



★ Titles with a star are a teacher favorite! ★

Fiction—Middle Grade

<u>Title</u>	<u>Description</u>
★ <u>Among the Hidden</u> by Margaret Peterson Haddix	Dystopian/Sci-fi. Luke is a shadow child, a third child forbidden by the Population Police. He lives his entire life in hiding, until he discovers another child like him.
<u>The City of Ember</u> by Jeanne DuPrau	Sci-fi. The City of Ember was created to contain everything needed for human survival. Hundreds of years later, the community is at odds until Lina and Doon discover there may be a way out.
★ <u>The Last Kids on Earth</u> by Max Brallier	Graphic Novel/Sci-fi. A monster apocalypse keeps Jack and his friends trying to survive zombies and other creatures.
★ <u>The Lightning Thief</u> by Rick Riordan	Fantasy. Percy Jackson thought he was just a struggling kid. Turns out—he's a demigod. When his mom gets kidnapped by Hades, Percy must go on a quest to return Zeus's lightning bolt and save his mom.
<u>Number the Stars</u> by Lois Lowry	Historical Fiction. When Jews of Denmark are "relocated", Ellen moves in with Annemarie and pretends to be one of the family. Soon Annemarie is asked to go on a dangerous mission to save Ellen's life.
<u>Esperanza Rising</u> by Pam Munoz Ryan	Historical Fiction. Esperanza is forced to flee to California during the Great Depression, and to settle in a camp for Mexican farm workers. She must rise above her difficult circumstances to save her life.
<u>Stargirl</u> by Jerry Spinelli	Contemporary Fiction. After fifteen years of home schooling, Stargirls bursts into tenth grade sending waves through Mica High. She is shunned by most students, except Leo, who has tumbled into love with her.
<u>Ground Zero</u> by Alan Gatz	Historical Fiction. On September 11, 2001, Brandon goes

	to work for the day with his dad at the World Trade Center in NYC. When two planes hit the towers, Brandon finds himself separated from his father and needing to escape.
<u>Fever 1793</u> by Laurie Halse Anderson	Historical Fiction. In late summer 1793, Philadelphia is plagued by fevers and disease. When the fever begins to strike closer to home, Mattie's struggle to build a new life but give way to a night fight-the fight to stay alive.
<u>Miles Morales: Spider-Man</u> by Jason Reynolds	Sci-fi. Miles Morales isn't an average teenager. He's Spider Man. But lately his spidey[sense has been on the fritz landing him in trouble. As Miles tries to get his life back on track, he uncovers a chilling plot that puts everyone at risk.
<u>Ungifted</u> by Gordon Korman	Contemporary Fiction. After a prank gone wrong, Donovan is sent to the ASD, a special program for gifted students. As others start to realize Donovan doesn't belong there, an ongoing experiment and some drama show maybe he belonged there all along.
<u>The Last Gate of the Emperor</u> by Kwame Mbalia and Prince Joel Makonnen	Fantasy/Sci-fi. Yared is a star player of an underground virtual reality game, until his playing triggers an attack that rocks the city. In the chaos, he must find his uncle and answers to his place in a forgotten, galaxy-spanning war.
<u>Invisible Emmie</u> by Terri Libenson	Contemporary fiction. The story of two different girls-quiet/shy Emmie and popular/outgoing Katie-and how their lives unexpectedly intersect one day when an embarrassing note falls into the wrong hands.
 <u>Wonder</u> by R.J. Palacio	Contemporary fiction. August was born with a facial difference that has prevented him from going to mainstream school. Now he's starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep.
<u>The Trials of Morrigan Crow</u> by Jessica Townsend	Fantasy. A cursed girl escapes death and find herself in a magical work that tests her beyond her wildest imagination. Book #1 of the Nevermoor series.
<u>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</u> by C.S. Lewis	Fantasy. Lucy and her siblings discover a land beyond their wardrobe door, a land buried under the evil enchantment of the White Witch. They have been called to join the battle to free Narnia from the sinister spell.
<u>Blended</u> by Sharon M. Draper	Contemporary fiction. Eleven-year-old Isabella struggles with her parents' divorce and dealing with unsavory comments regarding her Black father and white mother. Split between her parents, she also finds herself switching identities, but she never quite feels whole.
<u>Escape from Mr. Limoncello's Library</u> by Chris Grabenstein	Fantasy. Mr. Limoncello is the most creative gamemaker in the world, and the genius behind the new town library.

	Kylie wins an overnight adventure in the library and must solve clues and secret puzzles to escape becoming trapped inside.
<u>The Crossover</u> by Kwame Alexander	Contemporary fiction. Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the basketball court to realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price. This novel is written in verse (like a poem/song).

