

8TH GRADE BOOKLIST



Famous Last Words Alender - HORROR

At her new home in California, Willa sees a series of strange visions that may be connected to a serial killer who is stalking young girls in Hollywood.

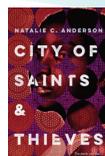
MID F ALENDER and YA ALENDER

Bad Machinery: The Case of the Team Spirit

Allison - GRAPHIC NOVEL, MYSTERY

Jack, Sonny, Linton, Shauna, Charlotte, and Mildred tackle the many mysteries that swirl around the peculiar English town of Tackleford.

MID GC ALLISON and GN ALLISON



City of Saints and Thieves Anderson - MYSTERY

Tina and two friends leave Kenya and slip into the Congo, from where she and her mother fled years before, seeking revenge for her mother's murder and uncovering startling secrets.

YA ANDERSON

The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi Bascomb - NONFICTION, HISTORY

Recounts how, years after the end of World War II, undercover Israeli agents captured the Nazi Adolf Eichmann in Argentina and brought him to trial for crimes committed during the Holocaust.

MID 940.5405 BAS and 940.5405 BAS

Rules of the Road

Bauer - REALISTIC

Jenna drives an elderly businesswoman from Chicago to Texas to confront the son trying to force her to retire, and on the way she hones her talents as a saleswoman and finds the strength to face her alcoholic father.

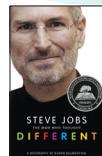
MID F BAUER

Shark Girl

Bingham - VERSE, REALISTIC

After losing her arm in a shark attack, Jane prepares to return to school full of questions: Why did this happen? What about her art? What about her life?

MID F BINGHAM



Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different

Blumenthal - NONFICTION, BIOGRAPHY, TECHNOLOGY

Traces the inspiring life of the late founder of Apple, covering topics ranging from his struggles as an adopted child and a college dropout to his Buddhist faith and friendship with Steve Wozniak.

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The Compound

Bodeen - SCIENCE FICTION, DYSTOPIAN

After Eli and his family have spent six years in a bunker to protect them from a nuclear holocaust, he discovers that the Compound is not the safe haven it seems.

YA BODEEN

To Stay Alive

Brown - HISTORICAL FICTION, SURVIVAL, VERSE

A survivor of the tragic Donner Party on the Oregon Trail in 1846 describes how her family and others became victims of freezing temperatures and starvation.

MID F BROWN



The Testing Charbonneau - SCIENCE FICTION, DYSTOPIAN

Cia is chosen to participate in The Testing to attend the University, but soon she realizes her friends who do not pass The Testing are disappearing.

YA CHARBONNEAU

The Eye of Minds

Dashner - SCIENCE FICTION

When a cyber-terrorist begins to threaten gamers in a world of advanced technology, Michael is called upon to seek him and his secrets out.

YA DASHNER



The Rig Ducie - ACTION, SCIENCE FICTION

Will Drake, a criminal and escape artist, is determined to be the first person to break out of the high-security prison in the Arctic Ocean known as the Rig.

MID F DUCIE and YA DUCIE

If I Stay

Forman - REALISTIC, ROMANCE

While in a coma after a car accident that killed her parents, Mia weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death.

YA FORMAN

The Paladin Prophecy

Frost - FANTASY

Will finds himself in the middle of a millennia-old struggle between titanic forces when he is simultaneously recruited by an exclusive prep school and followed by sinister agents.

MID F FROST

Debunk It

Grant - NONFICTION

Provides readers with the tools to identify misinformation by explaining how to spot bad evidence and poor arguments, and identifying rhetorical tricks used to fool others.

MID 001.9 GRA



Code of Honor Gratz - REALISTIC

When Iranian-American Kamran learns that his brother has been labeled a terrorist, he sets out to piece together the clues that will save his brother's life and his country from a deadly terrorist attack.

MID F GRATZ and YA GRATZ



Soul Surfer

Hamilton - NONFICTION, BIOGRAPHY/ MEMOIR

Bethany Hamilton lost her arm in a shark attack and nearly died, but she never lost her faith. She tells the story of her triumphant return to competitive surfing, which continues to inspire all who hear it.

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Girl Stolen

Henry - THRILLER

Cheyenne, a blind girl, struggles to survive after a boy named Griffin steals her mom's car not knowing she is inside, and his dad decides to hold her for ransom.

YA HENRY

The Enemy

Higson - ACTION, HORROR, DYSTOPIAN

After a devastating disease, everyone sixteen and older is either dead or a decomposing, brainless creature, and the remaining teens struggle to survive in the new world.

YA HIGSON

The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club

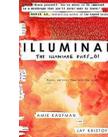
Hoose - NONFICTION, HISTORY

The true story of a group of boy resistance fighters in Denmark after the Nazi invasion.

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Illuminae

Kaufman - SCIENCE FICTION



When their planet is attacked, Kady and Ezra board a space fleet fleeing the enemy, but their ship's sinister artificial intelligence and a deadly plague may be the end of them.

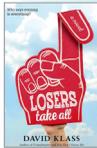
YA KAUFMAN

The Forbidden Wish

Khoury - FANTASY, ROMANCE

Zahra, a genie, finds her chance for freedom challenged by her love for her master.

YA KHOURY



Losers Take All Klass - HUMOR, SPORTS

At a sports-crazy NJ high school where all kids must play on a team, a group of rebels start a soccer team determined to lose games as spectacularly and hilariously as they can.

