

This Land Was Made for You and Me: The Life and Songs of Woody Guthrie by Elizabeth Partridge
(Biography)

Woody Guthrie, a famous musician, wrote over 3,000 folk songs and ballads while roaming the United States.

Define Normal by Julie Anne Peters (Realistic Fiction)

When she agrees to meet with Jasmine as a peer counselor at their middle school, Antonia never dreams that this girl with the black lipstick and pierced eyebrow will end up becoming a good friend.

The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents

by Terry Pratchett (Fantasy)

A talking cat, intelligent rats and a strange boy cooperate in a Pied Piper scam until they try to con the wrong town and are confronted by a deadly evil rat king.

An Acquaintance with Darkness by Ann Rinaldi
(Historical Fiction)

When her mother dies and her best friend's family is implicated in the assassination of President Lincoln, 14-year-old Emily must go live with an uncle she suspects of being involved in stealing bodies for medical research.

Lord of the Deep by Graham Salisbury (Realistic Fiction)

Working for his stepfather on a charter fishing boat in Hawaii teaches 13-year-old Mikey about fishing, taking risks, making sacrifices and facing some of life's difficult choices.

Ultimate X-Men by Peter Sanderson (Non-Fiction)

This comprehensive overview describes four decades of Marvel Comic's monstrously popular mutant superheroes.

The Shadow Club Rising by Neal Shusterman (Mystery)

Even though he has disbanded his Shadow Club (made up of "second best" kids who play anonymous tricks on their rivals), Jared finds himself suspected when a popular boy at school is targeted by a trickster. Sequel to *The Shadow Club*.

The Boxes by William Sleator (Science Fiction)

When she opens two strange boxes left in her care by her mysterious uncle, 15-year-old Annie discovers a swarm of telepathic creatures and unleashes a power capable of slowing down time.

Zach's Lie by Roland Smith (Realistic Fiction)

Jack Osborne begins to make friends and adjust to his new life in Nevada, but the drug cartel his father is to testify against is determined to track them down.

What My Mother Doesn't Know by Sonya Sones
(Realistic Fiction in Verse)

Sophie describes her relationships with a series of boys as she searches for Mr. Right in this novel in poetry.

The Land by Mildred D. Taylor (Historical Fiction)

After the Civil War, Paul, the son of a white father and a black mother, often finds himself a victim of prejudice as he pursues his dream of owning land. Prequel to *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*.

Being Dead by Vivian Vande Velde (Horror/Short Stories)

These seven supernatural stories all have something to do with death.

Hush by Jacqueline Woodson (Realistic Fiction)

Twelve-year-old Toswiah finds her life changed when her family enters the witness protection program.

Armageddon Summer by Jane Yolen and Bruce Covill
(Realistic Fiction)

Fourteen-year-old Marina and 16-year-old Jed accompany their parents' religious cult to await the end of the world atop a remote mountain where they try to decide what they themselves believe.

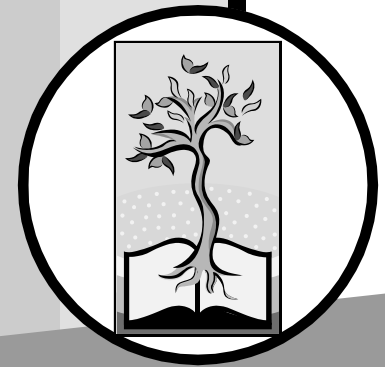
The Queen's Own Fool by Jane Yolen and Robert J. Harris (Historical Fiction)

When 12-year-old Nicola leaves Troupe Brufort and serves as the fool for Mary, Queen of Scots, she experiences the political and religious upheavals in both France and Scotland.

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Middle School



**Recommended
Teen Reads**

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Go and Come Back by Joan Ablove
(*Realistic Fiction*)

A humorous look at the meeting of two very different cultures told through the eyes of a young Peruvian village girl.

Fever, 1793 by Laurie Anderson
(*Historical Fiction*)

Sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook's comfortable life is shattered when she is forced to cope with the horrors of the yellow fever epidemic in 1793 Philadelphia.

Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance

by Jennifer Armstrong (*Non-Fiction*)

Describes the events of the 1914 Antarctic disastrous expedition which forced Shackleton and his men to make a long perilous journey across ice and stormy seas to reach inhabited land.

Forgotten Fire by Adam Bagdasarian (*Historical Fiction*)

The horrors of the Armenian genocide become clear when a privileged boy is torn from his home and family.

