

# 7TH GRADE BOOKLIST

## **Sasquatch in the Paint** Abdul-Jabbar - SPORTS

Coach Mandrake wants Theo to become a basketball star, but training time is hurting the science club's chances of winning the "Aca-lympics," and being accused of stealing could mean Theo is off both teams.  
**MID F ABDUL-JABBAR**



## **Posted** Anderson - REALISTIC

When cell phones are banned at their school, students start communicating through sticky notes, triggering a wave of bullying.  
**JF ANDERSON**

## **Mini Weapons of Mass Destruction** Austin - NONFICTION, HOW-TO

Illustrates the full potential of everyday items to be transformed into a mini arsenal.  
**MID 793 AUS AND 793 AUS**

## **Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow** Bartoletti - NONFICTION, HISTORY

Learn how Adolf Hitler gained the loyalty, trust, and passion of millions of Germany's young people through the Hitler Youth.  
**J943.086 BAR**

## **Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the Lawless Years of Prohibition** Blumenthal - NONFICTION, HISTORY

When the 18th Amendment banned alcohol in the U.S., it began a decade of lawlessness, when children smuggled (and drank) alcohol and a host of notorious gangsters entered the public eye.

**J363.41 BLU**



## **The Raft** Bodeen - SURVIVAL

Robbie's last-minute flight to the Midway Atoll proves to be a nightmare when the plane goes down and she is stranded with the co-pilot Max on a life raft in the middle of the Pacific.  
**MID F BODEEN**

## **Eighth Grade Bites** Brewer - HORROR, FANTASY

For years Vlad has kept secret that he is half-vampire, but when he gets a sinister substitute teacher, he learns that there is more to being a vampire, and to his parents' deaths, than he knew.  
**MID F BREWER**



## **Anya's Ghost** Brosgol - GRAPHIC NOVEL, HORROR

Awkward and self-conscious Anya befriends a 100-year-old ghost named Emily who helps her fit in at school, but Emily may not be as friendly as she seems.  
**MID GC BROSGOL and GN BROSGOL**

## **Code Talker** Bruchac - HISTORICAL FICTION

Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending secret messages during World War II in their native tongue.  
**MID F BRUCHAC**

## **Greetings from Witness Protection** Burt - HUMOR, REALISTIC

Nicki Demere is an orphan and a kleptomaniac, the perfect girl to portray the Trevors' daughter in witness protection, but she soon learns that her own past is tied up in her new family's security.  
**MID F BURT**



## **The Face on the Milk Carton** Cooney - THRILLER

A photograph of a missing girl who looks strangely like Janie leads her on a thrilling search for her real identity.  
**MID F COONEY**

## **The London Eye Mystery** Dowd - MYSTERY

When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye Ferris wheel, the two must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to solve the mystery.  
**MID F DOWD**

## **The House of the Scorpion** Farmer - SCIENCE FICTION, DYSTOPIAN

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt navigates a dangerous landscape as the young clone of El Patrón, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire between Mexico and the United States.  
**MID F FARMER**



## **Lily and Dunkin** Gephart - REALISTIC

Lily is a transgender girl hiding her identity from the world. Dunkin is a bipolar boy with an absent father who just moved to town. One summer morning, Lily meets Dunkin, and their lives forever change.  
**MID F GEPHART**

## **Girl Code: Gaming, Going Viral, and Getting It Done** Gonzales - NONFICTION, TECHNOLOGY

The teenage phenoms behind viral video game Tampon Run share the story of their experience at Girls Who Code and their rise to fame, plus a savvy look at women in tech and the power of coding.  
**MID 005.1 GON**



## **When Friendship Followed Me Home** Griffin - REALISTIC

Ben, always an outsider, is led into a deep friendship with Halley, who is being treated for cancer, through the special dog he and his adoptive mother take in.  
**MID F GRIFFIN**

## **The Lab** Heath - ACTION

Agent Six of Hearts is the product of an illegal experiment by the Lab--a ruthless division of the corporation that controls his world--and must keep his origin a secret from investigators.  
**MID F HEATH**

## **The Girl in the Blue Coat** Hesse - HISTORICAL FICTION

In 1943 Nazi-occupied Amsterdam, Hanneke--a 'finder' of black market goods--is tasked with finding a Jewish girl a customer had been hiding, who has seemingly vanished into thin air.  
**MID F HESSE and YA HESSE**



## **Wesley James Ruined My Life** Honeybourn - ROMANCE

Quinn looks to get even with her worst enemy and now co-worker, Wesley, but when she starts to fall in love with him, she has to decide whether she she wants to get revenge or get the boy.  
**MID F HONEYBOURN**

## **Sit, Stay, Love** Howard - ROMANCE

When Eric adopts the pug Potato from the animal shelter before Cecilia gets her chance, she sets out to sabotage their dog-show training but ends up with some unexpected feelings for Eric.  
**MID F HOWARD**

## **Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen** Jennings - NONFICTION, BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR

Teen activist Jazz Jennings shares her very public transgender journey, as she inspires people to accept the differences in others while they embrace their own truths.  
**MID 306.768 JEN**

## **The Nethergrim** Jobin - FANTASY

An evil force has been awakened from years of sleep and it's up to 14-year-old Edmund, an aspiring sorcerer, and his friends to stop it.  
**MID F JOBIN**



## **The Great Greene Heist** Johnson - MYSTERY, ADVENTURE

Prankster Jackson Greene is trying to go straight, but when it looks like someone may steal the school election from his former best friend Gabriela, he assembles a team to stop it.  
**MID F JOHNSON**



### **A Taste for Monsters** Kirby - HORROR, HISTORICAL FICTION

In 1888, Evelyn, who is disfigured, is hired as a maid to Joseph Merrick, the Elephant Man--but when the Jack the Ripper murders begin she and Merrick find themselves haunted by the ghosts of the slain women.

