

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

**Key: G = Graphic Novel; 1 = 1<sup>st</sup> in a Series**

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| The 5 <sup>th</sup> Wave <sup>1</sup> – Yancey  | Esperanza Rising – Ryan   |
| The Adventures of Tom Sawyer – Twain  | The False Prince <sup>1</sup> – Nielson   |
| The Alchemyst <sup>1</sup> – Scott  | Flipped – Van Draanen   |
| All's Faire in Middle School <sup>G/1</sup> – Jamieson                                | Flying Lessons and Other Stories – Oh, editor   |
| Among the Hidden <sup>1</sup> – Haddix  | Freak the Mighty – Philbrick  |
| The Amulet of Samarkand <sup>1</sup> – Stroud   | Freakling <sup>1</sup> – Krumwiede  |
| Ban This Book – Gratz   | Ghost <sup>1</sup> – Reynolds   |
| Belle Prater's Boy – White  | The Girl Who Drank the Moon – Barnhill  |
| Beyond the Bright Sea – Wolk  | The Giver <sup>1</sup> – Lowry  |
| A Black Hole Is Not a Hole – DeCristofano   | The Golden Compass <sup>1</sup> – Pullman   |
| The Blackthorn Key <sup>1</sup> – Sands   | The Graveyard Book – Gaiman   |
| Bomb: The Race to Build – and Steal – the World's<br>Most Dangerous Weapon – Sheinkin | Grimm's Complete Fairy Tales – Grimm  |
| The Book of Boy – Murdock   | Guts & Glory: The American Civil War <sup>1</sup><br>– Thompson                       |
| The Book Thief – Zusak  | Hatchet <sup>1</sup> – Paulsen  |
| The Boy in the Striped Pajamas – Boyne  | Heart of a Samurai – Preus  |
| The Boy Who Dared: A Novel Based on the True<br>Story of a Hitler Youth – Bartoletti  | Heat – Lupica   |
| The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind – Kamkwamba  | Hidden Figures – Shetterly  |
| Brainwashed – Aertker   | The Hobbit – Tolkien  |
| Bridge to Terabithia – Paterson   | Holes – Sachar  |
| Brown Girl Dreaming – Woodson   | The Honest Truth – Gemeinhart   |
| Bud, Not Buddy – Curtis   | The House of the Scorpion <sup>1</sup> – Farmer                                       |
| Chains <sup>1</sup> – Anderson  | The Hunger Games <sup>1</sup> – Collins   |
| A Christmas Carol – Dickens   | I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for<br>Education and Changed the World – Yousafzai |
| Cinder <sup>1</sup> – Meyer   | I Am Number Four <sup>1</sup> – Lore  |
| Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of<br>World War Two – Bruchac           | I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter<br>Changed Two Lives – Alifirenka            |
| The Colossus Rises <sup>1</sup> – Lerangis  | In the Land of the Lawn Weenies <sup>1</sup> – Lubar                                  |
| The Compound <sup>1</sup> – Bodeen  | Inkheart <sup>1</sup> – Funke   |
| Confessions of an Imaginary Friend – Cuevas   | The Inquisitor's Tale – Gidwitz   |
| Counting by 7s – Sloan  | Island of the Blue Dolphins – O'Dell  |
| Counting Thyme – Conklin  | Jacob Have I Loved – Paterson   |
| The Crossover <sup>1</sup> – Alexander  | Julie of the Wolves – George  |
| Dead End in Norvelt – Gantos  | Kira-Kira – Kadohata  |
| The Diary of a Young Girl – Frank   | Last Day on Mars <sup>1</sup> – Emerson   |
| Dovey Coe – Dowell  | The Last Unicorn – Beagle   |
| Down the Rabbit Hole <sup>1</sup> – Abrahams  | Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice<br>for the USS Indianapolis – Nelson  |
| Drama <sup>G</sup> – Telgemeier   | Leviathan <sup>1</sup> – Westerfeld   |
| The Eagle of the Ninth <sup>1</sup> – Sutcliff  | Lion: A Long Way Home – Brierley  |
| The Eighth Day <sup>1</sup> – Salerno   | The London Eye Mystery – Dowd   |
| Ender's Game <sup>1</sup> – Card  | A Long Walk to Water – Park   |
| Eragon <sup>1</sup> – Paolini   | A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier<br>– Beah                                   |
| Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini<br>– Fleischman                                |   |

