



Middle School Staff Picks 2018

YA Fict Ale *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander

14 year old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court in this novel in verse.

YA Fict And *Chains* and sequels *Forge* and *Ashes* by Laurie Halse Anderson

After being sold to a cruel couple in NYC, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

J Fict Aux *The Night Gardener* by Jonathan Auxier

Irish orphans Molly and Kip travel to England to work as servants in a crumbling manor house where nothing is quite what it seems to be and they are soon confronted by a mysterious stranger and secrets of the cursed house.

YA Fict Tur *The Thief: A Queen's thief novel* by Megan Whalen Turner (A Queen's Thief series)

When Eugenides' bragging lands him in prison, Gen's only hope for freedom lies in joining a quest to steal a legendary object.

YA Fict Car *I'd Tell You I Love You, but Then I'd Have to Kill You* by Ally Carter (Gallagher Girls Series)

At a secret spy school, Cammie is sheltered from normal life until she meets a local boy while on a class surveillance mission.

J Fict Cho *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko

A boy stands up for his autistic sister while living on an island populated by criminals, Alcatraz.

YA Fict And *Munmun* by Jesse Andrews

In a society where a person's size is directly proportional to his or her wealth, little poor Warner, thirteen, and Prayer, fifteen, struggle to improve their lot in a world built against them.

J Fict Gid *A Tale Dark and Grimm* by Adam Gidwitz

You'll recognize Hansel and Gretel of the old Grimm tales, but with more violence and a touch of humor.

YA Fict Hin *The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton

Ponyboy and his Greaser gang fight rival gang, the Socs (short for Socials) and try to make a place for themselves in the world.

YA Fict Hor *Stormbreaker (Alex Rider series)* by Anthony Horowitz

After the death of his uncle, 14 year old Alex must continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency.

J Fict Kor *Masterminds* series by Gordon Korman

Eli lives in the most perfect town in the world, where honesty and integrity are valued above all else. One day he bikes to the edge of city limits and something so crazy happens, it changes everything. Eli and his friends investigate further and it soon becomes clear that nothing is as it seems. They can't trust anyone—even their own parents.

YA Fict Lar *Hattie Big Sky* and *Hattie Ever After* by Kirby Larson

After inheriting her uncle's homesteading claim in Montana, 16 year old orphan Hattie Brooks travels from Iowa in 1917 to make a home for herself. In the sequel, she sets out to become a female reporter in 1918 San Francisco.

J Fict Lup *The Million Dollar Throw* by Mike Lupica

Star quarterback Nate gets a chance to win a million dollars if he can complete a pass during the halftime of a Patriots game.

YA Fict Mey *Bloody Jack* by L.A. Meyer

Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a 13 year old orphan disguises herself as a boy to work on a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates.

YA Fict Mey *The Lunar Chronicles* by Marissa Meyer

A futuristic retelling of your favorite classic fairy tales, following a group of friends trying to save the world.

J Fict Nes *Cloud and Wallfish* by Anne Nesbet

Noah Keller has a pretty normal life, until one wild afternoon when his parents pick him up from school and head straight for the airport, telling him that his name isn't really Noah and he didn't really just turn 11 in March. They head behind the Iron Curtain into East Berlin where someone is always listening and nothing is as it seems.

J Fict Nie *The False Prince (trilogy)* by Jennifer Nielsen

A devious nobleman engages 4 orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long missing son.

J Fict Pat *Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life* series by James Patterson

Rafe and his friend Leo team up to try to break every rule in their school's Code of Conduct.

J Fict Pen *Pax* by Sara Pennypacker

After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax when his father enlists in the military, Peter begins a journey, despite the coming war, to get him back. Meanwhile, Pax embarks on adventures and discoveries of his own.

YA Fict Gem *Good Dog* by Dan Gemenihart

Brodie was a good dog. And good dogs go to heaven. Except Brodie can't move on. Not just yet. As wonderful as his glimpse of the afterlife is, he can't forget the boy he left behind. The boy who's still in danger. So Brodie breaks the rules. He returns to Earth as a spirit. With the help of two other lost souls -- lovable pitbull Tuck and surly housecat Patsy -- he is determined to find his boy and to save him. Even if it costs him paradise.. Because it's what a good dog would do.

J/YA Fict Rey *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds

Ghost wants to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle school track team, but his past is slowing him down.

J Fict Sch *Splendors and Glooms* by Laura Amy Schlitz

Two orphaned assistants to puppeteer Grisini are caught in a trap set by Grisini's ancient rival, a witch with a deadly inheritance to shed before it is too late.

J/YA Fict Sch *The Hired Girl* by Laura Amy Schlitz

Fourteen year old Joan chronicles her life in a journal when she leaves her family's farm to work as a hired girl in Baltimore in the summer of 1911.

YA Fict Son *Drums, Girls, & Dangerous Pie* and sequel *After Ever After* by Jordan Sonnenblick

When his younger brother is diagnosed with leukemia, 13 year old Steven tries to deal with his complicated emotions and school life.

YA Fict Sta *The Dirt Diary* series by Anna Staniszewski

After her parents' divorce, 8th grader Rachel Lee joins her mother's new housecleaning business, which has her scrubbing bathrooms in her popular classmates' homes and learning useful secrets.

J Graphic Ste *Lumberjanes* comics series by Noelle Stevenson

Best friends share a fun summer at Lumberjanes camp where they encounter yetis, three eyed wolves, and giant falcons while solving a mystery that holds the fate of the world in balance.

J Graphic Tel *Drama* by Raina Telgemeier

Callie rides an emotional roller coaster while serving on the stage crew for a middle school production as various relationships start and end, and others never quite get going.

J Graphic Ten *Cardboard* by Doug TenNapel

After Cam's father gives him a cardboard box for his birthday, they fashion it into a man that comes to life, but things spin out of control when a bully steals a scrap of the cardboard.

J 629.13 Gol *Higher, Steeper, Faster: The daredevils who conquered the skies*

Discover the daring aviation pioneers who made the dream of powered flight a reality forever changing the course of history.