**MID F KIRBY and YA KIRBY**



### **No More Dead Dogs** Korman - HUMOR

Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play, where he begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.

**MID F KORMAN**

### **Hattie Big Sky**

Larson - HISTORICAL FICTION

Hattie Brooks travels from Iowa to Montana in 1917 to make a home for herself and encounters some unexpected problems related to the war being fought in Europe.

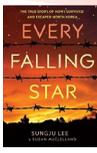
**MID F LARSON**

### **Think Again**

Lawson - NONFICTION, POETRY

This collection of quietly beautiful and surprisingly humorous short poems reveals first love's uncertainties, frustrations and joys.

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### **Every Falling Star** Lee - NONFICTION, BIOGRAPHY/ MEMOIR

The intense memoir of a North Korean boy named Sungju who is forced at age twelve to live on the streets and fend for himself.

**MID 951.9305 LEE**

### **The Rock and the River**

Magoon - HISTORICAL FICTION

In 1968 Chicago, Sam is caught in a conflict between his father's nonviolent approach to civil rights for African Americans and his brother, who has joined the Black Panther Party.

**MID F MAGOON**

### **The Stars Beneath Our Feet**

Moore - REALISTIC

In the wake of his brother's death in a gang-related shooting, Lolly struggles to avoid being forced into a gang himself while constructing a fantastic LEGO city at the Harlem community center.

**MID F MOORE**



### **A Monster Calls** Ness - FANTASY, HORROR

After Conor's mother falls ill, a tree-like monster comes to his window and demands that he listen to three stories then tell his own story revealing his deepest, darkest secret.

**MID F NESS and YA NESS**

### **Akata Witch**

Okorafor - FANTASY

Sunny Nwazue, an American-born albino child of Nigerian parents, moves back to Nigeria, where she learns that she has magical powers which she and three friends use to catch a serial killer.

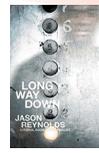
**MID F OKORAFOR**



### **Miles Morales: Spider-Man** Reynolds - SCIENCE FICTION

Miles Morales has a secret: he is Spider-man. But when he is suspended from school, Miles begins to question whether he can escape the criminal life led by his uncle.

**MID F REYNOLDS and YA REYNOLDS**



### **Long Way Down** Reynolds - VERSE, REALISTIC

As Will sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.

**YA REYNOLDS**

### **The Wednesday Wars**

Schmidt - HISTORICAL FICTION, HUMOR

Recounts Holling Hoodhood's humorous misadventures and many lessons learned during the 1967 school year.

**MID F SCHMIDT**

### **Between Shades of Gray**

Sepetys - HISTORICAL FICTION

In 1941, Lina and her family are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life.

**YA SEPETYS**



### **Positively** Sheinmel - REALISTIC

Emmy, grieving over her mother who died of AIDS and resentful of having to live with her father and pregnant stepmother, finds hope at a summer camp for HIV-positive girls like

herself.

**MID F SHEINMEL**

### **Peak**

Smith - ADVENTURE, SURVIVAL

A fourteen-year-old boy braves freezing temperatures, low oxygen, and treacherous cliffs in an attempt to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.

**MID F SMITH**



### **Falling Over Sideways** Sonnenblick - REALISTIC

When Claire's dad suffers a sudden stroke, she must learn to support him while coping with the changes to her dad and to her life.

**MID F SONNENBLICK**

### **Stargirl**

Spinelli - REALISTIC

In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.

**MID F SPINELLI**

### **Courage Has No Color**

Stone - NONFICTION, HISTORY

Examines the role of African-Americans in the military through the story of America's first black paratroopers, who fought against attacks by the Japanese during World War II.

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### **Flipped**

Van Draanen - ROMANCE

Juli has been in love with Bryce since 2nd grade. Bryce has a far less flattering opinion of Juli. For years Bryce tries to keep her at arm's length, until a series of events in 8th grade make him reconsider his outlook.

**MID F VAN DRAANEN**



### **Popular: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek**

Van Wagenen  
NONFICTION, BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR

Maya Van Wagenen runs a social experiment: spend the school year following a 1950s popularity guide. Can curlers, girdles, Vaseline, and a strand of pearls help Maya on her quest to be popular?

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### **Heir Apparent**

Vande Velde - FANTASY, HUMOR

While playing a total immersion virtual reality game of kings and intrigue, Giannine learns that demonstrators have damaged her VR equipment, and she must win the game quickly or suffer brain injury.

**MID F VANDE VELDE**



### **A Midsummer Night #nofilter** Wright - HUMOR

A retelling of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream--with emojis.

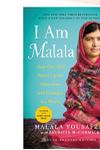
**MID F WRIGHT**

### **American Born Chinese**

Yang - GRAPHIC NOVEL

Three different stories weave together to create one hilarious and touching tale about trying to fit in as a Chinese-American.

**MID GC YANG and GN YANG**



### **I Am Malala** Yousafzai - NONFICTION, BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR

Malala Yousafzai fought the Taliban's orders that girls couldn't attend school in Pakistan, and was shot on the school bus for speaking out. Now she is an international activist for girls' education.

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