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**BOOK SUGGESTIONS**

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MIDDLE SCHOOL - funny Books

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JUVENILE FICTION

**J Babbit**—[\*Jack Plank Tells Tales\*](#)

Even though Jack was a pirate, he wasn't very good at plundering. So he got help trying to find another job. Each evening he tells the tale that takes the wind out of his sails.

**J Barry**—[\*Peter and the Sword of Mercy\*](#)

When shadow creatures search for a secret cache of starstuff that fell to London many centuries ago, Wendy Darling employs the help of Peter Pan and the Lost Boys to protect the Sword of Mercy--the key that unlocks the vault where the starstuff is hidden.

**J Helgerson**—[\*Crows and Cards\*](#)

In 1849, Zeb's parents ship him off to St. Louis to become an apprentice tanner, but the naive twelve-year-old rebels, casting his lot with a cheating riverboat gambler, while a slave and an Indian medicine man try to get Zeb back on the right path.

**J Korman**—[\*No More Dead Dogs\*](#)

Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.

**J Lethcoe**—[\*You Wish\*](#) (series)

When a miserable orphan unknowingly disrupts the balance of power between the magical realms of wishes and curses, he must join forces with the Wishworks Factory to reclaim his errant wish and set things right again

**J Peck**—[\*Season of Gifts\*](#) (and others)

Relates the surprising gifts bestowed on twelve-year-old Bob Barnhart and his family, who have recently moved to a small Illinois town in 1958, by their larger-than-life neighbor, Mrs. Dowdel.

**J Sanderson**—[\*Alcatraz versus the Evil Librarians\*](#) (series)

On his thirteenth birthday, Alcatraz Smedry receives a bag of sand which is immediately stolen by the evil Librarians who are trying to take over the world, and Alcatraz is introduced to his own special talent, and told that he must use it to save civilization.

## YOUNG ADULT FICTION

### YA Cushman—[Catherine, Called Birdy](#)

The daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures and her efforts to avoid being married off.

### YA Ferris—[Once Upon a Marigold](#)

A young man with a mysterious past and a penchant for inventing things leaves the troll who raised him, meets an unhappy princess he has loved from afar, and discovers a plot against her and her father.

### YA Lieb—[I am a Genius of Unspeakable Evil and I Want to be Your Class President](#)

12-year-old Oliver Watson has everyone convinced that he is extremely stupid and lazy, but he is actually a very wealthy, evil genius, and when he decides to run for 7th-grade class president, nothing will stand in his way.

### YA Limb—[Girl 15, Charming But Insane](#)

Fifteen-year-old Jess, living with her mum, separated from her father in Cornwall, and with a best friend who seems to do everything perfectly, finds her own assets through humor.

### YA Myracle—[TTYL](#)

Chronicles, in "instant message" format, the day-to-day experiences, feelings, and plans of three friends, Zoe, Maddie, and Angela, as they begin tenth grade.

### YA Peck—[The Teacher's Funeral](#)

In rural Indiana in 1904, fifteen-year-old Russell's dreams of quitting school and joining a wheat threshing crew are disrupted when his older sister takes over the teaching at his one-room schoolhouse after mean, old Myrt Arbuckle "hauls off and dies."

### YA Pratchett—[The Wee Free Men](#)

A young witch-to-be named Tiffany teams up with the Wee Free Men, a clan of six-inch-high blue men, to rescue her baby brother and ward off a sinister invasion from Fairyland.

### YA Schmidt—[The Wednesday Wars](#)

During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.

### YA Sonnenblick—[Notes from the Midnight Driver](#) (and others)

After being assigned to perform community service at a nursing home, 16-year-old Alex befriends a cantankerous old man who has some lessons to impart about jazz guitar playing, love, and forgiveness.

### YA Wrede—[Dealing with Dragons](#) (series)

Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons and soon becomes involved with fighting against some disreputable wizards who want to steal the dragons' kingdom.

