

Middle School Summer Reading List

Lexile 800's

Joey Pigza loses control - Gantos, Jack.

Joey, who is still taking medication to keep him from getting too wired, goes to spend the summer with the hard-drinking father he has never known and tries to help the baseball team he coaches win the championship. AR: 4.9 Lexile: 800

Stranded in Boringsville - Bateson, Catherine, Following her parents separation, twelve-year-old Rain moves with her mother to the country, where she befriends the unpopular boy who lives next door and also seeks a way to cope with her feelings toward her father and his new girlfriend. AR: 4.7 Lexile: 800

Child of the dark prophecy - Barron, T. A. The fate of Avalon rests in the hands of three people: Tamwyn, Elli, and Scree; however one of them is the true heir of Merlin and the only one who can save Avalon and one of them is the child of Dark Prophecy, the person chosen to destroy it. AR: 5.6 Lexile: 810

Silent to the bone - Konigsburg, E. L.

When he is wrongly accused of gravely injuring his baby half-sister, thirteen-year-old Branwell loses his power of speech and only his friend Connor is able to reach him and uncover the truth about what really happened. AR: 5.4 Lexile: 810

A wizard alone - Duane, Diane. While Nita mourns her mother's death, teenage wizard Kit and his dog Ponch set out to find a young autistic boy who vanished in the middle of his Ordeal, pursued by the Lone Power. AR: 5.8 Lexile: 820

UFOs - Herbst, Judith.

Investigates several well-known accounts of UFO sightings as well as theories aimed at explaining why such reports cannot be true. AR: 5.6 Lexile: 820

Flush - Hiaasen, Carl.

With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home. AR: 5.0 Lexile: 830

The secret road - Nordan, Robert. Laura leaves her strict parents' Georgia plantation to spend the summer with her Quaker aunt and uncle, discovers their home is a stop on the Underground Railroad, and hatches a dangerous plan to accompany a pregnant slave to her husband and freedom. AR: 5.7 Lexile: 830

Sacajawea : the story of Bird Woman and the Lewis & Clark Expedition - Bruchac, Joseph, Sacajawea, a Shoshoni Indian interpreter, peacemaker, and guide, and William Clark alternate in describing their experiences on the Lewis and Clark Expedition to the Northwest. AR: 5.7 Lexile: 840

Trickster's queen - Pierce, Tamora.

Aly fails to foresee the dangers that await as she uses her magic to safeguard Dova and her younger siblings, despite knowing that her thirteen-year-old charge might be queen of the Copper Isles when the colonial rulers are defeated. AR: 5.9 Lexile: 840

Girls got game : sports stories & poems - A collection of short stories and poems written by and about young women in sports. AR: 5.6 Lexile: 850

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Triss - Jacques, Brian.

Triss, Shogg, and Welfo escape from slavery at Riftgard and are pursued across the sea toward Redwall by Princess Kurdah, Prince Bladd, and a band of freebooters who seek the rumored treasure of Brockhall. AR: 5.8 Lexile: 850

Anastasia, the last Grand Duchess - Meyer, Carolyn, A novel in diary form in which the youngest daughter of Czar Nicholas II describes the privileged life her family led up until the time of World War I and the tragic events that befell them. AR: 5.8 Lexile: 860

I, Coriander - Gardner, Sally. In 17th century London, Coriander, a girl who has inherited magic from her mother, must find a way to use this magic in order to save both herself and an inhabitant of the fairy world where her mother was born. AR: 5.5 Lexile: 860

Journey to the river sea - Ibbotson, Eva.

Sent with her governess to live with the dreadful Carter family in exotic Brazil in 1910, Maia endures many hardships before fulfilling her dream of exploring the Amazon River. AR: 5.6 Lexile: 860

The silent boy - Lowry, Lois.

Katy, the precocious ten-year-old daughter of the town doctor, befriends a retarded boy. AR: 5.1 Lexile: 870

The Wright 3 - Balliett, Blue,

In the midst of a series of unexplained accidents and mysterious coincidences, sixth-graders Calder, Petra, and Tommy lead their classmates in an attempt to keep Frank Lloyd Wright's famous Robie House from being demolished. AR: 5.7 Lexile: 870

Lily B. on the brink of cool - Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody.

During her thirteenth summer, the "eventually internationally recognized writer" Lily Blennerhassett struggles to cope with life in her tremendously "uncool" family after meeting a much better one. AR: 5.6 Lexile: 880

The Heavenly Village - Rylant, Cynthia. Undecided souls who have died while they are not quite ready to go to heaven find themselves in the halfway place known as the Heavenly Village. AR: 5.4 Lexile: 880

The kite fighters - Park, Linda Sue. In Korea in 1473, eleven-year-old Young-sup overcomes his rivalry with his older brother Kee-sup, who as the first-born son receives special treatment from their father, and combines his kite-flying skill with Kee-sup's kite-making skill in an attempt to win the New Year kite-fighting competition. AR: 5.5 Lexile: 880

Carver, a life in poems - Nelson, Marilyn, A collection of poems that combine to provide a portrait of the life of nineteenth-century African-American botanist and inventor George Washington Carver. AR: 5.9 Lexile: 890

Goose chase - Kindl, Patrice.

Rather than marry a cruel king or a seemingly dim-witted prince, an enchanted goose girl endures imprisonment, capture by several ogresses, and other dangers, before learning exactly who she is. AR: 6.5 Lexile: 890