

2008 - 2009

MIDDLE SCHOOL - GRADES 6 - 8

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FICTION

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AFTER TUPAC & D FOSTER. Jacqueline Woodson. Putnam's. 2008. *Lexile Level 750.* Interest Level Grades 6 - 8. Best Books for Young Adults 2009. Newbery Honor Books - 2009. Notable Children's Books 2009 - Older Readers. In Queens, New York, three girls bond over their shared love of Tupac Shakur's music, as they try to make sense of the unpredictable world they live in.

AIRMAN. Eoin Colfer. Hyperion Books for Children. 2008. *Lexile Level 800.* Interest Level Grades 7 and up. Best Books for Young Adults 2009. In the 1890's on an island off the Irish coast, Conor Broekhart is imprisoned and passes the time scratching designs of flying machines into the walls, including one for a glider which will help him to escape.

ANTSY DOES TIME. Neal Shusterman. Dutton Children's Books. 2008. *Lexile Level 890.* Interest Level Grades 6 - 8. Best Books for Young Adults 2009. Top Shelf Fiction for Middle School Readers 2008. Anthony "Antsy" Bonano learns about life, death, and a lot more when he tries to help a friend with a terminal illness.

THE BOY WHO DARED. Susan Campbell Bartoletti. Scholastic Press. 2008. *Lexile Level 760.* Interest Level Grades 6 - 8. Best Books for Young Adults 2009. Book Links Lasting Connections 2008. Booklist Books for Older Readers - 2008. In 1942 seventeen year old Helmuth Hubener recalls how he came to dedicate himself to bringing the truth about Hitler to the German people.

CHAINS. Laurie Halse Anderson. Simon & Schuster. 2008. *Lexile Level 780.* Interest Level Grades 6 - 8. Best Books for Young Adults 2009. Booklist Books for Older Readers - 2008. Notable Children's Books 2009 - Older Readers. PW's Best Books of the Year 2008. After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

THE DISREPUTABLE HISTORY OF FRANKIE LANDAU-BANKS : A NOVEL. E. Lockhart. Hyperion. 2008. *Lexile Level 890.* Interest Level Grades 7 and up. Best Books for Young Adults 2009. Michael L. Printz Honor Award - 2009. Frankie Landau-Banks attempts to take over a secret, all-male society at her exclusive prep school.

THE DRAGONFLY POOL. Eva Ibbotson and illustrated by Kevin Hawkes. Dutton Children's Books. 2008. *Lexile Level 960.* Interest Level Grades 6 - 8. Best Books of the Year 2008.

Tally helps form a dance troupe that travels to Bergania and helps crown prince Karil flee the Nazis after his father is assassinated.

ELEPHANT RUN. Roland Smith. Hyperion Books for Children. 2007. *Lexile Level 750.* Interest Level Grades 6 - 8. Best Books for Young Adults 2009. Children's Books of the Year 2008.

Nick's father and others are taken prisoner when his plantation in Burma is invaded by the Japanese in 1941, leaving Nick and his friend Mya to risk their lives in order to free them from the POW camp.

THE GRAVEYARD BOOK. Neil Gaiman and illustrations by Dave McKean. HarperCollins. 2008. *Lexile Level 820.* Interest Level Grades 5 - 8. Best Books for Young Adults 2009. Best Science Fiction, Fantasy & Horror 2008. Booklist Books for Older Readers - 2008. Fanfare 2008. Newbery Medal Winner - 2009. Notable Children's Books 2009 - Middle Readers.

The orphan Bod is raised from age 18 months to 18 years by the ghosts and otherworldly creatures in a graveyard.

HERE LIES ARTHUR. Philip Reeve. Scholastic Press. 2008. *Lexile Level 890.* Interest Level Grades 7 and up. Best Books for Young Adults 2009. Best books of the Year 2008. Booklist Books for Older Readers - 2008. Notable Children's Books 2009 - Older Readers.

A retelling of the Arthurian legend, set in southwest Britain in A.D. 500, in which the dark side of Camelot is exposed.

THE HUNGER GAMES. Suzanne Collins. Scholastic Press. 2008. *Lexile Level 810.* Interest Level Grades 7 and up. Best Books for Young Adults 2009. Best Books of the Year 2008. Best Science Fiction, Fantasy & Horror 2008. Booklist Books for Older Readers - 2008. Fanfare 2008. Notable Books of the Year 2009 - Older Readers. PW's Best Books of the Year 2008. Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers 2009.

