

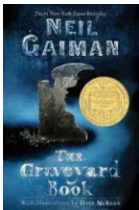


7, 8, 9th Grade Book List

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This list is a mix of great teen reads that offer a balance in reading level, interest level, and different types of fiction. Books are chosen based off of popularity and professional reviews. Check these out today!

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THE GRAVEYARD BOOK

By Neil Gaiman

Call #: JF Gaiman

Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard.



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SCHOOLED

By Gordon Korman

Call #: JF Korman

Cap has always been homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, but when she winds up in the hospital, he finds himself struggling with the politics of public school.



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SPEAK

By Laurie Halse Anderson

Call #: YF Anderson

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year of high school.



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THE TRUE CONFESSIONS OF CHARLOTTE DOYLE

By Avi

Call #: YF Avi

As the only girl on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns that the captain is murderous and his crew is rebellious.



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RULES OF THE ROAD

By Joan Bauer

Call #: YF Bauer

When Madeline Gladstone hires Jenna to be her driver and hands over the keys to her enormous white Cadillac, Jenna begins a summer-long cross-country adventure.





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THE PRINCESS DIARIES

By Meg Cabot

Call #: YF Cabot

14-year-old Mia, who is trying to lead a normal teen life, is shocked to learn that her father is the Prince of Genovia, and that she is a princess and the heir to the throne.



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THE WARRIOR HEIR

By Cinda Williams Chima

Call #: YF Chima

After learning about his magical ancestry and his own warrior powers, sixteen-year-old Jack embarks on a training program to fight enemy wizards.



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AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS

By Jennifer Choldenko

Call #: YF Choldenko

Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his unusual new situation as well as life with an autistic sister.



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THINGS NOT SEEN

By Andrew Clements

Call #: YF Clements

When Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.



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AIRMAN

By Eoin Colfer

Call #: YF Colfer

In the late 19th century, Conor plans a daring escape from Little Saltee prison by way of a flying machine that he designs and builds to carry him to safety.



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THE FACE ON THE MILK CARTON

By Caroline Cooney

Call #: YF Cooney

A photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity.



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THE DARK IS RISING

By Susan Cooper

Call #: YF Cooper

On his 11th birthday, Will discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical signs that will triumph over the evil forces of the Dark.





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CATHERINE, CALLED BIRDY

By Karen Cushman



Call #: YF Cushman

The feisty 13-year-old daughter of a medieval English knight keeps a journal and records the events of her life, particularly her efforts to avoid being married off.



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THE MAZE RUNNER

By James Dashner



Call #: YF Dashner

Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.



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THE TRUTH ABOUT FOREVER

By Sarah Dessen



Call #: YF Dessen

Macy has a surprising summer that helps her pick up the pieces of her life and fit them back together after her father's death.



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THE SEA OF TROLLS

By Nancy Farmer



Call #: YF Farmer

After being captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar, Jack must undertake a vital quest to the home of the trolls to save his sister's life.



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ONCE UPON A MARIGOLD

By Jean Ferris

Call #: YF Ferris

A young inventor with a mysterious past leaves the troll who raised him, meets an unhappy princess he has loved from afar and uncovers a plot against her father.



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PRINCESS OF THE MIDNIGHT BALL

By Jessica Day George

Call #: YF George

A retelling of the tale of twelve princesses who wear out their shoes dancing every night, and Galen, a former soldier who follows them in hopes of breaking the curse.



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THE GOOSE GIRL

By Shannon Hale



Call #: YF Hale

On her way to marry a prince she's never met, Princess Anidori is betrayed by her lady-in-waiting and must become a goose girl to survive until she can reveal her true identity and claim what is rightfully hers.





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STORMBREAKER

By Anthony Horowitz

Call #: YF Horowitz

After the death of his uncle, 14-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncles' dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency M16.



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HOUSE OF MANY WAYS

By Diana Wynne Jones

Call #: YF Jones

When Charmain is asked to housesit for Great Uncle William, the Royal Wizard of Norland, she is ecstatic to leave home, but finds that his house is more than it seems.



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THE GIVER

By Lois Lowry

Call #: YF Lowry

Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.



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SLEEPING FRESHMAN NEVER LIE

By David Lubar

Call #: YF Lubar

While navigating his first year of high school and awaiting the birth of his new baby brother, Scott loses old friends and gains some unlikely new ones.



