

## Middle School Summer Reading List Lexile 600's

North - Napoli, Donna Jo,

Tired of his mother's overprotectiveness and intrigued by the life of African American explorer Matthew Henson, twelve-year-old Alvin travels north and spends a season with a trapper near the Arctic Circle. AR: 4.0 Lexile: 600

The white fox chronicles - Paulsen, Gary.

Having been imprisoned when the Confederation of Consolidated Republics, a foreign power, conquered Los Angeles in 2056, fourteen-year-old Cody escapes and endures hardship to become the underground hero the White Fox. AR: 4.8 Lexile: 600

Beekman's big deal - De Guzman, Michael.

Tired of the frequent moves that he and his father must make, twelve-year-old Beekman begins to make connections with neighbors and classmates after settling in a small, unusual New York City neighborhood. AR: 4.1 Lexile: 610

When my name was Keoko - Park, Linda Sue.

With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely. AR: 4.6 Lexile: 610

The haunting of Swain's Fancy - Seabrooke, Brenda.

Eleven-year-old Taylor spends the summer with her father and his new family in a historic house in West Virginia and, while contending with hostility from her stepsister Nicole, attempts to solve the mystery of ghosts who haunt the site. AR: 4.1 Lexile: 620

Never mind! : a twin novel - Avi,

Twelve-year-old New York City twins Meg and Edward have nothing in common, so they are just as shocked as everyone else when Meg's hopes for popularity and Edward's mischievous schemes coincidentally collide in a hilarious showdown.

AR: 3.6 Lexile: 620

Shakespeare's secret - Broach, Elise. Named after a character in a Shakespeare play, misfit sixth-grader Hero becomes interested in exploring this unusual connection because of a valuable diamond supposedly hidden in her new house, an intriguing neighbor, and the unexpected attention of the most popular boy in school.

AR: 4.0 Lexile: 620

The old Willis place : a ghost story - Hahn, Mary Downing.

Tired of the rules that have bound them ever since "the bad thing happened," twelve-year-old Diana ignores her brother's warnings and befriends the daughter of the new caretaker, setting in motion events that lead to the release of the spirit of an evil, crazy woman who once ruled the old Willis place. AR: 4.2 Lexile: 630

Boots and the Seven Leaguers : a rock-and-troll novel - Yolen, Jane. Teen troll Gog and his best friend Pook work as roadies for a troll rock and roll band until Gog's younger brother gets kidnapped. AR: 4.2 Lexile: 640

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The Thief Lord - Funke, Cornelia Caroline. Orphaned brothers Prosper and Bo, having run away from their cruel aunt and uncle, decide to hide out in Venice where they fall in with the Thief Lord, a thirteen-year-old boy who leads a crime ring of street children.

AR: 4.8 Lexile: 640

The boy who spoke dog - Morgan, Clay.

After being marooned on an island near New Zealand, Jack, an orphaned cabin boy from San Francisco, becomes allied with a group of dogs who protect the local sheep from wild dogs. AR: 4.2 Lexile: 650

The mysterious matter of I.M. Fine - Stanley, Diane.

Noticing that a popular series of horror novels is having a bizarre effect on the behavior of its readers, Franny and Beamer set out to find the mysterious author.

AR: 4.5 Lexile: 650

The boy who saved baseball - Ritter, John H.,

The fate of a small California town rests on the outcome of one baseball game, and Tom Gallagher hopes to lead his team to victory with the secrets of the now disgraced player, Dante Del Gato. AR: 4.4 Lexile: 660

Satch & me : a baseball card adventure - Gutman, Dan. With his ability to travel through time using vintage baseball cards, Joe takes Flip with him to find out whether Satchel Paige really was the fastest pitcher ever. AR: 4.1 Lexile: 660

Don't tell anyone - Kehret, Peg.

Twelve-year-old Megan does not realize that feeding a group of feral cats living in a field near her house will involve her as a witness to a traffic accident and in the dangerous plan of an unstable criminal. AR: 4.8 Lexile: 670

Spy cat - Kehret, Peg. A series of burglaries in their quiet community upsets Alex's family, particularly his younger brother Benjie, but the bad guys are no match for the very protective family cat and Benjie's "spy" skills. AR: 4.6 Lexile: 670

The chain letter - Schumacher, Julie, Sixth-grader Livvie isn't superstitious, but when she throws a chain letter in the trash, against her friend Joyce's advice, a streak of bad luck ensues. AR: 4.2 Lexile: 680

The fashion disaster that changed my life - Myracle, Lauren,

Seventh-grader Alli describes in her journal the ups and downs of being in junior high, where she fits in, and what it means to be a real friend. AR: 4.0 Lexile: 680

Drita, my homegirl - Lombard, Jenny.

When ten-year-old Drita and her family, refugees from Kosovo, move to New York, she is teased about not speaking English well. When a popular student named Maxine is forced to study Kosovo, the two girls soon bond. AR: 3.9 Lexile: 690

Project Mulberry - Park, Linda Sue.

Julia, a Korean-American, and her friend Patrick learn about tolerance, friendship, and patience while working together on a project about silkworms. AR: 4.3 Lexile: 690