Sixteen year old Katniss Everdeen becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a competition where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death.

INTO THE VOLCANO : A GRAPHIC NOVEL. Don Wood. Blue Sky Press. 2008. *Lexile Level 240.* Interest Level Grades 6 & 7. Best Books for Young Adults 2009. Booklist Books for Middle Readers - 2008.

While their parents are away brothers Duffy and Sumo Pugg go to visit their Aunt Lulu and become trapped in an erupting volcano.

KEEPING THE NIGHT WATCH. Hope Anita Smith and illustrations by E. B. Lewis. Henry Holt. 2008. *Reading Level 3.4.* Interest Level Grades 6 - 8. Best Books of the Year 2008. Book Links Lasting Connections 2008. Booklist Books for Middle Readers - 2008. King Honor Book -2009. Notable Children's Books 2009 - Older Readers.

A thirteen year old African American boy chronicles what happens to his family when his

father, who temporarily left, returns home.

MORIBITO : GUARDIAN OF THE SPIRIT. Nahoko Uehashi and translated by Cathy Hirano and illustrated by Yuko Shimizu. *Lexile Level 840.* Interest Level Grades 6 - 8. Batchelder Award Winner - 2009. Notable Children's Books 2009 - Middle Readers.

Wandering warrior Balsa is hired to protect Prince Chagum from a mysterious monster and also from the prince's father, the Mikado.

NATION. Terry Pratchett. HarperCollins. 2008. *Lexile Level 790.* Interest Level Grades 7 - 10. Best Books for Young Adults 2009. Best Books of the Year 2008. Booklist Books for Older Readers - 2008. Bulletin Blue Ribbons 2008 - Fiction. Fanfare 2008. Michael L. Printz Honor Award - 2009. Notable Children's Books 2009 - Older Readers. PW's Best Books of the Year 2008.

A tsunami destroys everything leaving Mau, an island boy, Daphne, an aristocratic English girl, and a small group of refugees responsible for rebuilding their world.

PRINCESS BEN : BEING A WHOLLY TRUTHFUL ACCOUNT OF HER VARIOUS DISCOVERIES AND MISADVENTURES, RECOUNTED TO THE BEST OF HER RECOLLECTION, IN FOUR PARTS. Catherine Gilbert Murdock.

Graphia/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 2008. *Lexile Level 1090.* Interest Level Grades 7 - 11. Best Books of the Year 2008. Best Science Fiction, Fantasy, & Horror 2008.

Princess Benevolence discovers an enchanted room while locked in the castle's tower by conniving Queen Sophia, and begins learning magical arts, which may help save her kingdom.

RAPUNZEL'S REVENGE. Shannon and Dean Hale and illustrated by Nathan Hale. Bloomsbury. 2008. *Lexile Level 500.* Interest Level Grades 6 - 8. Notable Children's Books 2009 - Middle Readers.

The graphic novel retelling of the classic fairy tale transforms Rapunzel into a spunky, whip-toting cowgirl.

SIX INNINGS : A GAME IN THE LIFE. James Preller. Feiwel and Friends. 2008. *Lexile Level 690.* Interest Level Grades 6 - 8. Notable Children's Books 2009 - Middle Readers.

A Little League championship game and Sam, who has cancer, has to call the play - by - play rather than participating in the game.

TROUBLE. Gary D. Schmidt. Clarion Books. 2008. *Lexile Level 930.* Interest Level Grades 7 and up. Best Books for Young Adults 2009. Top Shelf Fiction for Middle School Readers 2008.

Henry wishes to honor his brother Franklin's dying wish by hiking Maine's Mount Katahdin, but fate adds another companion - the Cambodian refugee accused of fatally injuring Franklin.

WAITING FOR NORMAL. Leslie Connor. Katherine Tegen Books. 2008. *Lexile Level 570.* Interest Level Grades 6 - 8. Best Books for Young Adults 2009. Best Books of the Year 2008. Notable Children's Books 2009 - Older Readers. Schneider Family Book Award : Middle - 2009.

Twelve year old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior when they go to live in a trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.

