



**100 Suggested Titles
for
Middle School Students**

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This is a suggested reading list for middle school students and is not intended for elementary students. However, some titles will be of interest to high school students. The recommended titles reflect the quality and complexity of the types of material middle school students should be reading both at school and outside of class. This list contains contemporary titles to create a more comprehensive list for expanding options for classroom teachers, librarians, students, and parents.

The purpose of this list is to provide suggestions for literature with a wide appeal to middle school students. While this list is not intended to replace existing reading lists, classroom teachers, reading teachers, library information specialists, parents, and others should use this list to encourage their young people to read a wider variety of current literature.

Criteria used in the selection of books for this suggested reading list were:

- Copyright date must be within ten years from the current calendar date;
- Each title must have at least two favorable reviews from recognized review sources;
- Each title must be currently available in print; and
- South Carolina Junior Book Award Nominees for the current year must be included.

This list will be updated annually to meet the selection criteria as outlined above. For more information about this middle school suggested reading list, please contact Martha Alewine (malewine@ed.sc.gov).

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