

This list of recommended books was compiled at a 5th – 8th grade book discussion on books in series vs. stand-alone books. Books in red were recommended by tween participants, books in black by librarians.

Stand-Alones

J BRADLEY	The War that Saved My Life by Jennifer Brubaker Bradley
J CERRA	Just a Drop of Water by Kerry O'Malley Cerra
J GAIMAN	The Graveyard Book
J HADDIX	Running Out of Time by Margaret Peterson Haddix
J HADDIX	Under Their Skin by Margaret Peterson Haddix
TEEN GR. JAMIESON	Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson
J JUSTER	The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
J MARTIN	Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin
J MEYER	Black Radishes by Susan Meyer
J NEWMAN	Hachiko Waits by Leslea Newman
J PALACIO	Wonder by R.J. Palacio (has a companion series of short stories)
J PENNYPACKER	Pax by Sara Pennypacker
J RAWLS	Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
J SACHAR	Holes by Louis Sachar (has a companion novel)
J STEAD	When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
J WHITE	Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
TEEN ALEXANDER	The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
TEEN ANDERSON	Tiger Lily by Jodi Lynn Anderson
TEEN BLACK	The Coldest Girl in Coldtown by Holly Black
TEEN GREEN	The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
TEEN MIKALSEN	Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikalsen
TEEN NESS	A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness
TEEN NIVEN	All the Bright Places by Jennifer Niven
TEEN OMOLOLU	The Third Twin by Cynthia Jaynes Omololu
TEEN PATTOU	East by Edith Pattou
TEEN SCHMIDT	Orbiting Jupiter by Gary D. Schmidt
TEEN SMITH	The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight by Jennifer E. Smith
TEEN GR. STEVENSON	Nimona by Noelle Stevenson
TEEN STIEFVATER	The Scorpio Races by Maggie Stiefvater
TEEN GR. TELGEMEIER	Drama by Raina Telgemeier
TEEN ZUSAK	The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Books & Bites Recommendations

Series

J BUCKEYARCHER	Gideon the Cutpurse series by Linda Buckley-Archer (trilogy, must be read in order)
J DUPRAU	The Books of Ember series by Jeanne DuPrau (4 books, must be read in order)
J EPSTEIN	The Familiars series by Adam J Epstein (4 books, must be read in order)
J GORDON	Tunnels series by Roderick Gordon (6 in series, must be read in order)
J HADDIX	The Shadow Children series by Margaret Peterson Haddix (7 books, must be read in order)
J KINNEY	Diary of a Wimpy Kid series by Greg Kinney (11 books, can be read in any order)
J KLAGES	Green Glass Sea series by Ellen Klages (2 books, both could be stand-alones)
J MALONE	The Sixty-Eight Rooms series by Marianne Malone (4 books, must be read in order)
J MYKLUSCH	Jack Blank and the Imagine Nation by Matt Myklusch (trilogy, must be read in order)
J O'HEARN	Pegasus series by Kate O'Hearn (5 books, must be read in order)
J PATTERSON	I Funny series by James Patterson (4 books, should be read in order)
J ROWLING	Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling (7 books, must be read in order)
J TURNAGE	Tupelo Landing series by Sheila Turnage (3 books so far, must be read in order)
TEEN CARD	Ender series by Orson Scott Card (5 books in series, should be read in order; companion series Ender's Shadow)
TEEN CARRIGER	Finishing School series by Gail Carriger (4 books, must be read in order)
TEEN CARTER	Gallagher Girls series by Ally Carter (5 books, should be read in order)
TEEN CARTER	Heist Society series by Ally Carter (trilogy, must be read in order)
TEEN CASS	The Selection series by Kiera Cass (5 books, must be read in order)
TEEN COLLINS	The Hunger Games series by Suzanne Collins (trilogy, must be read in order)
TEEN FORMAN	If I Stay by Gayle Forman (2 books, both could be stand-alones)
TEEN HOROWITZ	Alex Rider series by Anthony Horowitz (10 books, can be read in any order after book 1)
TEEN JOHNSON	Shades of London quartet by Maureen Johnson (4 books, must be read in order)
TEEN LOWRY	The Giver quartet by Lois Lowry (4 books, can be read individually except book 4)
TEEN LYGA	Jasper Dent trilogy by Barry Lyga (trilogy, must be read in order)
TEEN NESS	Chaos Walking trilogy by Patrick Ness (trilogy, must be read in order)
TEEN REEVE	Fever Crumb by Philip Reeve (3 books, must be read in order; prequel series to The Hungry City chronicles)
TEEN RIORDAN	Percy Jackson and the Olympians series by Rick Riordan (5 books, must be read in order; sequel series The Heroes of Olympus)
TEEN ROTH	Divergent by Veronica Roth (trilogy, must be read in order)
TEEN GR.TELGEMEIER	Smile series by Raina Telgemeier (2 books, both could be stand-alones)
TEEN YANCEY	The 5th Wave trilogy by Rick Yancey (trilogy, must be read in order)