

**Middle School
Suggested
Reading
8th Grade 2009**



*The Restaurant at the End
of the Universe*
Douglas Adams

*The Song Shoots Out of My
Mouth*
Jaime Adoff

Little Women
Louisa May Alcott

The Castle of Llyr
Lloyd Alexander

Kindling
Jennifer Armstrong

Night Journeys
Avi

Nothing But the Truth
Avi

*Romeo and Juliet: Together
(and Alive!) at Last*
Avi

Tae's Sonata
Haemi Balgassi

Hope Was Here
Joan Bauer

Squashed
Joan Bauer

Charley Skeddadle
Patricia Beatty

The Underground Railroad
Raymond Bial

*Abigail Adams: Witness to a
Revolution*
Natalie Bober

*Women's Rights and
Nothing Less: The Story of
Elizabeth Cady Stanton*
Lisa Bohannon

*Bold Journey: West with
Lewis and Clark*
Charles Bohner

The Scions of Shannara
Terry Brooks

A Sudden Silence
Eve Bunting

*The Perilous Journey of the
Donner Party*
Marian Calabro

Things not Seen
Andrew Clements

The Goats
Brock Cole

Jazz: An American Saga
James Lincoln Collier

My Brother Sam is Dead
James Lincoln Collier

*Whatever Happened to
Janie?*
Caroline B. Cooney

The Red Badge of Courage
Stephen Crane

The Wanderer
Sharon Creech

Boy: Tales of Childhood
Roald Dahl

Weasel
Cynthia DeFelice

An Enemy Among Them
Deborah DeFord

The Lost World
Arthur Conan Doyle

Don't Look Behind You
Lois Duncan

*The Number Devil: A
Mathematical Adventure*
Hans Enzensberger

The Tulip Touch
Anne Fine

Bull Run
Paul Fleischman

Whirligig
Paul Fleischman

Johnny Tremain
Esther Forbes.

The Slave Dancer
Paula Fox

The Diary of a Young Girl
Anne Frank

Cowboys of the Wild West
Russell Freedman

Franklin Delano Roosevelt
Russell Freedman

*Kids at Work: Lewis Hine
and the Crusade Against
Child Labor*
Russell Freedman

*The Life and Death of Crazy
Horse*
Russell Freedman

Lincoln: A Photobiography
Russell Freedman

*Martha Graham: A
Dancer's Life*
Russell Freedman

The Wright Brothers
Russell Freedman

Coraline
Neil Gaiman

*The Autobiography of Miss
Jane Pittman*
Ernest J. Gaines

Dance of the Continents
Roy A. Gallant

*Charles A. Lindbergh: A
Human Hero*
James Giblin

*Summer of my German
Soldier*
Bette Greene

Among the Hidden
Margaret Peterson Haddix

Dr. Franklin's Island
Ann Halam

Just One Friend
Lynn Hall

*Kennedy Assassinated! :
The World Mourns: a
Reporter's Story*
Wilborn Hampton

*Bayard Rustin: Behind the
Scenes Of the Civil Rights*
James Haskins

*Hawk: Occupation:
Skateboarder*
Tony Hawk

*The Official Earth Day
Guide to Planet Repair*
Denis Hayes

Kissing Doorknobs
Terry Spencer Hesser

Hoot
Carl Hiaasen

Jason's Gold
Will Hobbs

Lives: Poems About Famous Americans
Lee Bennett Hopkins, ed

Skeleton Key
Anthony Horowitz

Golden Aquarians
Monica Hughes

Mary Todd Lincoln: Tragic First Lady of the Civil War
Mary Hull

Across Five Aprils
Irene Hunt

Mattimeo
Brian Jacques

Heaven
Angela Johnson
The Acorn People
Ron Jones

The Boxer
Kathleen Karr

Rifles for Watie
Harold Keith

Carry On, Mr. Bowditch
Jean Lee Latham

The Tombs of Atuan
Ursula K. Le Guin

Warrior Angel
Robert Lipsyte

The Contender
Robert Lipsyte

White Fang
Jack London

Mill
David Macaulay

Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida
Victor Martinez

The Smithsonian Book of the First Ladies
Edith P. Mayo, ed.

Snow Bound
Harry Mazer

Dragonsong
Anne McCaffrey

No More Strangers Now: Young Voices from a New South Africa
Tim McKee

The Blue Sword
Robin McKinley

A Young Patriot: The American Revolution as Experienced by One Boy
Jim Murphy

Fallen Angels
Walter Dean Myers

Slam!
Walter Dean Myers

When the Rain Sings: Poems by Young Native Americans
National Museum of the Native American

Habibi
Naomi Shihab Nye

Big Mouth & Ugly Girl
Joyce Carol Oates

Z for Zachariah
Robert O'Brien

Sarah Bishop
Scott O'Dell

Sing down the Moon
Scott O'Dell

Soldier's Heart
Gary Paulsen

Trouble Don't Last
Shelley Pearsall

Slopes of War
N.A. Perez

The Year Without Michael
Susan Pfeffer

The Last Book in the Universe
W.R. Philbrick

The Golden Compass
Philip Pullman

The Baboon King
Anton Quintana

Clara Schumann: Piano Virtuoso
Susanna Reich

The Light in the Forest
Conrad Richter

Classic Poetry: An Illustrated Collection
Michael Rosen, ed.

Light-Gathering Poems
Liz Rosenberger, ed.

Ralph Bunch: Winner of the Nobel Peace Prize
Anne Schraff

Dust
Arthur Slade
House of Stairs
William Sleator

The Witch of Blackbird Pond
Elizabeth George Speare

There's a Girl in my Hammerlock
Jerry Spinelli

Gloria Estefan
Rebecca Stefoff

The Pearl
John Steinbeck

Kidnapped
Robert Louis Stevenson

On the Long Trail Home
Elisabeth Stewart

Uncle Tom's Cabin
Harriet Beecher Stowe

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
Mildred D. Taylor

The Bomb
Theodore Taylor

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
Mark Twain

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
Jules Verne

Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story
Andrea Warren

Galileo Galilei: Inventor, Astronomer, and Rebel
Michael White

Ryan White: My Own Story
Ryan White

Caleb's Choice
G. Clifton Wisler

Shadow of a Bull
Maia Wojciechowska

The Devil's Arithmetic
Jane Yolen

Loch: A Novel
Paul Zindel