

# Express Yourself...

## RECOMMENDED MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING 2009



### FANTASTIC YARNS...

- Tunnels - Gordon, Roderick
- Evil Genius - Jinks, Catherine
- Genius Squad - Jinks, Catherine
- Troll Blood - Langrish, Katherine
- The Mysterious Benedict Society - Stewart, Trenton Lee
- Into the Volcano - Wood, Don

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### IT'S PRETTY GRAPHIC...

- Artemis Fowl: The Graphic Novel - Colfer, Eoin
- Coraline - Gaiman, Neil & P. Craig Russell
- Rapunzel's Revenge - Hale, Shannon
- Comic Book Century: The History of American Comic Books - Krensky, Stephen
- The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain - Sis, Peter
- The Arrival - Tan, Shaun

### PLAY BALL!

- One-Handed Catch - Auch, Mary Jane
- Summerland - Chabon, Michael
- No Cream Puffs - Day, Karen
- Getting Air - Gutman, Dan
- Toby Wheeler: Eighth Grade Benchwarmer - Heldrig, Thatcher
- Summer Ball - Lupica, Mike
- The Big Field - Lupica, Mike

### IMAGINARY TALES...

- Merlin's Dragon - Barron, T.A.
- Remarkable & Very True Story of Lucy and Snowcap - Bouwman, H.M.
- The Night I Freed John Brown - Cummings, John
- The Oracle Prophecies (series) - Fisher, Catherine
- Sun and Moon, Ice and Snow - George, Jessica Day
- Book of a Thousand Days - Hale, Shannon
- Well Witched - Hardinge, Frances
- Emmy and the Home for Troubled Girls - Jonell, Lynne
- House of Many Ways - Jones, Diana Wynne
- The Otherworldlies - Kogler, Jennifer Anne
- Fairest - Levine, Gail Carson
- What-the-Dickens: The Story of a Rogue Tooth Fairy - Maguire, Gregory
- Dragonhaven - McKinley, Robin
- The Navigator - McNamee, Eoin
- Storyteller - Myers, Edward
- The Battle of the Labyrinth - Riordan, Rick
- The Last of the High Kings - Thompson, Kate
- Dragon Keeper - Wilkinson, Carole



### BLACK-EYED SUSAN NOMINEES...

- Shark Girl - Bingham, Kelly
- Thousand Never Evers - Burg, Shana
- Dragon's Keep - Carey, Janet Lee
- The London Eye Mystery - Dowd, Siobhan
- Go Big or Go Home - Hobbs, Will
- Schooled - Korman, Gordon
- Skulduggery Pleasant - Landy, Derek
- The Killing Sea - Lewis, Richard
- Zen and the Art of Faking It - Wolf, Joan
- Someone Named Eva - Wolf, Joan



## HA! HA! THAT'S HILARIOUS...

- Heck: Where the Bad Kids Go - Basye, Dale E.
- The Penderwicks on Gardam Street - Birdsall, Jeanne
- Middle School is Worse Than Meatloaf: A Year Told Through Stuff - Holm, Jennifer
- Born to Rock - Korman, Gordon
- The Willoughbys - Lowry, Lois



## LET'S GET REAL...

- The Truth About Truman School - Butler, Dori Hillestad
- The Truth About Forever - Dessen, Sarah
- How I Saved My Father's Life (And Ruined Everything Else) - Hood, Ann
- The Juvie Three - Korman, Gordon
- The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau Banks: A Novel - Lockart, E.
- All Shook Up - Pearsall, Shelley
- The Mailbox - Shafer, Audrey
- Antsy Does Time - Shusterman, Neal
- Smiles to Go - Spinelli, Jerry
- Sammy Keyes and the Cold Hard Cash - Van Draanen, Wendelin
- A Horse of Her Own - Wedekind, Annie

## MULTI-CULTURAL...

- I Wanna Be Your Shoebox - Garcia, Cristina
- Hot, Sour, Salty, Sweet - Smith, Sherri L.
- Keeping the Nightwatch - Smith, Hope Anita

## HISTORICAL FICTION...

- The Boy Who Dared - Bartoletti, Susan Campbell
- How It Happened in Peach Hill - Jocelyn, Marthe
- White Sands, Red Menace - Ellen Klages
- Black Duck - Lisle, Janet Taylor
- When I Crossed No-Bob - McMullen, Margaret
- Assassin - Myers, Anna



## ALIENS AND ROBOTS AND SPACE, OH MY!...

- The Awakening - Carroll, Michael Owen
- Interworld - Gaiman, Neil
- Maximum Ride: Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports - Patterson, James
- Life As We Knew It - Pfeffer, Susan Beth
- Footprints in Time - Popescu, Petru



## FACT, FACT, FACT!...

- Amazing Leonardo DaVinci: Inventions You Can Build Yourself - Anderson, Maxine
- Harry, a History: The True Story of a Boy Wizard, His Fans, and Life Inside the Harry Potter Phenomenon - Anelli, Melissa
- Last-Minute Science Fair Projects: When Your Bunsen's Not Burning but the Clock's Really Ticking - Bardhan-Quallen, Sudipta
- The Great Race: The Amazing Round-the-World Auto Race of 1908 - Blackwood, Gary
- Jim Thorpe: Original All-American - Bruchac, Joseph
- Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion - Burns, Loree Griffin
- Speed Show: How NASCAR Won the Heart of America - Caldwell, Dave
- Counting Coup: Becoming a Crow Chief on the Reservation and Beyond - Crow, Joseph Medicine
- Bodies From the Ash: Life and Death in Ancient Pompeii - Deem, James
- Escape!: The Story of the Great Houdini - Fleischman, Sid
- Superbugs Strike Back: When Antibiotics Fail - Goldsmith, Connie
- The United States Constitution: A Graphic Adaptation - Hennessey, Jonathan
- Being Caribou: Five Months on Foot With a Caribou Herd - Heuer, Karsten
- Onward: A Photobiography of African-American Polar Explorer Matthew Henson - Johnson, Dolores
- Boas and Pythons of the World - O'Shea, Mark
- A Day in the Life of the Brain - Rodriguez, Ana Maria
- Trapped in Ice!: An Amazing True Whaling Adventure - Sandler, Martin W.
- I Am Scout: The Biography of Harper Lee - Shields, Charles
- The Diary of Ma Yan: The Struggles and Hopes of a Chinese Schoolgirl - Yan, Ma

