BEST BOOKS FOR SUMMER READING: MIDDLE SCHOOL

REALISTIC FICTION

Go with the Flow - Lily Williams and Kelly Scheemann
(Graphic Novel)
Sick of an administration that puts football before female health, four girls confront a world that squirms at the thought of menstruation, and band together to make a change.

Stepping Stones - Lucy Knisley
(Graphic Novel)
Jen moves out to a farm in the country and has to put up with her mom, her mom’s new boyfriend, and his annoying kids. Will she find a place in this new family?

When We Were Lost - Kevin Wignall
When their plane crashes in the rainforest, a group of clueless high school students must figure out how to survive.

The List of Things That Will Not Change - Rebecca Stead
When Bea’s father announces he’s getting married to another man, Bea is really excited and happy for him. As the wedding day approaches though, lots of wonderful and not-so-wonderful things happen.

Tweet Cute - Emma Lord
In this retelling of You’ve Got Mail, overachiever Pepper and class clown Jack become close friends IRL, but things get complicated when they start a viral twitter war over their families’ restaurant businesses.

Look Both Ways - Jason Reynolds
Linked short stories follow a group of students who become so engaged in everyday activities while taking 10 different routes home from school that they fail to notice a school bus falling from the sky.

NON FICTION

Dragon Hoops - Gene Luen Yang
(Graphic Novel)
Despite preferring superheroes to sports, graphic novelist and teacher Gene Yang stumbles across the story of the Dragons, his school’s basketball team, and knows it’s the perfect subject for his next book. Will this be the year they finally win the state championship?

Spies - Marc Favreau
Favreau relates the fascinating stories of the spies, double agents, and moles who helped avert nuclear disaster during the Cold War.
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### FANTASY & SCI-FI

**Race to the Sun - Rebecca Roanhorse**
Not long after Nizhoni realizes that she can see monsters, her father gets kidnapped by one. She must connect with her Navajo ancestors to harness her powers and rescue him, and to fulfill her destiny as a monster slayer.

**The Lady Rogue - Jenn Bennett**
In 1937, Theodora and her hunky friend, Huck, embark on a quest to find the cursed ring of Vlad the Impaler.

**Fireborne - Rosaria Munda**
When a brutal revolution opens dragonrider classes to everyone, two orphans become rising military stars.

**Pet - Akwaeke Emezi**
Jam lives in a near-future society supposedly free of monstrous people, but one day a mysterious creature emerges from one of her mother’s paintings, claiming to be on the hunt for a nearby monster.

**Stepsister - Jennifer Donnelly**
In this Cinderella retelling, Isabella, one of the ugly stepsisters, is offered a chance to change her life.

**Aurora Rising - Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff**
It’s the year 2380. Star pilot Tyler Jones and his ragtag crew embark on their first mission only to discover a stowaway on board--a mysterious teen girl, Aurora, who is technically over 200 years old.

### MYSTERY

**Winterborne Home for Vengeance and Valor - Ally Carter**
After years in foster care, April gets to live in a mansion where she and four other children are caught up in a mystery involving a missing heir, secret passageways, and a vast fortune.

**Truly Devious - Maureen Johnson**
Ellingham Academy is known for the famous unsolved kidnapping of the founder’s wife and daughter. When true crime buff Stevie Bell gets accepted to Ellingham, she makes it her mission to solve the case.

**Notorious - Gordon Korman**
Keenan and ZeeBee team up to seek gold rumored to be hidden by a famous gangster.

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