

## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL READING LIST



## *N.E.R.D.S.: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society (NERDS, Book 1)* by Michael Buckley Grades 4–7

While running a spy network from their elementary school, five unpopular misfits combine their talents and use cutting-edge gadgetry to fight evil around the world.



#### The Sisters Grimm Series: The Fairy-Tale Detectives by Michael Buckley–Grades 4–7

Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother who they have always believed to be dead.



#### Undertow by Michael Buckley—Grades 8 and up

A sixteen-year-old girl is caught in an epic clash of civilizations when a society of undersea warriors marches out of the ocean into modern-day Coney Island.



#### The School for Good and Evil Series by Soman Chainani—Grades 5—8

Best friends Sophie and Agatha discover their true identities when they enter The School for Good and Evil, a school where ordinary boys and girls are trained to be fairy tale heroes and villains.



#### The School for Good and Evil: The Camelot Years bk 2 by Soman Chainani—Grades 6 and up

Join Sophie, Agatha, Tedros, and others as they begin a new era in the Endless Woods, where Evers and Nevers alike must move beyond the bounds of school and into the biggest, boldest adventures of their lives.



### *Eight Grade Bites* by Heather (Zac) Brewer—Grades 6—8

For thirteen years, Vlad has kept secret that he is half-vampire, but when his missing teacher is replaced by a sinister substitute, he learns that there is more to being a vampire, and to his parents' deaths, than he could have guessed.



#### First Kill by Heather (Zac) Brewer—Grades 6 – 8

The summer before ninth grade, when Joss sets off to meet his uncle and hunt down the beast that murdered his younger sister three years earlier, he learns he is destined to join the Slayer Society.



#### Madness by Zac Brewer—Grades 9 and up

New York Times bestselling author Zac Brewer delivers his most honest and gripping novel yet, about a girl who believes she's beyond saving—until she realizes the only person who can save her is herself.



#### Souldbound by Heather (Zac) Brewer-Grades 7 and up

Kaya, a 17-yr-old Healer who must attend Shadow Academy, where fighting by Healers is outlawed. When she asks two men to train her, their choice changes their lives forever.



#### The Blood Between Us by Zac Brewer—Grades 8 and up

Family secrets turn deadly in this edgy page-turner about the insidious limits of labels and the ties that bind just a little too tightly, from the *New York Times* bestselling author of the Chronicles of Vladimir Tod.



#### Cemetery Boys by Heather (Zac) Brewer—Grades 9 and up

Stephen moves to a new town and quickly falls in with punk girl Cara and her charismatic twin brother, Devon. But the town has a dark secret, and the twins are caught in the middle of it.



#### The Ghost of Ben Hargrove by Heather (Zac) Brewer—Grades 9 and up

In this standalone short story from *New York Times* bestselling author Heather Brewer, a boy wakes up in a cell with no recollection of how he got there—and no idea how he is going to escape.



#### The Warrior Heir by Cinda Williams Chima—Grades 6 and up

After learning about his magical ancestry and his own warrior powers, sixteen-year-old Jack embarks on a training program to fight in the Wizards' Game.



#### The Demon King by Cinda Williams Chima—Grades 7 and up

The fates of former street gang leader Han Alister and headstrong Princess Raisa intertwine as Han takes possession of an amulet that once belonged to an evil wizard and Raisa uncovers a conspiracy in the Gray Wolf court.

#### Flamecaster by Cinda Williams Chima—Grades 8 and up

Thrown together by chance and united by their hatred of the king, Ash, a gifted healer, and Jenna, a girl abandoned at birth, find themselves on the run from the King's Guard.



#### Witches & Wizards Manga Series Illustrated by Svetlana Chmakova

pectedly falls for a mysterious cosplayer, things become complicated.

Whit and Wisty thought they were just a normal couple of teenagers until they were arrested by the police, charged with being a wizard and a witch. They must now fight for their freedom and their lives as they unlock the powers burning inside them.

When amateur writer Christie settles in the artist alley of her first ever anime convention, she sees it as an opportunity to promote the manga she had started with her artist boyfriend. But when she unex-

Alex is a young weirn whose education has always been handled through homeschooling, but circumstances seem to be drawing her closer to the Night School where vampires, werewolves, and weirns





#### Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova—Grades 6 and up

learn the fundamentals of everything.