Tangerine by Edward Bloor (*Realistic Fiction*)

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech (*Realistic Fiction*)

Thirteen-year-old Sal, journeys with Gram and Gramps to find her mother and tells the story of Phoebe, whose mother also disappeared.

The Seeing Stone by Kevin Crossley-Holland (*Fantasy*)

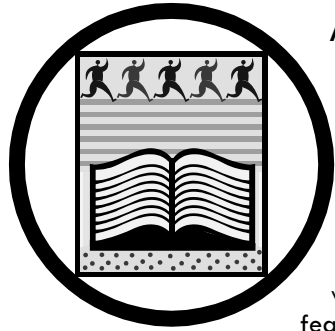
In late twelfth-century England, a 13-year-old boy named Arthur recounts how Merlin gives him a magical stone to see into the future. Arthur Trilogy: Book 1.

Love Among the Walnuts by Jean Ferris (*Realistic Fiction*)

Born and raised in isolation in a wealthy eccentric family, Sandy is shocked when his family becomes victim of a vicious plot to take their money.

Seek by Paul Fleischman (*Realistic Fiction/Radio Play*)

Rob becomes obsessed with searching the airwaves for his long-gone father, a radio announcer.



Amandine by Adele Griffin (*Realistic Fiction*)

Her first week at a new school, shy plain Delia befriends Amandine, not anticipating the dangerous turns their friendship will take.

Bronx Masquerade by Nikki Grimes

(*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.

Sunshine Rider: The First Vegetarian Western

by Ric Lynden Hardman (*Historical Fiction*)

In the late 1800s while on a cattle drive which takes him north from Texas, 17-year-old Wylie learns that it is no longer necessary to run from the father he never knew.

Witness by Karen Hesse (*Historical Fiction in Verse*)

A series of poems expresses the views of various people in a small Vermont town during the early 1920s, when the Ku Klux Klan is trying to infiltrate the town.

You Don't Know Me by David Klass (*Realistic Fiction*)

Fourteen-year-old John creates alternative realities in his mind as he tries to deal with his mother's abusive boyfriend, his crush on a beautiful, but shallow classmate and other problems at school.

The Art of Keeping Cool by Janet Taylor Lisle

(*Historical Fiction*)

In 1942, Robert uncovers long-hidden family secrets while staying in his grandparents' Rhode Island town, where he becomes involved with a German artist suspected of being a spy.

No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War by Anita Lobel

(*Autobiography*)

The author describes her experiences as a Polish Jew during World War II and her years in Sweden afterwards before coming to the United States.

Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter

by Adeline Yen Mah (*Biography*)

As the youngest sibling, Adeline suffers cruel abuse at the hands of her stepmother Niang and the rest of her family after her birth mother dies in labor.

Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson (*Realistic Fiction*)

After his anger erupts into violence, Cole agrees to participate in an alternative to prison and is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a Spirit Bear changes his life.

Zazoo by Richard Mosher (*Realistic Fiction*)

Amid old secrets revealed and rifts healed, a 13-year-old Vietnamese orphan raised in rural France by her aging grandfather learns about life, death and love.

Mary, Bloody Mary by Carolyn Meyer (*Historical Fiction*)

Mary Tudor, who would reign briefly as Queen of England during the mid-sixteenth century, tells the story of her troubled childhood as daughter of King Henry VIII.

Bad Boy: A Memoir by Walter Dean Myers

(*Autobiography*)

Into a memoir that is gripping, funny, heartbreaking and unforgettable, Walter Dean Myers richly weaves the details of his Harlem childhood in the 1940s and 1950s.

The Greatest: Muhammad Ali by Walter Dean Myers

(*Biography*)

This biography relates the life story of the famous fighter.

A Step from Heaven by An Na (*Realistic Fiction*)

A young Korean girl and her family find it difficult to learn English and adjust to life in America.

The Other Side of Truth by Beverly Naidoo

(*Realistic Fiction*)

Smuggled out of Nigeria after their mother's murder, Sade and her younger brother are abandoned in London when their uncle fails to meet them at the airport.

Carver: A Life in Poems by Marilyn Nelson

(*Biography in Verse*)

This collection of poems offers a compelling account of the life of African-American botanist and inventor George Washington Carver.

Sabriel by Garth Nix (*Fantasy*)

Sabriel endures exhaustion, violent confrontations and terrifying challenges to her supernatural ability in this mythical underworld of necromancy, magic and the monstrous undead.