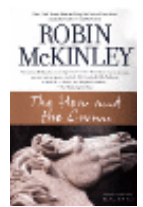
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HEAT

By Mike Lupica

Call #: YF Lupica

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is banned from Little League because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve and he has no parents to prove otherwise.



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THE HERO AND THE CROWN

By Robin McKinley

Call #: YF McKinley

Aerin, with the guidance of the wizard Luthe and the help of the Blue Sword, wins the birthright due her as the daughter of the Damarian King and a witch woman of the mysterious, demon-haunted North.



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SABRIEL

By Garth Nix

Call #: YF Nix

Sabriel, daughter of the necromancer Abhorsen, must travel to the mysterious and magical Old Kingdom to rescue her father from the Land of the Dead.





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MAXIMUM RIDE: THE ANGEL EXPERIMENT

By James Patterson

Call #: YF Patterson

After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest of their group, the "birdkids," take off in pursuit and struggle to understand their own origins and purpose.



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EAST

By Edith Pattou

Call #: YF Pattou

A young woman goes to the ends of the earth – and beyond – to rescue the man she loves in this epic fantasy.



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HATCHET

By Gary Paulsen

Call #: YF Paulsen

After a plane crash, 13-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother.



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THE GOLDEN COMPASS

By Phillip Pullman

Call #: YF Pullman

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



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MY FAIR GODMOTHER

By Janette Rallison

Call #: YF Rallison

Savannah wants to find the perfect prom date but when a godmother who is only fair becomes involved, Savannah finds herself in trouble in the Middle Ages.



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THE LIGHTNING THIEF

By Rick Riordan

Call #: YF Riordan

After learning that the father he never knew is Poseidon, God of the Sea, Percy Jackson becomes involved in a quest to prevent a catastrophic war between the gods.



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NIGHT OF THE HOWLING DOGS

By Graham Salisbury

Call #: YF Salisbury

In 1975, a Boy Scout troop camping at Halape, Hawaii, find their survival skills put to the test when a massive earthquake strikes, followed by a tsunami.



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FAR FROM YOU

By Lisa Schroeder

Call #: YF Schroeder

A novel-in-verse about Ali's reluctant road trip with her stepmother and new baby sister, and the terror that ensues after they end up lost in the snow-covered woods.



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DOWNSIDERS

By Neal Shusterman

Call #: YF Shusterman

When fourteen-year-old Lindsay meets Talon, who lives in the secret Downsider community that evolved in the subterranean passages of the subway built in New York in 1867, she and her new friend try to bridge the differences between their two cultures.



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PEAK

By Roland Smith

Call #: YF Smith

A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.



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DRUMS, GIRLS, AND DANGEROUS PIE

By Jordan Sonnenblick

Call #: YF Sonnenblick

When his younger brother is diagnosed with leukemia, thirteen-year-old Steven tries to deal with his complicated emotions, his school life, and his desire to support his family.



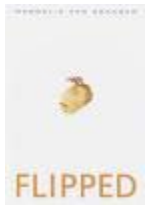
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THE AMULET OF SAMARKAND

By Jonathan Stroud

Call #: YF Stroud

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.



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FLIPPED

By Wendelin Van Draanen

Call #: YF Van Draanen

In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.



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HEIR APPARENT

By Vivian Vande Velde

Call #: YF Vande Velde

While playing a total immersion virtual reality game, Giannine learns that the equipment has been damaged, and she must win the game or be damaged herself.





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UGLIES

By Scott Westerfeld

Call #: YF Westerfeld

Just before they will be transformed into beauties, Tally's best friend runs away and Tally must find her and turn her in, or never become pretty at all.



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DEALING WITH DRAGONS

By Patricia Wrede

Call #: YF Wrede

Bored with traditional palace life, Princess Cimorene travels to the Mountains of Morning where she is befriended by a group of powerful dragons and joins in their struggle to protect their kingdom from being taken over by disreputable wizards.



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THE EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURES OF ALFRED KROPP

By Rick Yancey

Call #: YF Yancey

Through a series of dangerous and violent misadventures, teenage loser Alfred Kropp rescues King Arthur's legendary sword Excalibur from the forces of evil.