Dramacon by Svetlana Chmakova—Grades 8 and up

Nightschool by Svetlana Chmakova—Grades 7 and up

After shunning Jaime, the school nerd, on her first day at a new middle school, Penelope Torres tries to blend in with her new friends in the art club, until the art club goes to war with the science club, of which Jaime is a member.



#### Brave by Svetlana Chmakova—Grades 6 and up

Jensen's daydreaming gets put to the test by some hard realities when the stresses of middle school get totally out of control.



#### The Darkdeep by Ally Condie and Brendan Reichs—Grades 6—8

When a bullying incident sends twelve year-old Nico Holland over the edge of a cliff into the icy waters of Still Cove, where no one ever goes, friends Tyler and Ella—and even "cool kid" Opal—rush to his rescue . . . only to discover an island hidden in the swirling mists below. Told from Nico's and Opal's alternating points of view, this is perfect for fans of *Stranger Things*.



#### Atlantia by Ally Condie—Grades 8 and up

Rio has always dreamed of leaving the underwater city of Atlantia for life in the Above. However, when her twin sister, Bay, makes an unexpected decision, Rio is left stranded below, where she must find a way to unlock the secrets of her siren voice.



#### Summerlost by Ally Condie—Grades 5—8

Following the sudden deaths of her father and autistic younger brother, Cedar Lee spends the summer working at a Shakespearean theater festival, making a new friend and coming to terms with her grief.



#### Matched by Ally Condie—Grades 7 and up

Cassia has always had complete trust in the Society to make decisions for her, but when she is being paired with her ideal mate, a second face flashes on the screen, and Cassia begins to doubt the Society's infallibility.



#### Courage & Defiance: Stories of Spies, Saboteurs, and Survivors in World War II Denmark by Deborah Hopkinson—Grades 7 and up

In 1887, Italian eleven-year-old Rocco arrives in New York City, where he is forced to live in squalor and beg for money as a street musician. He finds the city's cruelty to children and animals intolerable and sets out to change things.

#### D-Day The World War II Invasion That Changed History by Deborah Hopkinson—Grades 6—8

The WWII invasion known as D-Day was the largest military endeavor in history. By June 6, 1944, Hitler and his allies had a strong grip on the European continent, where Nazi Germany was engaged in the mass extermination of the Jewish people. The goal of D-Day was the total defeat of Hitler's regime, and the defense of free democracies everywhere. US, Great Britain, and Canada planned for the impossible.



#### DIVE! World War II Stories of Sailors & Submarines in the Pacific by Deborah Hopkinson-Grades 6-8

This book shares the story of America's little known war-within-a-war, the "silent service" of America's frontline warriors in U.S. submarine warfare during World War II.



## *The Great Trouble: A Mystery of London, The Blue Death, and a Boy Called Eel* by Deborah Hopkinson Grades 5—8

Eel, an orphan, and his best friend Florrie must help Dr. John Snow prove that cholera is spread through water and not poisonous air when an epidemic sweeps across their London neighborhood in 1854.



#### Titanic: Voices from the Disaster by Deborah Hopkinson-Grades 6-8

This book draws on stories from survivors and archival photographs to describe the history of the "Titanic."



Fatal Throne by various authors, including Deborah Hopkinson-Grades 11 and up

The tragic lives of Henry VIII and his six wives are reimagined by seven acclaimed and bestselling authors in this riveting novel, perfect for fans of *Wolf Hall* and Netflix's *The Crown*.



#### Dread Nation by Justina Ireland—Grades 8 and up

What would have happened if zombies has interrupted the U.S. Civil War and forced everyone to fight for a common cause?



#### Evie Allen vs the Quiz Bowl Zombies by Justina Ireland-Grades 6-8

Evie Allen is smart. That is why trying out for the quiz show was perfect for her. But, the tryouts don't go as planned. Can Evie and her three friends once again save the town of Devils' Pass?



#### Promise of Shadows by Justine Ireland—Grades 9 and up

Zephyr is a harpy— half-god, half human— who must learn to own her power, whether she likes it or not, but how is she supposed to save everyone else if she can barely take care of herself?



#### The Amulet Series by Kazu Kibuishi—Grades 6-8

After moving to their ancestral home, Emily and Navin's mother is kidnapped by a tentacled creature in the basement that leads the children on a deadly chase into the magical world below their home.