Fiction—Young Adult (Grade 8)

<u>Title</u>	<u>Description</u>
★ <u>Fable</u> by Adrienne Young	Fantasy/Sci-fi: Welcome to a world made by the sea and by those who wish to profit from it. Where a young girl must find her place and her family while trying to survive in a world built for men. <i>Fable</i> takes you on a journey filled with romance, intrigue, and adventure.
★ <u>Legendborn</u> by Tracey Dionne	Fantasy: Bree’s residential program for high schoolers at UNC seems like the perfect escape until she witnesses a magical attack her first night on campus. A secret society of “Legendborn” students hunt demons in this retelling of King Arthur.
<u>To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before</u> by Jenny Han	Contemporary fiction: Lara Jean, who has never openly admitted her crushes, but instead wrote each boy a letter about how she felt, sealed it, and hid it in a box under her bed. But one day Lara Jean discovers that somehow her secret box of letters has been mailed, causing all her crushes from her past to confront her about the letters.
★ <u>A Good Girl’s Guide to Murder</u> by Holly Jackson	Thriller: Five years ago, teen Andie Bell was murdered by Sal Singh. The police know he did it, but having grown up in the same small town that was consumed by the murder, Pippa Fitz-Amobi isn't so sure. When she chooses the case for her final year project, she starts to uncover secrets that someone desperately wants to stay hidden.
★ <u>Wintergirls</u> by Laurie Halse Anderson	Contemporary fiction: Lia and Cassie are best friends and competitors in a deadly contest to see who can be the thinnest. But then Cassie suffers the ultimate loss—her life—and Lia is left behind, haunted by her friend's memory, and feeling guilty for not being able to help save her.
<u>Shadow and Bone</u> by Leigh Bardugo	Fantasy: Surrounded by enemies, the once-great nation of Ravka has been torn in two by the Shadow Fold, a swath of near impenetrable darkness crawling with

	monsters who feast on human flesh. Now its fate may rest on the shoulders of one lonely refugee.
<u>Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children</u> by Ransom Riggs	Fantasy: A mysterious island. An abandoned orphanage. A strange collection of very curious photographs. It all waits to be discovered in Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, an unforgettable novel that mixes fiction and photography in a thrilling reading experience.
★ <u>Dreamland</u> by Sarah Dessen	Contemporary fiction: Ever since she started going out with Rogerson Biscoe, Caitlin seems to have fallen into a semiconscious dreamland where nothing is quite real. Rogerson is different from anyone Caitlin has ever known. He's magnetic. He's compelling. He's dangerous.
★ <u>Inhuman</u> by Kat Falls	Sci-fi: In a world ravaged by mutation, a teenage girl must travel into the forbidden Savage Zone to recover lost artifacts or her father's life is forfeit.
★ <u>The Inheritance Games</u> by Jennifer Lynn Barnes	Mystery: Avery Grambs' fortunes change in an instant when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies and leaves Avery virtually his entire fortune. The catch? Avery has no idea why -- or even who Tobias Hawthorne is.
<u>The Cousins</u> by Karen McManus	Thriller: Milly, Aubrey, and Jonah Story are cousins, but they barely know each other, and they've never even met their grandmother. Rich and reclusive, she disinherited their parents before they were born. So when they each receive a letter inviting them to work at her island resort for the summer, they have no idea the secrets they're about to uncover.
<u>The Fault in Our Stars</u> by John Green	Contemporary fiction: Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal. But when Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.
<u>The Thing About Jellyfish</u> by Ali Benjamin	Contemporary fiction: After her best friend dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced that the true cause of the tragedy must have been a rare jellyfish sting--things don't just happen for no reason. Retreating into a silent world of imagination, she crafts a plan to prove her theory--even if it means traveling the globe, alone.
★ <u>Steelheart</u> by Brandon Sanderson	Sci-fi: Ten years ago, Calamity came. It was a burst in the sky that gave ordinary men and women extraordinary powers. The awed public started calling them Epics. But Epics are no friend of man. With incredible gifts came the desire to rule. And to rule man you must crush his will.
<u>The Fifth Wave</u> by Rick Yancey	Sci-fi: 5th Wave follows 16-year-old Cassie Sullivan as

	she tries to survive in a world devastated by the waves of an alien invasion that have already devastated the Earth's population and knocked humankind back to the Stone Age.
<u>A Mango-Shaped Space</u> by Wendy Mass	Contemporary fiction: Mia Winchell appears to be a typical kid, but she's keeping a big secret—sounds, numbers, and words have color for her. No one knows, and Mia wants to keep it that way. But when trouble at school finally forces Mia to reveal her secret, she must learn to accept herself and embrace her ability, called synesthesia, a mingling of the senses.
<u>Matched</u> by Ally Condie	Sci-fi: In the Society, officials decide. Who you love. Where you work. When you die. Cassia has always trusted their choices. It's hardly any price to pay for a long life, the perfect job, the ideal mate. So when her best friend appears on the Matching screen, Cassia knows with complete certainty that he is the one...until she sees another face flash for an instant before the screen fades to black. Now Cassia is faced with impossible choices.
<u>Prisoner B-3087</u> by Alan Gratz	Historical Fiction: A Jewish boy named Yanek who must struggle and survive while still grasping onto humanity and hope. Yanek faces many situations that are life-threatening, but it only makes him stronger and aware towards one goal; to survive.
<u>The School for Good and Evil</u> by Soman Chainani	Fantasy: Sophie and Agatha are about to discover the School for Good & Evil, where boys and girls are trained to be fairy tale heroes and villains. But when the two girls are swept into the Endless Woods, they find their fortunes reversed—Sophie's dumped in the School for Evil while Agatha finds herself in the School For Good.
<u>The Grace Year</u> by Kim Ligget	Dystopian Sci-Fi: The Grace Year is forbidden to discuss. Girls are banished on their sixteenth year to release their magic into the wild so they can return purified and ready for marriage. But not all of them make it home alive.
<u>It's Better Than the Movies</u> by Lynn Painter	Romantic Comedy: A hopelessly romantic teen attempts to secure a happily-ever-after moment with her forever crush, but finds herself reluctantly drawn to the boy next door.
<u>As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow</u> by Zoulfa Katouh	Contemporary with historical fiction vibes: Salama Kassab was a pharmacy student when the cries for freedom broke out in Syria. Now she works in a hospital helping the wounded who flood through the door. Secretly, she is desperate to find a way out of her war-torn country.

