

The RCS Library List of Recommended Books for Preteens and Early Teens (Grades 6-8)

Key: G = Graphic Novel; 1 = 1st in a Series

- The 5th Wave ¹ – Yancey
- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer – Twain
- The Alchemyst ¹ – Scott
- All's Faire in Middle School ^{G/1} – Jamieson
- Among the Hidden ¹ – Haddix
- The Amulet of Samarkand ¹ – Stroud
- Animal Farm – Orwell
- Ban This Book – Gratz
- Belle Prater's Boy – White
- Beyond the Bright Sea – Wolk
- The Blackthorn Key ¹ – Sands
- The Book of Boy – Murdock
- The Book Thief – Zusak
- The Boy in the Striped Pajamas – Boyne
- The Boy Who Dared: A Novel Based on the True Story of a Hitler Youth – Bartoletti
- Braced – Gerber
- Brainwashed ¹ – Aertker
- Bridge to Terabithia – Paterson
- Brown Girl Dreaming – Woodson
- Bud, Not Buddy – Curtis
- The Call of the Wild – London
- Chains ¹ – Anderson
- A Christmas Carol – Dickens
- Cinder ¹ – Meyer
- Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two – Bruchac
- The Colossus Rises ¹ – Lerangis
- The Compound ¹ – Bodeen
- Confessions of an Imaginary Friend – Cuevas
- Counting by 7s – Sloan
- Counting Thyme – Conklin
- The Crossover ¹ – Alexander
- Dead End in Norvelt – Gantos
- Dovey Coe – Dowell
- Down the Rabbit Hole ¹ – Abrahams
- Drama ^G – Telgemeier
- The Eagle of the Ninth ¹ – Sutcliff
- The Eighth Day ¹ – Salerni
- Ender's Game ¹ – Card
- Eragon ¹ – Paolini
- Esperanza Rising – Ryan
- Everlost ¹ – Shusterman
- The False Prince ¹ – Nielson
- Flipped – Van Draanen
- Flying Lessons and Other Stories – Oh, editor
- Freak the Mighty – Philbrick
- Freakling ¹ – Krumwiede
- Ghost ¹ – Reynolds
- The Girl Who Drank the Moon – Barnhill
- The Giver ¹ – Lowry
- The Golden Compass ¹ – Pullman
- The Graveyard Book – Gaiman
- Grimm's Complete Fairy Tales – Grimm
- Hatchet ¹ – Paulsen
- Heart of a Samurai – Preus
- Heat – Lupica
- The Hobbit – Tolkien
- Holes – Sachar
- The Honest Truth – Gemeinhart
- The House of the Scorpion ¹ – Farmer
- The Hunger Games ¹ – Collins
- I Am Number Four ¹ – Lore
- In the Land of the Lawn Weenies ¹ – Lubar
- Inkheart ¹ – Funke
- The Inquisitor's Tale – Gidwitz
- Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus – Bowling
- Island of the Blue Dolphins – O'Dell
- Jacob Have I Loved – Paterson
- Julie of the Wolves – George
- Kira-Kira – Kadohata
- Last Day on Mars ¹ – Emerson
- The Last Unicorn – Beagle
- Leviathan ¹ – Westerfeld
- The London Eye Mystery – Dowd
- A Long Walk to Water – Park
- Maniac Magee – Spinelli
- Maus 1: A Survivor's Tale: My Father Bleeds History ^G – Spiegelman
- The Maze Runner ¹ – Dashner
- Merchant of Death ¹ – MacHale
- Merlin: The Lost Years ¹ – Barron
- Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25 ¹ – Evans
- Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life ¹ – Patterson & Tebbetts
- Millions – Boyce
- Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children ¹ – Riggs
- Mistborn: The Final Empire ¹ – Sanderson

- A Monster Calls – Ness
- Moon Over Manifest – Vanderpool
- Mortal Engines ¹ – Reeve
- My Side of the Mountain – George
- The Mysterious Benedict Society ¹ – Stewart
- The Mysterious Howling ¹ – Woods
- The Neverending Story – Ende
- A Night Divided – Nielsen
- Number the Stars – Lowry
- One Came Home – Timberlake
- Orphan Train Girl – Kline
- Out of My Mind – Draper
- Out of the Dust – Hesse
- The Outsiders – Hinton
- Paperboy – Vawter
- The Paper Cowboy – Levine
- Peak ¹ – Smith
- Peter and the Starcatchers ¹ – Barry & Pearson
- Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes ¹ – Auxier
- Princess Academy ¹ – Hale
- The Princess and the Goblin – MacDonald
- Redwall ¹ – Jacques
- Refugee – Gratz
- Revenge of the Witch ¹ – Delaney
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Taylor
- Ruby Redfort: Look Into My Eyes ¹ – Child
- The Ruins of Gorlan ¹ – Flanagan
- Savvy ¹ – Law
- The Secret Garden – Burnett
- The Secret Journeys of Jack London: The Wild – Golden
- Seeing Red – Erskine
- The Selection ¹ – Cass
- The Schwa Was Here – Shusterman
- The Shakespeare Stealer – Blackwood
- Shipbreaker ¹ – Bacigalupi
- The Shrunken Head ¹ – Oliver
- Silverwing ¹ – Opper
- Skellig – Almond
- Skulduggery Pleasant ¹ – Landy
- Soar – Bauer
- Something Wicked This Way Comes – Bradbury
- Souder – Armstrong
- Speak – Anderson
- Steelheart ¹ – Sanderson
- Stormbreaker ¹ – Horowitz
- Summer of My German Soldier – Greene
- The Swiss Family Robinson – Wyss
- A Tale Dark and Grimm ¹ – Gidwitz
- Tales from Shakespeare – Lamb
- Tangerine – Bloor
- The Thing About Jellyfish – Benjamin
- The Time Travelers ¹ – Buckley-Archer
- To Kill a Mockingbird – Lee
- Tomorrow, When the War Began ¹ – Marsden
- Towers Falling – Rhodes
- Treasure Island – Stevenson
- The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle – Avi
- The True Meaning of Smekday – Rex
- Tuck Everlasting – Babbitt
- Twerp – Goldblatt
- Uglies ¹ – Westerfeld
- Un Lun Dun – Miéville
- Under the Blood-Red Sun ¹ – Salisbury
- Under the Egg – Fitzgerald
- The Unteachables – Korman
- Unwind ¹ – Shusterman
- The View from Saturday – Konigsburg
- Walk Two Moons – Creech
- War Horse – Morpurgo
- The War That Saved My Life – Bradley
- Watchdog – McIntosh
- The Wednesday Wars – Schmidt
- The Westing Game – Raskin
- When Friendship Followed Me Home – Griffin
- When You Reach Me – Stead
- Where the Mountain Meets the Moon – Lin
- The Witch of Blackbird Pond – Speare
- Wolf Hollow – Lauren Wolk
- A Wrinkle in Time ¹ – L'Engle
- You'll Like It Here (Everybody Does) – White
- Zero Tolerance – Mills