#### Copper by Kazu Kibuishi—Grades 6-8

Copper is curious, Fred is fearful. Together, boy and dog are off on a series of adventures through marvelous worlds, powered by Copper's limitless enthusiasm and imagination.



#### The Harry Potter series, special edition illustrated by Kazu Kibuishi-Grades 6 and up

Kazu Kibuishi illustrated this beautiful special edition set of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series.















#### Curse of the Boggin by D.J. MacHale-Grades 4-7

When supernatural phenomenon start following Marcus O'Mara around, he discovers a key that leads to The Library, a place where all the stories of the living and dead are kept that will help him and his friends solve a terrifying mystery

#### SYLO by D.J. MacHale—Grades 7 and up

When Pemberwick Island, Maine, is occupied by a Navy section called SYLO, claiming that a virus has been unleashed, Tucker Pierce realizes something else is going on. The plot contains mild profanity and graphic violence.

#### Pendragon: The Merchant of Death by D.J. MacHale-Grades 6 and up

Bobby Pendragon is a seemingly normal fourteen-year-old boy. However, there is something very special about Bobby. He is going to save the world. The plot contains profanity and graphic violence.

#### Morpheus Road: The Light by D.J. MacHale—Grades 6 and up

Sixteen-year-old Marshall Seaver is expecting a boring summer when his best friend goes away, but instead he finds himself haunted and hunted by ghosts that want something from him which he cannot decipher. The text contains graphic violence.

#### Resistance by Jennifer A. Nielsen-Grades 6-9

Chaya Lindner is a teenager living in Nazi-occupied Poland. Simply being Jewish places her in danger of being killed or sent to the camps. After her little sister is taken away, her younger brother disappears, and her parents all but give up hope, Chaya is determined to make a difference.

#### Behind Enemy Lines: Book #6 of the Infinity Ring Series by Jennifer A. Nielsen—Grades 4—7

Dak, Sera, and Riq involve themselves in one of the most bizarre spy missions in history, and the outcome of World War II hangs in the balance.

#### A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen-Grades-5-8

When her family is abruptly divided by the rise of the Berlin Wall, twelve-year-old Gerta harbors forbidden thoughts about freedom and reuniting with her loved ones before a coded message from her father inspires a daring plan.



#### The Scourge by Jennifer A. Nielsen—Grades 5—8

When the lethal plague known as the Scourge returns to Keldan, the victims are sent to Attic Island. Ani Mells of the River People is among them, but Ani does not feel sick, and with the help of her friend Weevil, she sets out to uncover the truth.



#### Horizon: Deadzone by Jennifer A. Nielsen-Grades 4-8

The plane-crash survivors cross a deadly desert and confront their greatest challenge yet, a threat that comes from within their midst. Book #2 of the Horizon series.



#### The False Prince by Jennifer A. Nielsen-Grades 5-8

In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.

#### Mark of the Thief by Jennifer A. Nielsen-Grades 6 and up

The Traitor's Game by Jennifer A. Nielsen-Grades 6 and up

Nic, a slave in the mines of Rome, is forced to enter a sealed cave filled with Julius Caesar's treasures. What he finds will change his destiny and the history of the Empire.

After three years in exile, Kestra has been summoned back to Antora by Sir Henry, right-hand man of







#### Nemesis by Brendan Reichs—Grades 7 and up

the seemingly immortal king, Lord Endrick.

As the Anvil, an enormous asteroid, threatens to end all life on Earth, sixteen-year-old Min begins to uncover a lifetime of lies, a sinister conspiracy involving all students in her sophomore class in Fire Lake, Idaho.

#### Virals by Brendan Reichs and Kathy Reichs—Grades 7 and up

Tory Brennan (niece of Temperance Brennan from BONES TV series) and her friends are exposed to a canine parvovirus when they rescue a dog from a medical testing facility and soon realize they have heightened senses, which they use to solve a cold case murder.



#### Flygirl by Sherri L. Smith—Grades 7 and up

During World War II, a light-skinned African American girl "passes" for white in order to join the Women Airforce Service Pilots.



