



# MCPL Enjoyable Reads for Middle Schoolers



## Juvenile Fiction

+**Bradford, Chris. *Young Samurai: Way of the Warrior*.** Shipwrecked, then rescued by a master swordsman, Jack undergoes grueling samurai training.

+**Ibbotson, Eva. *Which Witch?*** White witch Belladonna tries to win the heart of wizard Arriman the Awful, who's holding a spell-casting contest to find a wife.

+**Morpurgo, Michael. *War Horse*.** Joey, a courageous English farm horse sold to the army, experiences the horrors of World War I.

## Young Adult Fiction

+**Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Chains*.** Promised freedom if she spies on her Loyalist owners, Isabel is unsure whom to trust but is determined to be free.

+**Carter, Ally. *I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You*.** At the Gallagher Academy, Cammie trains to become a spy, but no covert operations classes can prepare her for falling in love.

+**Engle, Margarita. *Hurricane Dancers: The First Caribbean Pirate Shipwreck*.** Quebrado has been forced to live on board pirate ships, but a hurricane destroys his current ship and most of the crew.

+**Feinstein, John. *Cover-up*.** Teen reporters Steve and Susan Carol uncover a huge doping scandal at the Super Bowl.

+**Friend, Natasha. *Perfect*.** Isabelle struggles with an eating disorder while dealing with a turbulent home life and social pressures at school.

+**Hale, Shannon. *Goose Girl*.** After a failed assassination attempt, crown princess Ani goes into hiding, disguising herself as a goose girl.

+**Horowitz, Anthony. *Stormbreaker*.** Alex Rider's life is suddenly thrust into the spy-world of MI6, having to save not only his life, but that of every child in England.

+**Meyer, Carolyn. *Beware, Princess Elizabeth*.** Sisterly rivalry is at its deadliest as a young Elizabeth seeks to gain the throne of England.

+**Myers, Walter Dean and Ross Workman. *Kick*.** Headed for juvie, can Kevin, 13 and a star soccer player, turn things around, aided by an unlikely ally?

+**Neri, Greg. *Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty*.** Was gang member Yummy a cold-blooded killer or victim? Graphic novel based on a true story.

+**Pierce, Tamora. *Terrier*.** Beka, a law-enforcement rookie, uses her ability to communicate with the dead to stop a crime wave propelled by dark magic.

+**Richards, Justin. *The Death Collector*.** As monsters terrorize Victorian London, three teens must stop a madman from reanimating even more dead humans and dinosaurs.

+**Schmidt, Gary D. *Okay for Now*.** How can Audubon's Birds of America and annoying Lil help Doug handle his mean older brother, abusive father, and school problems?

+**Woodson, Jacqueline. *After Tupac & D Foster*.** A new friend and the death of a rapper open the eyes of two friends to life beyond their Queens, NY neighborhood.

## Non Fiction

J 919.8 KIM. **Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody. *Ice Story: Shackleton's Lost Expedition*.** Follow Sir Ernest Shackleton and his crew's perilous journey and fight for survival in Antarctica.

J 973.0496 NEL. **Nelson, Kadir. *Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans*.** Nelson's exquisitely illustrated book traces African American history from slavery to President Obama's election.

J Biography Say. **Say, Allen. *Drawing from Memory*.** Say's passion for drawing is revealed in this part memoir, part graphic novel.

J Biography Lincoln. **Swanson, James L. *Bloody Times: The Funeral of Abraham Lincoln and the Manhunt for Jefferson Davis*.** This suspense-filled thriller sheds light on the two fallen leaders of the North and South.

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