age 12 up)**

Whitley, Jeremy and M. Goodwin. *Princess Book 1: Save Yourself*. About a princess who's tired of waiting to be rescued. Along with her guardian dragon, Sparky, they begin their own quest in an all-ages action adventure designed specifically for those who are tired of waiting to be rescued—and who are ready to save themselves. **(Age 10 up)**