MID F KLASS and YA KLASS

The Art of Secrets Klise - MYSTERY

When some priceless art turns up at a fundraiser for a Pakistani-American family, victims of a possible hate crime, people begin to debate who should get the money and question each other's innocence.

MID F KLISE



Boy Meets Boy Levithan - ROMANCE

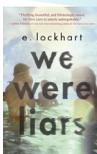
Paul tries to win the heart of a boy named Noah while his best friend Joni is drifting, his other best friend Tony deals with ultra-religious parents, and his ex-boyfriend Kyle refuses to go away.

YA LEVITHAN

I am a Genius of Unspeakable Evil and I Want to Be Your Class President Lieb - HUMOR

Oliver has everyone convinced that he is stupid and lazy, but he is actually a very wealthy evil genius, and when he decides to run for class president, nothing will stand in his way.

MID F LIEB and YA LIEB



We Were Liars Lockhart - THRILLER, MYSTERY

Cadence struggles to remember a mysterious accident she had while staying with her cousins and boyfriend on her grandfather's private island.

YA LOCKHART



Heaven Looks a Lot Like the Mall Mass - VERSE, REALISTIC

When Tessa falls into a coma, she experiences heaven as the mall where her parents work, and she revisits key events from her life, causing her to reevaluate herself and how she wants to live.

MID F MASS



Breakaway: Beyond the Goal Morgan - NONFICTION, BIOGRAPHY/ MEMOIR

Olympic gold medal soccer player Alex Morgan details her path to success, from her childhood to her time on the United States' National team.

MID 796.334 MOR

We Are All Made of Molecules Nielsen - REALISTIC

Brilliant but socially-challenged Stewart and mean-girl Ashley must find common ground when Stewart's father moves in with Ashley's mother, whose gay ex-husband lives in their guest house.

MID F NIELSEN and YA NIELSEN

Trapped Northrup - SURVIVAL

Seven students are stranded at their school during a blizzard that shuts down the power and heat, freezes the pipes, and threatens their survival.

YA NORTHRUP



Shadowshaper Older - FANTASY

Sierra Santiago discovers her Puerto Rican family are shadowshapers, who use magic that springs from works of art, and finds herself in a battle with an evil anthropologist for the lives of her family and friends.

YA OLDER

This Dark Endeavor: The Apprenticeship of Victor Frankenstein

Oppel - HORROR, HISTORICAL FICTION

When his twin brother falls ill, Victor Frankenstein embarks on a dangerous quest to create the forbidden Elixir of Life described in an ancient text.

MID F OPPEL and YA OPPEL

When My Name Was Keoko Park - HISTORICAL FICTION

A brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.

MID F PARK

Queer, There, and Everywhere: 23 People Who Changed the World

Prager - NONFICTION, LGBTQIA+

A LGBTQ chronicle for teens shares facts about 23 influential gay and gender-ambiguous notables from the era of the Roman Empire to the present.

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The Hired Girl Schlitz - HISTORICAL FICTION

Over the summer of 1911, Joan--a hired girl cleaning and cooking for six dollars a week--pours her heart out into her diary as she seeks a new, better life for herself.

MID F SCHLITZ



Salt to the Sea Sepetys - HISTORICAL FICTION

As World War II draws to a close, teen refugees try to escape the war's final dangers, only to find themselves aboard a ship with a target on its hull.

YA SEPETYS

The Berlin Boxing Club Sharenow - HISTORICAL FICTION

In 1936 Berlin, Karl Stern, considered Jewish despite a non-religious upbringing, learns to box from the legendary Max Schmeling while struggling with the realities of the Holocaust.

YA SHARENOW

Hidden Figures Shetterly - NONFICTION, HISTORY

The amazing true story of four African-American female mathematicians at NASA who helped achieve some of the greatest moments in our space program.

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Nimona Stevenson - GRAPHIC NOVEL, FANTASY

Nimona, an impulsive young shapeshifter with a violent side, wreaks some serious havoc when she becomes sidekick to the villainous Lord Blackheart.

GN STEVENSON

Golden Boy Sullivan - REALISTIC

A Tanzanian albino boy is hunted across the country by poachers who want to sell his body parts because of a superstition that they are magical.

MID F SULLIVAN

Samurai Rising Turner - NONFICTION, HISTORY

This is the story of Minamoto Yoshitsune, the greatest samurai in Japanese history, who led a daring military campaign against the Minamoto clan who murdered his family.

MID 952.01 MIN



Top Prospect Volponi - SPORTS

Travis gets the opportunity of a lifetime when the coach of the Gainesville University football program offers him a scholarship before Travis even gets to high school.

MID F VOLPONI

Heads Up Psychology Weeks - NONFICTION, SCIENCE

In clear language with attractive graphics, this book explores big ideas from all areas of psychology including psychoanalysis, intelligence, and mental disorders.

MID 158.1 WEE



Code Name Verity Wein - HISTORICAL FICTION

In 1943, a British plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and courage as she says what she must to survive while keeping secret all that she can.

YA WEIN

The Sun Is Also A Star Yoon - ROMANCE, REALISTIC

Natasha is an undocumented immigrant who believes in science and facts. Daniel is a romantic with a strict family. One fateful day, they meet, and Daniel is convinced that it's love at first sight.

YA YOON