Maniac Magee – Spinelli  
 March: Book One – Lewis  
 Maus 1: A Survivor's Tale: My Father Bleeds History<sup>G</sup> – Spiegelman  
 The Maze Runner<sup>1</sup> – Dashner  
 Merchant of Death<sup>1</sup> – MacHale  
 Merlin: The Lost Years<sup>1</sup> – Barron  
 Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25<sup>1</sup> – Evans  
 Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life<sup>1</sup>  
     – Patterson & Tebbets  
 Millions – Boyce  
 Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children<sup>1</sup>  
     – Riggs  
 Mistborn: The Final Empire<sup>1</sup> – Sanderson  
 A Monster Calls – Ness  
 Moon Over Manifest – Vanderpool  
 Mortal Engines<sup>1</sup> – Reeve  
 My Side of the Mountain – George  
 The Mysterious Benedict Society<sup>1</sup> – Stewart  
 The Mysterious Howling<sup>1</sup> – Woods  
 The Nazi Hunters – Bascomb  
 The Neverending Story – Ende  
 A Night Divided – Nielsen  
 Number the Stars – Lowry  
 October Sky<sup>1</sup> – Hickham  
 One Came Home – Timberlake  
 Orphan Train Girl – Kline  
 Out of My Mind – Draper  
 Out of the Dust – Hesse  
 Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer  
     Team That Changed a Town – St. John  
 The Outsiders – Hinton  
 Paperboy – Vawter  
 The Paper Cowboy – Levine  
 Peak<sup>1</sup> – Smith  
 Peter and the Starcatchers<sup>1</sup> – Barry & Pearson  
 Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes<sup>1</sup> – Auxier  
 Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Book About  
     Brain Science – Fleischman  
 Princess Academy<sup>1</sup> – Hale  
 The Princess and the Goblin – MacDonald  
 Red Scarf Girl – Jiang  
 Redwall<sup>1</sup> – Jacques  
 Refugee – Gratz  
 Revenge of the Witch<sup>1</sup> – Delaney  
 Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Taylor  
 The Ruins of Gorlan<sup>1</sup> – Flanagan  
 Savvy<sup>1</sup> – Law  
 The Secret Garden – Burnett  
 The Secret Journeys of Jack London: The Wild  
     – Golden  
 Seeing Red – Erskine  
 The Selection<sup>1</sup> – Cass  
 The Schwa Was Here – Shusterman  
 The Shakespeare Stealer – Blackwood  
 Shipbreaker<sup>1</sup> – Bacigalupi  
 The Shrunk Head<sup>1</sup> – Oliver  
 Silverwing<sup>1</sup> – Opper  
 Skellig – Almond  
 Skulduggery Pleasant<sup>1</sup> – Landy  
 Slacker – Korman  
 Soar – Bauer  
 Souder – Armstrong  
 Speak – Anderson  
 Steelheart<sup>1</sup> – Sanderson  
 Stormbreaker<sup>1</sup> – Horowitz  
 Summer of My German Soldier – Greene  
 The Swiss Family Robinson – Wyss  
 A Tale Dark and Grimm<sup>1</sup> – Gidwitz  
 Tales from Shakespeare – Lamb  
 Tangerine – Bloor  
 The Thing About Jellyfish – Benjamin  
 The Time Travelers<sup>1</sup> – Buckley-Archer  
 To Kill a Mockingbird – Lee  
 Tomorrow, When the War Began<sup>1</sup> – 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<sup>1</sup> – Westerfeld  
 Un Lun Dun – Miéville  
 Unbroken: An Olympian's Journey from Airman to  
     Castaway to Captive – Hillenbrand  
 Under the Blood-Red Sun<sup>1</sup> – Salisbury  
 Under the Egg – Fitzgerald  
 Unwind<sup>1</sup> – Shusterman  
 Walk Two Moons – Creech  
 War Horse – Morpurgo  
 The War That Saved My Life – Bradley  
 The Wednesday Wars – Schmidt  
 When Friendship Followed Me Home – Griffin  
 When You Reach Me – Stead  
 Where the Mountain Meets the Moon – Lin  
 The Witch of Blackbird Pond – Speare  
 Witches: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in  
     Salem – Schanzer  
 Wolf Hollow – Lauren Wolk  
 A Wrinkle in Time<sup>1</sup> – L'Engle  
 Zero Tolerance – Mills