Nonfiction

<u>Title</u>	<u>Description</u>
★ <u>I am Malala</u> (Young Reader's Edition) by Malala Yousafzai	Memoir. The remarkable story of a teenage girl that risked her life to attend the right school in Pakistan.
<u>It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood</u> (Young Reader's Edition) by Trevor Noah	The host of <i>The Daily Show</i> , Trevor Noah, tells the story of growing up half black, half white in South Africa under and after apartheid.
★ <u>March Forward Girl: From Young Warrior to Little Rock Nine</u> (Young Reader's Edition) by Melba Pettillo Beals	Memoir. Melba Pattillo Beals reflects on facing adversity as a Black American in the Jim Crow South. Her story focuses on her experience as one of the Little Rock Nine, and the dangers of entering a predominantly white school after segregation had been ruled unlawful.
<u>The First Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill George Washington</u> (Young Reader's Edition) by Brad Meltzer	In 1776, an elite group of soldiers were picked to serve as George Washington's bodyguards. No one knew they had a plan to kill the person they were meant to protect.
<u>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</u> , (Young Reader's Edition) by William Kamkwamba & Bryan Mealer (Author)	Memoir. When 14-yr-old William's Malawi village was hit by a drought, William faced impossible odds to figure out how to bring electricity to his village and save his community.
<u>A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story</u> by Linda Sue Park	A girl in Sudan in 2008. A boy in Sudan in 1985. Each one facing hardships, loneliness, and violence. Their two stories intersect in an astonishing and moving way.
★ <u>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</u> (Young Reader's Edition) by James L. Swanson	The thrilling story about the 12-day manhunt and capture of John Wilkes Booth-the man who assassinated Abraham Lincoln. Includes rare archival material, trial manuscripts, and interviews among other primary documents.
<u>Big Apple Diaries</u> by Alyssa Bermudez	Diary-style/graphic memoir. A young Puerto Rican New Yorker doodles her way through middle school-until the September 11th terrorist attack leaves her wondering if she can ever be a kid again.
<u>The Boys in the Boat</u> by Daniel James Brown	The University of Washington's rowing team was after a gold medal at the 1936 Olympics. These eight crewmen stunned the world at Hitler's Berlin Olympics.
<u>All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team</u> by Christina Soontornvat	In 2018, twelve young players of the Wild Boars soccer team became trapped in a cave in northern Thailand. This is the story of the 17-day rescue operation involving thousands of professionals from around the globe to save them.

<u>El Deafo</u> by Cece Bell	Graphic novel/memoir. Cece can only hear with a Phonic Ear, a powerful hearing head strapped to her chest. When she starts a new school, she realizes she can hear teachers not only in her classroom, but everywhere in the school!
<u>Grasping Mysteries: Girls Who Loved Math</u> by Jeannine Atkins	Learn about seven groundbreaking women in math and science in this biographical novel-in-verse.
<u>The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives</u> by Dashka Slater	A true story about one teen with a lighter on a bus, who makes a decision that changes his future, and the future of another teen.
<u>Jim Thorpe, Original All-American</u> by Joseph Bruchac	Jim Thorpe was one of the greatest athletes who ever lived: professional football, Major League Baseball, and Olympic gold medalist for track and field.
<u>Yummy: A History of Desserts (A Graphic Novel)</u> by Victoria Grace	Have you ever wondered about how some of your favorite desserts were created? Well, this graphic novel will tell you about the mistake that created brownies and the team-up that invented the ice cream cone! Learn about desserts from around the world.
<u>Free Lunch</u> by Rex Ogle	A true story about a poor kid living in a rich school district, figuring out 6th grade, dealing with violence at home, and trying to fit in.
<u>Kid Athletes: True Tales of Childhood from Sports Legends</u> by David Stabler (Author), Doogie Horner (Illustrator)	All-star athletes share the troubles they faced as regular kids growing up.
<u>How to Be a Person: 65 Hugely Useful, Super-Important Skills to Learn before You're Grown Up</u> by Catherine Newman	Maybe you want to read a book this summer that will help you figure out how to skip being nagged by the adults in your life? This book has what you need to know.