

Middle School Reading Recommendations



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At Lakewood Catholic Academy, we strive to instill an appreciation and love of reading in our students. The following is a curated list of middle school titles that appeal to a variety of interests, genres, and reading levels.

Some of the titles listed below contain mature content. As a Catholic school, we believe that parents are their children's first and best teachers. With that in mind, we encourage parents to carefully consider helping their children choose appropriate literature from this list or your local library.

<u>When You Reach Me</u>	Rebecca Stead
<u>Fish in a Tree</u>	Lynda Mullaly Hunt
<u>Harbor Me</u>	Jacqueline Woodson
<u>Goodbye Stranger</u>	Rebecca Stead
<u>The Mark of the Thief</u> (Trilogy)	Jennifer A Nielsen
<u>Percy Jackson Series</u>	Rick Riordan
<u>I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This</u>	Jacqueline Woodson
<u>The Maze Runner</u>	James Dashner
<u>Left Out</u>	Tim Green
<u>New Kid</u>	Jerry Craft
<u>Stargirl</u>	Jerry Spinelli
<u>Between Shades of Gray</u>	Ruta Sepetys
<u>Booked</u>	Kwame Alexander
<u>Hoops</u>	Walter Dean Myers
<u>Heat</u>	Mike Lupica
<u>Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery</u>	John Feinstein
<u>The Whispers</u>	Greg Howard
<u>Towers Falling</u>	Jewell Parker Rhodes
<u>Out of my Heart</u>	Sharon Draper
<u>Linked</u>	Gordon Korman
<u>When the World Turned Upside Down</u>	K. Ibirá
<u>Omar Rising</u>	Aisha Saeed
<u>Dear Student</u>	Elly Swartz
<u>Freewater</u>	Amina Lugman Dawson
<u>Stamped or Stamped for Kids</u>	Jason Reynolds & Ibram X Kendi
<u>Everything Sad is Untrue</u>	Daniel Nayeri
<u>A Silent Voice</u>	Jerry Spinelli
<u>Piecing Me Together</u>	Renee Watson
<u>Stella by Starlight</u>	Sharon Draper
<u>Refugee</u>	Alan Gratz



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<u>Code of Honor</u>	Alan Gratz
<u>Ghost</u>	Jason Reynolds
<u>Dear Student</u>	Elly Swartz
<u>The School for Whatnots</u>	Margaret Peterson Haddix
<u>Golden Ticket</u>	Kate Egan
<u>When the World Was Ours</u>	Liz Kessler
<u>Milkweed</u>	Jerry Spinelli
<u>The Boy in the Striped Pajamas</u>	John Boyne
<u>Waiting for Normal</u>	Leslie Connor
<u>Absolutely Normal Chaos</u>	Sharon Creech
<u>Shoe Dog</u>	Phil Knight (Non-fiction)
<u>The Boys of Winter</u>	Wayne Coffey (Non-fiction)