#### The Toymaker's Apprentice by Sherri L. Smith-Grades 4-6

Journeyman toymaker Stefan Drosselmeyer is recruited by his mysterious cousin, Christian, to find a mythical nut that will save Boldavia's princess and his own kidnapped father from a fanatical Mouse Queen and her seven-headed Mouse Prince, who have sworn to destroy the Drosselmeyer family.



#### Orleans by Sherri L. Smith—Grades 8 and up

Set in a futuristic, hostile Orleans landscape, Fen de la Guerre must deliver her tribe leader's baby over the Wall into the Outer States before her blood becomes tainted with Delta Fever.



Pasadena by Sherri L. Smith—Grades 9 and up

When Jude's best friend is found dead in a swimming pool, her family calls it an accident. Her friends call it suicide, but Jude calls it what it is: murder.



#### Sparrow by Sherri L. Smith—Grades 7 and up

After the death of the beloved grandmother who raised her, high-school student Kendall Washington travels to New Orleans expecting to be taken in by an aunt, her only living relative, but the reunion does not go as planned.

# BEAUSTIFUE CREATURES

### Beautiful Creatures by Margaret Stohl and Kami Garcia—Grades 7 and up

In a town where little has changed since the Civil War, Ethan is drawn to Lena, with whom he shares a psychic connection and whose family hides a secret.



#### Black Widow: Forever Red by Margaret Stohl—Grades 8 and up

Natasha Romanov, called the Black Widow, rescues a young Ava from Ivan, the man who once trained Natasha as an assassin. Eight years later, she is called upon to protect Ava from a threat from the past.



#### Icons by Margaret Stohl—Grades 7 and up

After an alien force known as the Lords colonizes Earth, using Icons to end humanity, four surviving teenagers must piece together the mysteries of their pasts in order to save the future.



#### Royce Rolls by Margaret Stohl—Grades 9 and up

Sixteen-year-old Bentley Royce seems to have it all. But after five seasons on her family's reality show, *Rolling with the Royces,* and a lifetime of dealing with her narcissistic sister, Porsche, media-obsessed mother, Mercedes, and somewhat clueless brother, Maybach, Bentley wants out.



#### The Mighty Captain Marvel by Margaret Stohl—Grades 7 and up

Behold the mightiest, fightiest super hero there is! Captain Marvel returns to her helm as Alpha Flight commander with the world cheering her on. She's the biggest hero in the world - but has Captain Marvel become someone Carol Danvers no longer recognizes?

#### Cats vs. Robots #1 This Is War (Cats vs. Robots, Book 1) by Margaret Stohl—Grades 5—8

THIS IS WAR

FRANCISCO X. STORK

The Robot Federation and the Feline Empire have been at war for eons. And now that fight is coming to a tiny primitive planetoid...Earth. The mission for both cats and robots: retrieve the Singularity Chip. With it, cats can live past their nine lives, and robots are granted eternal battery life. When Max rescues two kittens and is determined to keep them, Min is horrified that these furballs could ruin her chances at the Battle of the Bots competition. But with hidden forces at play in their own house, and the larger war between cats and robots fast approaching, will the twins be able to put aside their differences before they get caught in

#### Irises by Francisco X. Stork—Grades 9 and up

Teenaged sisters Kate and Mary must make some adult decisions about the course their lives should take when their dad dies suddenly, leaving them with their mom, who has been in a vegetative state since an accident four years earlier.



#### The Last Summer of the Death Warriors by Francisco X. Stork-Grades 8 and up

Seventeen-year-old Pancho is bent on avenging the senseless death of his sister, but after he meets D.Q, who is dying of cancer, and Marisol, one of D.Q.'s caregivers, both boys find their lives changed by their interactions.



#### Marcelo in the Real World by Francisco X. Stork-Grades 8 and up

Marcelo Sandoval, a seventeen-year-old boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum, faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father in the mailroom of a corporate law firm.



#### The Memory of Light by Francisco X. Stork—Grades 8 and up

Waking up in the mental disorders ward after a suicide attempt, Vicky makes friends with other at-risk kids, who under the guidance of a compassionate doctor help her through the first steps toward self-acceptance.



#### Disappeared by Francisco X. Stork—Grades 8 and up

Sara is determined to expose the violent cartel involved in the kidnapping of girls, but now her family is being threatened and her younger brother is involved. Soon their only hope is to risk entering the United States.