

Suggested Reading List 6th To 8th Grade

1-A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Grade: 5-8 Genre: Fantasy

Ebenezer Scrooge, a miserly businessman, learns the true meaning of Christmas after he is visited by the ghosts of Christmases past, present, and future.

2-A Corner of the Universe by Ann Martin

Grade: 5-8 Genre: Realistic Fiction

The summer that Hattie turns twelve, she meets the childlike uncle she never knew and becomes friends with a girl who works at the carnival that comes to Hattie's small town.

3-The Alchemist by Michael Scott

Grade: 6-9 Genre: Fantasy

Fifteen-year-old twins Sophie and Josh Newman continue their magical training in Paris with Nicholas Flamel, Scatty, and the Comte de Sant Germaine, pursued by Doctor Dee and the immortal Niccolo Machiavelli.

4-Along for the Ride by Sarah Dessen

Grade: 8 Up Genre: Realistic Fiction

When Auden impulsively goes to stay with her father, stepmother, and new baby sister the summer before she starts college, all the trauma of her parents' divorce is revived, even as she is making new friends and having new experiences such as learning to ride a bike and dating.

5-Bronx Masquerade by Nikki Grimes

Grade: 8 Up Genre: Poetry; Realistic fiction

While studying the Harlem Renaissance, students at a Bronx high school read aloud poems they've written, revealing their innermost thoughts and fears to their formerly clueless classmates.

6-Bone by Jeff Smith

Grade: 3-8 Genre: Graphic Novel; Fantasy

The adventure starts when cousins Fone Bone, Phoney Bone, and Smiley Bone are run out of Boneville and later get separated and lost in the wilderness, meeting monsters and making friends as they attempt to return home.

7-Copper Sun by Sharon Draper

Grade: 8 Up Genre: Historical fiction

Two fifteen-year-old girls--one a slave and the other an indentured servant--escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves.

8-Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

Grade: 5-8 Genre: Diary novels; First person narratives; Humorous stories

While trying to find a new best friend after feuding with Rowley, middle-school slacker Greg Heffley is warned by older family members that adolescence is a time to act more responsibly and to think seriously about his future.

9-Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

Grade: 6-8 Genre: Biography

A young girl's journal records her family's struggles during two years of hiding from the Nazis in war-torn Holland.

10-Dunk by David Lubar

Grade: 8 Up Genre: Realistic fiction

While hoping to work as the clown in an amusement park dunk tank on the New Jersey shore the summer before his junior year in high school, Chad faces his best friend's serious illness, hassles with police, and the girl that got away.

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