

## **Books for Advanced Middle Grades Readers**

It is important to meet the reading needs and interests of middle school student reading above grade level. Note: Parents are solely responsible for making sure that any given book on this list is appropriate for their child (eg: *The Lovely Bones*). As with the regular Summer Reading list. Students may choose a book that is not on this list but parent permission must be obtained.

### **AUTHOR TITLE**

*Adams, Douglas* The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy  
*Adams, Richard* Watership Down  
*Alcott, Louisa May* Little Women series  
*Anaya, Rudolfo* Bless Me, Ultima  
*Anderson, M. T.* Feed  
*Anderson, Laurie H.* Speak  
*Angelou, Maya* I Know Why the Caged Birds Sing  
*Austen, Jane* Pride and Prejudice  
*Baum, L. Frank* The Wonderful Wizard of Oz series  
*Bissinger, H.G.* Friday Night Lights  
*Bosse, Malcolm J.* Deep Dream of the Rain Forest  
*Bradbury, Ray* Something Wicked This Way Comes  
*Brooks, Terry* The Sword of Shannara series  
*Buck, Pearl S.* The Good Earth  
*Stephen Chbosky* The Perks of Being A Wallflower  
*Cisneros, Sandra* The House on Mango Street  
*Clarke, Arthur C.* 2001: A Space Odyssey  
*Cooper, James* The Last of the Mohicans  
*Cormier, Robert* The Rag and Bone Shop  
*Curtis, Christopher* Bucking the Sarge  
*Defoe, Daniel* Robinson Crusoe  
*Deuker, Carl* High Heat  
*Dickens, Charles* Great Expectations  
*Donnelly, Jennifer* Northern Light  
*Dostoyevsky, Fyodor* Crime and Punishment  
*Draper, Sharon* Copper Sun  
*Fleischman, Paul* Saturnalia  
*Gaines, Ernest J.* A Lesson Before Dying  
*Golding, William* Lord of the Flies  
*Hawthorne, Nathaniel* The Scarlet Letter  
*Hearn, Lian* Across the Nightingale Floor  
*Heinlein, Robert A.* The Moon is a Harsh Mistress  
*Hemingway, Ernest* A Farewell to Arms  
*Hugo, Victor* The Hunchback of Notre Dame  
*Hunt, Irene* Lottery Rose  
*Irving, Washington* The Legend of Sleepy Hollow  
*Kidd, Sue Monk* The Mermaid Chair  
*Kidd, Sue Monk* The Secret Life of Bees

*Kingsolver, Barbara* The Bean Trees  
*Kipling, Rudyard* Captains Courageous  
*Knowles, John A* A Separate Peace  
*LeGuin, Ursula K.* A Wizard of Earthsea  
*Martell, Yann* Life of Pi  
*Mason, Bobbi Ann* In Country  
*McKinley, Robin* The Blue Sword  
*McKinley, Robin* Spindle's End  
*Mitchell, Margaret* Gone with the Wind  
*Montgomery, L. M.* Anne of Green Gables series  
*Morrison, Toni* Beloved  
*Mosley, Walter* 47  
*Nix, Garth* Sabriel  
*Oppel, Kenneth* Airborn  
*Paulsen, Gary* Soldier's Heart  
*Peet, Mal* Tamar: Novel of Espionage, Passion & Betrayal  
*Picoult, Jodi* My Sister's Keeper  
*Poe, Edgar Allan* The Tell-tale Heart  
*Quarles, Heather* Door Near Here  
*Sebold, Alice* The Lovely Bones  
*Sewell, Anna* Black Beauty  
*Shaara, Michael* The Killer Angels  
*Shusterman, Neal* Downsiders  
*Smith, Betty* A Tree Grows in Brooklyn  
*Sparks, Nicholas* – Any book by him  
*Steinbeck, John* East of Eden  
*Steinbeck, John* The Grapes of Wrath  
*Stevenson, Robert Louis* The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde  
*Stolz, Mary* Cezanne Pinto  
*Stowe, Harriet Beecher* Uncle Tom's Cabin  
*Tashjian, Janet* The Gospel According to Larry  
*Tolkein, J.R. R.* The Hobbit  
*Twain, Mark* The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn  
*Twain, Mark* A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court  
*Verne, Jules* Around the World in Eighty Days  
*Wells, H. G.* The War of the Worlds  
*Zusak, Markus* The Book Thief