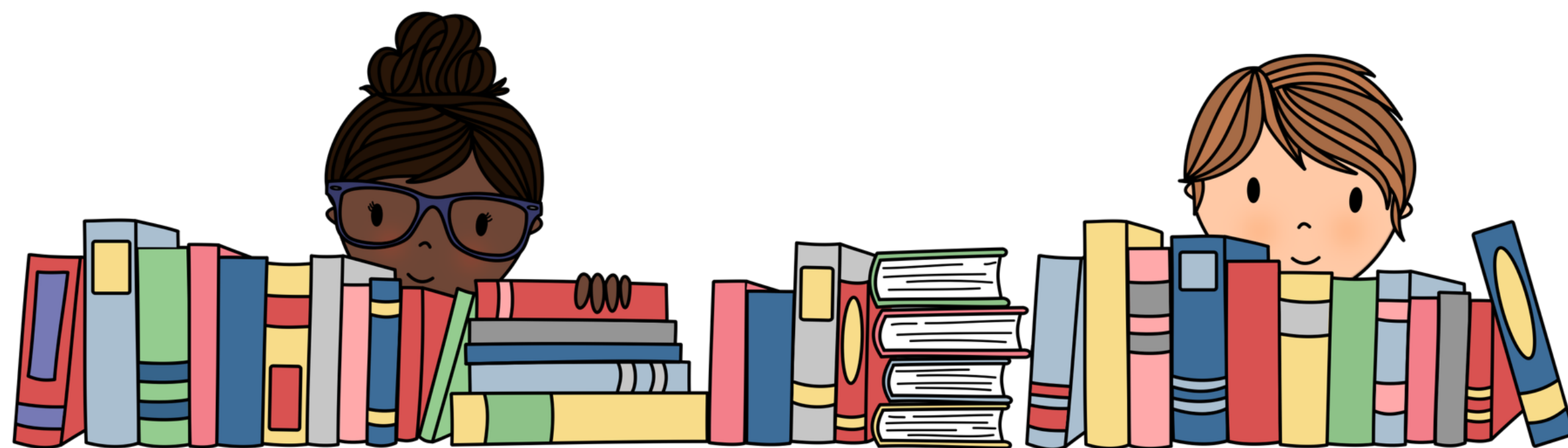


50 Best Books for Middle School Readers

Fiction:

- **Internment** by Samira Ahmed
- **Rebound** by Kwame Alexander
- **Booked** by Kwame Alexander
- **The Crossover** by Kwame Alexander
- **Posted** by John David Anderson
- **Wishtree** by Katherine Applegate
- **Tuck Everlasting** by Natalie Babbitt
- **The Truth About Horses** by Christy Cashman
- **Sunrise on the Reaping** by Suzanne Collins
- **Red Kayak** by Priscilla Cummings
- **Bud, Not Buddy** by Christopher Paul Curtis
- **The Maze Runner Series** by James Dashner
- **Focused** by Alyson Gerber
- **Space Case** by Stuart Gibbs
- **Projekt 1065** by Alan Gratz
- **Refugee** by Alan Gratz
- **The Outsiders** by S.E. Hinton
- **The Fourteenth Goldfish** by Jennifer L. Holm
- **House Arrest** by K.A. Holt
- **Hello, Universe** by Erin Entrada Kelly
- **Restart** by Gordon Korman
- **The Inheritance Games** by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
- **The War That Saved My Life** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- ****I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter** by Erika L. Sanchez
- **The Running Dream** by Wendelin Van Draanen



- **A Monster Calls** by Patrick Ness
- **Hatchet** by Gary Paulsen
- **Freak the Mighty** by Rodman Philbrick
- **Ghost** by Jason Reynolds
- ****Long Way Down** by Jason Reynolds
- ****Orbiting Jupiter** by Gary D. Schmidt
- **Jupiter Rising** by Gary D. Schmidt
- ****The 57 Bus** by Dashka Slater
- **Maniac Magee** by Jerry Spinelli
- **When You Reach Me** by Rebecca Stead
- **Dear Martin** by Nic Stone
- **Smile** by Raina Telgemeier
- ****The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas
- ****On the Come Up** by Angie Thomas
- **We Were Liars** by E. Lockhart
- **Save Me a Seat** by Sarah Weeks

** = For parent approval or censored read-aloud excerpts

Memoirs:

- **The Elephant Whisperer** by Lawrence Anthony and Graham Spence
- **Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina** by Misty Copeland
- **Hidden Girl: The True Story of a Modern Day Child Slave** by Hall and Wysocky
- **The Red Bandana (Young Readers Edition)** by Tom Rinaldi
- **Chasing Space** by Leland Melvin
- **Free Lunch** by Rex Ogle
- **Ghosts of War: The True Story of a 19-Year-Old GI** by Ryan Smithson
- ****Educated** by Tara Westover
- **I am Malala** by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb

