

Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick.

JF SONNEN J

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.

All Thirteen: The Incredible Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat.

J 796.525 S00

An in-depth account of a harrowing real-life mission that succeeds against all odds.

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare.

JF SPEARE E

Kit Tyler must leave behind shimmering Caribbean islands to join the stern Puritan community of her relatives. She soon feels caged, until she meets the old woman known as the Witch of Blackbird Pond. But when their friendship is discovered, Kit herself is accused of witchcraft.

Fallout by Todd Strasser.

JF STRASS T

When an unthinkable nuclear attack occurs in an alternate-reality 1962, Scott is forced into his father's bomb shelter with his family and neighbors, where they rapidly consume limited supplies and fear the worst about the fate of the world outside.

Drama by Raina Telgemeir.

GN JF TELGEM R

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

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien.

YA FIC TOLKIE J

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.

Well, That Was Awkward by Rachel Vail.

JF VAIL R

There are unexpected consequences when thirteen-year-old Gracie sends texts pretending to be her bashful best friend Sienna, and their friend Emmett starts texting back pretending to be shy.

Loot by Jude Watson.

JF WATSON J

When Alfie McQuinn, the notorious jewel thief, is killed on a job, his last words to his son, March, are to "find jewels" and this instruction leads the boy to Jules, the twin sister he never knew he had - and the perfect partner to carry on the family business.

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson.

JB WOODSO JACQUE WOODSO

The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South.



RECOMMENDED READS FOR SEVENTH GRADE



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Booked by Kwame Alexander.

JF ALEXAN K

Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson.

JF ANDERS L

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

Shackles from the Deep by Michael Cottman.

J 382.4409 COT

Introduces readers to the wonders of diving, detective work, and discovery, while shedding light on the history of slavery.

New Kid by Jerry Craft.

GN JF CRAFT J

After his parents send him to a prestigious private school known for its academics, Jordan Banks finds himself torn between two worlds.

The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, & the Fall of Imperial Russia by Candace Fleming

YA 947.083 FLE

The story of the dramatic decline and fall of the House of Romanov, the last imperial family of Russia.

Refugee by Alan Gratz

JF GRATZ A

Although separated by continents and decades, three children embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.

When Friendship Followed Me Home by Paul Griffin.

JF GRIFFI P

Seventh-grader Ben, always an outsider, is led into a deep friendship with Halley, who is being treated for cancer, by the special dog he and his adoptive mother take in.

One for the Murphys by Linda Mullaly Hunt.

JF HUNT L

After heartbreaking betrayal, Carley is sent to live with a foster family and struggles with opening herself up to their love.

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William

Kamkwamba & Bryan Mealer.

J 621.3121092 KAM

The author describes the drought that struck his tiny village in Malawi, his subsequent interest in science, and his idea to build a windmill. Made out of scrap metal and old bicycle parts, William's windmill brought electricity to his home and helped his family pump the water they needed to farm the land.

Masterminds by Gordon Korman.

JF KORMAN G

A group of kids discovers they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest criminal masterminds in history for a sociological experiment.

Mysterious Disappearance of Aidan S. (as Told to His Brother) by David Levithan.

JF LEVITH D

Aidan disappeared for six days. Six agonizing days of searches and police and questions and constant vigils. Then, just as suddenly as he vanished, Aidan reappears. Where has he been? The story he tells is simply impossible. But it's the story Aidan is sticking to.

Queen of the Sea by Dylan Meconis.

GN JF MECONI D

When her sister seizes the throne, Queen Eleanor of Albion is banished to a tiny island off the coast of her kingdom, where the nuns of the convent spend their days peacefully praying, sewing, and gardening. But the island is also home to Margaret, a mysterious young orphan girl whose life is upturned when the cold, regal stranger arrives.

Everything Sad is Untrue: (a True Story) by Daniel Nayeri.

JF NAYERI

Twelve-year-old Iranian refugee Khosrou moves to Oklahoma where he goes by Daniel and models himself after the legendary storyteller Scheherazade as he weaves tales that reflect his perseverance and reinvention.

The False Prince by Jennifer Nielsen.

JF NIELSE J

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.

Captain Superlative by J.S. Puller

JF PULLER J

Janey, a quiet outsider, is inspired by the eccentric and enigmatic Captain Superlative, a masked superhero who runs through the halls of their middle school, performing radical acts of kindness.

The Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt.

JF SCHMID G

During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.