

Teachers College Reading and Writing Project
Recommended Benchmark Books for Middle Schools

F&P Level	TC Level	Title	Author	Publisher	ISBN
J	6	Ghosts! Ghostly Tales from Folklore	Alvin Schwartz	HarperTrophy	0064441709
J	6	Young Cam Jansen and the Missing Cookie	David Adler	Puffin	0140380507
K	6	Commander Toad In Space	Jane Yolen	Puffin	0698113551
L	7	Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot	Dav Pilkey	Blue Sky Press	0590307207
L	7	Judy Moody	Megan McDonald	Candlewick	0763612316
L	7	Horrible Harry and the Green Slime	Suzy Kline	Puffin	0140389709
L	7	Eek! Stories to Make You Scream The Mummy's Gold	Kate McMullen	Grosset & Dunlap	0448413108
L	7	The Meanest Thing To Say (Little Bill)	Bill Cosby	Cartwheel	0590956167
M	8	Dinosaurs Before Dark Magic Treehouse	Mary Pope Osborne	Random House	0679824111
M	8	Wingman On Ice (Matt Christopher)	Matthew Christopher	Little, Brown	0316142697
M	8	Junie B. Jones Is Not A Crook	Barbara Park	Random House Books	0679883428
M	8	Out Of Bounds! (Hey Lil'D)	Bob Lanier	Scholastic	0439409020
M	8	Anyone But Me Katie Kazoo	Nancy Krulik	Grosset & Dunlap	0448426536
N	9	Amber Brown Sees Red	Paula Danziger	Scholastic	0590947281
N	9	Secrets of Droon #01- The Hidden Stairs And The Magic Carpet	Tony Abbot	Scholastic	0590108395
N	9	Homework Hassles (Ready, Freddy!)	Abby Klein	Blue Sky Press	0439556007
O	9	Invisible Stanley	Jeff Brown	HarperTrophy	0060097922
O	9	The Case of the Missing Ruby and Other Stories (Sniffy Blue: Ace Crime Detective)	Walter Dean Myers	Little Apple	0590676660

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O	9	Kristy's Great Idea (Baby-sitter's Club)	Ann Martin	Scholastic	0590224735
P	10	Knights of the Kitchen Table The Time Warp Trio	Jon Scieszka	Puffin	0140346031
P	10	Jason Kidd Story	David Moore	Scholastic	0590137727
P	10	The Adventures of Captain Underpants	Dav Pilkey	Scholastic	0590846280
P	10	Felita	Nicholasa Mohr	Puffin	0141306432
Q	10	The Day My Butt Went Psycho	Andy Griffiths	Scholastic	0439424690
Q	10	Help! I'm Trapped in a Movie Star's Body	Todd Strasser	Little Apple	0590978039
Q	10	Last Summer With Maizon	Jacqueline Woodson	Putnam Publishing	0698119290
R	11	Because of Winn- Dixie	Kate DiCamillo	Scholastic	0763616052
R	11	One Agent Too Many (Spy Kids Adventures)	Elizabeth Lenhard	Miramax Books	0786817887
R	11	Locomotion	Jacqueline Woodson	Puffin	0142401498
R	11	The Zippity Zinger	Henry Winkler	Grosset & Dunlap	0448431939
R	11	Bluford Series	Anne E. Schraff	Townsend	0944210031
S	11	Taking Sides	Gary Soto	Harcourt	0152046941
S	11	Shredderman Secret Identity	Wendelin Van Draanen	Knopf Books for Young Readers	0375823514
S	11	From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	E. L. Konigsburg	Yearling	0440431808
S	11	Sahara Special	Esme Raji Codell	Hyperion	0786816112
T	12	The Tiger Rising	Kate DiCamillo	Candlewick	0763618985
T	12	Handbook For Boys	Walter Dean Myers	Amistad	0064409309
T	12	Cry of the Cat (Goosebumps)	R.L. Stine	Scholastic	0590399888
T	12	The Toothpaste Millionaire	Jean Merrill	Houghton Mifflin	0395960630
U	12	Tangerine	Edward Bloor	Scholastic	0439286034
U	12	The Princess Diaries	Meg Cabot	HarperTrophy	0380814021
U	12	The Watsons Go To Birmingham-1963	Christopher Paul Curtis	Yearling	0440414121
V	12	Harry Potter and the	J.K. Rowling	Scholastic	059035342X

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		Sorcerer's Stone			
V	12	Passager: The Young Merlin Trilogy	Jane Yolen	Harcourt	0152003916
V	12	Esperanza Rising	Pam Muñoz Ryan	Blue Sky Press	043912042X
W	13	Slam	Walter Dean Myers	Scholastic	0590486683
W	13	Drive-By	Lynne Ewing	HarperTrophy	0064406490
W	13	Bronx Masquerade	Nikki Grimes	Puffin	0142501891
X	13	The Dark is Rising	Susan Cooper	Simon Pulse	1416949658
X	13	Bad Boy: A Memoir	Walter Dean Myers	Amistad	0064472884
Y	13	Monster	Walter Dean Myers	Amistad	0064407314
Y	13	The Giver	Lois Lowry	Laurel Leaf	0440237688
Y	13	Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer	Miramax	0786817070
Z	14	Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution	Ji-li Jiang	Scholastic	0439063000
Z	14	Darkness before Dawn	Sharon Draper	Simon Pulse	0689851340
Z	14	Stuck in Neutral	Terry Trueman	HarperTempest	0064472132
Z	15	The Golden Compass	Philip Pullman	Laurel Leaf	0440238137