



middle school BOOKS girls LOVE

JUVENILE FICTION

J Connor—[Waiting for Normal](#)

Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks.

J Dionne—[Models Don't Eat Chocolate Cookies](#)

Overweight thirteen-year-old Celeste begins a campaign to lose weight in order to make sure she does not win the Miss HuskeyPeach modeling challenge, in which her mother and aunt have entered her against her wishes.

J Dowell—[The Secret Language of Girls](#)

Marylin and Kate have been friends since nursery school, but when Marylin becomes a middle school cheerleader and Kate begins to develop other interests, their relationship is put to the test.

J Kent—[Rocky Road](#)

Fashion-loving twelve-year-old Tess moves with her deaf younger brother and impulsive single mother to Schenectady, New York, where they open an ice-cream shop and lead a campaign for urban renewal.

J Law—[Savvy](#)

Recounts the adventures of Mibs, whose 13th birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.

J Naylor—[Faith, Hope and Ivy June](#)

During a student exchange program, seventh-graders Ivy June and Catherine share their lives, homes, and communities, and find that although their lifestyles are total opposites they have a lot in common.

J Staples—[Shiva's Fire](#)

In India, a talented dancer sacrifices friends and family for her art.

J Weeks—[As Simple As It Seems](#)

Eleven-year-old Verbena Polter gets through a difficult summer of turbulent emotions and the revelation of a disturbing family secret with an odd new friend who believes she is the ghost of a girl who drowned many years before.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

YA Carter—[I'd Tell You I Love You But Then I'd Have to Kill You](#)

As a sophomore at a secret spy school and the daughter of a former CIA operative, Cammie is sheltered from "normal teenage life" until she meets a local boy while on a class surveillance mission.

YA Cooney—[Goddess of Yesterday](#)

Taken from her home as a 6-year-old girl, Anaxndra poses as two different princesses over the next six years, before ending up as a servant in the company of Helen and Paris as they make their way to Troy.

YA Friend—[Perfect](#)

Following the death of her father, a 13-year-old uses bulimia as a way to avoid her mother's and 10-year-old sister's grief, as well as her own.

YA Hale—[The Goose Girl](#) (and others)

Princess Anidori, on her way to marry a prince she has never met, is betrayed by her guards and her lady-in-waiting. She must become a goose girl to survive until she can reveal her true identity and reclaim the crown that is rightfully hers.

YA Lytton—[Jane in Bloom](#)

Devastated when her beautiful older sister dies from anorexia, twelve-year-old Jane recovers slowly from the tragedy, with help from unexpected sources.

YA Mackall—[Eva Underground](#)

In 1978, a high school senior is forced by her widowed father to move from their comfortable Chicago suburb to help with an underground education movement in communist Poland.

YA Mass—[Every Soul a Star](#)

Ally, Bree, and Jack meet at the one place the Great Eclipse can be seen in totality, each carrying the burden of different personal problems, which become dim when compared to the task they embark upon and the friendship they find.

YA Pfeffer—[Life as We Knew It](#) (and others)

Through journal entries 16-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

YA Rallison—[Just One Wish](#)

17-year-old Annika tries to cheer up her little brother before his surgery to remove a cancerous tumor by bringing home his favorite television actor, the star of "Teen Robin Hood."

YA Rallison—[My Fair Godmother](#)

High school sophomore Savannah wants to find the perfect prom date after her boyfriend breaks up with her to date her older sister, but when a godmother becomes involved, Savannah finds herself in trouble in the Middle Ages, along with a boy who would like to be her charming prince.

YA Stanley—[Bella at Midnight: the thimble, the ring, and the slippers of glass](#)

Raised by peasants, Bella discovers that she is actually the daughter of a knight, and soon finds herself caught up in a terrible plot that will change her life and the kingdom forever.

YA Supplee—[Somebody Everybody Listens To](#)

Upon graduating from high school in the tiny town of Starling, Tennessee, aspiring country singer Retta Lee Jones manages to get herself to Nashville, where, in spite of some bad luck and hard times, she tries to persevere in pursuing her dreams.

YA Whelan—[Listening for Lions](#)

Left an orphan after the influenza epidemic in British East Africa in 1918, 13-year-old Rachel is tricked into assuming a deceased neighbor's identity to travel to England, where her only dream is to return to Africa and rebuild her parents' mission hospital.