

Best Books for 11-Year-Olds

Imagination Soup

REALISTIC

Front Desk by Kelly Yang

Nowhere Boy by Katherine Marsh

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty

The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street by Karina Yan Glaser

Booked by Kwame Alexander

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Louisiana's Way Home by Kate DiCamillo

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

Okay for Now by Gary D. Schmidt

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan

All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook by Leslie Connor

All Four Stars by Tara Dairman

See You in the Cosmos by Jack Cheng

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The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall

The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Perez

Captain Superlative by J. S. Puller

Ghost by Jason Reynolds

The Seventh Wish by Kate Messner

The Looney Experiment by Luke Reynolds

Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson

Bayou Magic by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Mother Daughter Book Club by Heather Vogel Frederick

Pax by Sara Pennypacker

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Two Naomis by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich & Audrey Vernick



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FANTASY

The Ruins of Gorlan: Ranger's Apprentice by John A. Flanagan

Dealing with Dragons by Patricia C. Wrede

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

The Serpent's Secret (Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond #1) by Sayantani Dasgupta

The Language of Spells by Garret Weyr

Impyrium by Henry H. Neff

Keeper of the Lost Cities by Shannon Messenger

A Tale of Dark and Grimm by Adam Gidwitz

Five Kingdoms by Brandon Mull

Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy by Karen Foxlee

Odd and the Frost Giants by Neil Gaiman

Furthermore by Tahereh Mafi

Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan

Nightbird by Alice Hoffman

PARANORMAL

Lockwood & Co The Screaming Staircase by Jonathan Stroud

Dead City by James Ponti

DYSTOPIAN

Edge of Extinction The Ark Plan by Laura Martin

The List by Patricia Forde

The Fog Diver by Joel Ross

The Last Dogs: The Vanishing by Christopher Holt

SCI-FI

Space Case by Stuart Gibbs

The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Masterminds by Gordon Korman

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle



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MYSTERY

Winterhouse by Ben Guterson

Isabel Feeney, Star Reporter by Beth Fantasy

Classy Crooks Club by Alison Cherry

The Extraordinary Education of Nicholas Benedict by Diana Sudyka

The Wollstonecraft Detective Agency The Case of the Missing Moonstone by Jordan Stratford

The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd

Belly Up by Stuart Gibbs

HISTORICAL FICTION

The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Lost in the Pacific, 1942: Not a Drop to Drink by Tod Olson

Refugee by Alan Gratz

Sweep by Jonathan Auxier

Mad Wolf's Daughter by Diane Magras

Ahisma by Supriya Kelkar

Midnight Without a Moon by Linda Williams Jackson

Running Out of Night by Sharon Lovejoy

A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

Journey of the Pale Bear by Susan Fletcher October

The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog by Adam Gidwitz

Paper Wishes by Lois Sepahban

Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan

Gone Crazy in Alabama by Rita Williams Garcia

In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse by Joseph Marshall III

Chains, Forge, Ashes (Seeds of America) by Laurie Halse Anderson



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HUMOR

Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger

A Whole Nother Story by Cuthbert Soup

Anyone But Ivy Pocket by Caleb Krisp

The Terrible Two by Mac Barnett and Jory John

The Worst Class Trip Ever by Dave Barry

Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life by James Patterson and Chris Tebbetts

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier

All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson

Smile by Raina Telgemeier

Pashmina by Nidhi Chanani

Phoebe and Her Unicorn: A Heavenly Nostrils Chronicle by Dana Simpson

Big Nate Welcome to My World by Lincoln Peirce

Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova

Zeus: King of the Gods by George O'Conner

Science Comics: Bats Learning to Fly by Falynn Koch

ADVENTURE

Charlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan Calejo

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein

Greetings From Witness Protection by Jake Burt

To Catch a Cheat by Varian Johnson

Beetle Boy by M.G. Leonard

The Outcasts: Brotherband Chronicles by John Flanagan

Scar Island by Dan Gemeinhart

The Cloak Society by Jeramey Kraatz

Hypnotists by Gordon Korman

Theodore Boone The Scandal by John Grisham



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