Best Books for 11-Year-Olds
Imagination Soup

REALISTIC
Front Desk by Kelly Yang
Nowhere Boy by Katherine Marsh
The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty
The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street by Karina Yan Glaser
Booked by Kwame Alexander
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Louisiana’s Way Home by Kate DiCamillo
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
Okay for Now by Gary D. Schmidt
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling
Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan
All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook by Leslie Connor
All Four Stars by Tara Dairman
See You in the Cosmos by Jack Cheng
All Four Stars by Tara Dairman
The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall
The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Perez
Captain Superlative by J. S. Puller
Ghost by Jason Reynolds
The Seventh Wish by Kate Messner
The Looney Experiment by Luke Reynolds
Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelsen
Bayou Magic by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Mother Daughter Book Club by Heather Vogel Frederick
Pax by Sara Pennypacker
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
Two Naomis by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich & Audrey Vernick

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FANTASY
The Ruins of Gorlan: Ranger's Apprentice by John A. Flanagan
Dealing with Dragons by Patricia C. Wrede
The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill
The Serpent's Secret (Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond #1) by Sayantani Dasgupta
The Language of Spells by Garret Weyr
Impyrium by Henry H. Neff
Keeper of the Lost Cities by Shannon Messenger
A Tale of Dark and Grimm by Adam Gidwitz
Five Kingdoms by Brandon Mull
Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy by Karen Foxlee
Odd and the Frost Giants by Neil Gaiman
Furthermore by Tahereh Mafi
Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan
Nightbird by Alice Hoffman

PARANORMAL
Lockwood & Co The Screaming Staircase by Jonathan Stroud
Dead City by James Ponti

DYSTOPIAN
Edge of Extinction The Ark Plan by Laura Martin
The List by Patricia Forde
The Fog Diver by Joel Ross
The Last Dogs: The Vanishing by Christopher Holt

SCI-FI
Space Case by Stuart Gibbs
The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier
The Giver by Lois Lowry
Masterminds by Gordon Korman
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle

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MYSTERY
Winterhouse by Ben Guterson
Isabel Feeney, Star Reporter by Beth Fantasy
Classy Crooks Club by Alison Cherry
The Extraordinary Education of Nicholas Benedict by Diana Sudyka
The Wollstonecraft Detective Agency The Case of the Missing Moonstone by Jordan Stratford
The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd
Belly Up by Stuart Gibbs

HISTORICAL FICTION
The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Lost in the Pacific, 1942: Not a Drop to Drink by Tod Olson
Refugee by Alan Gratz
Sweep by Jonathan Auxier
Mad Wolf’s Daughter by Diane Magras
Ahisma by Supriya Kelkar
Midnight Without a Moon by Linda Williams Jackson
Running Out of Night by Sharon Lovejoy
A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
Journey of the Pale Bear by Susan Fletcher October
The Inquisitor’s Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog by Adam Gidwitz
Paper Wishes by Lois Sepahban
Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan
Gone Crazy in Alabama by Rita Williams Garcia
In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse by Joseph Marshall III
Chains, Forge, Ashes (Seeds of America) by Laurie Halse Anderson

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HUMOR
Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger
A Whole Nother Story by Cuthbert Soup
Anyone But Ivy Pocket by Caleb Krisp
The Terrible Two by Mac Barnett and Jory John
The Worst Class Trip Ever by Dave Barry
Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life by James Patterson and Chris Tebbetts

GRAPHIC NOVELS
Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier
All’s Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson
Smile by Raina Telgemeier
Pashmina by Nidhi Chanani
Phoebe and Her Unicorn: A Heavenly Nostrils Chronicle by Dana Simpson
Big Nate Welcome to My World by Lincoln Peirce
Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova
Zeus: King of the Gods by George O’Conner
Science Comics: Bats Learning to Fly by Falynn Koch

ADVENTURE
Charlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan Calejo
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library by Chris Grabenstein
Greetings From Witness Protection by Jake Burt
To Catch a Cheat by Varian Johnson
Beetle Boy by M.G. Leonard
The Outcasts: Brotherband Chronicles by John Flanagan
Scar Island by Dan Gemeinhart
The Cloak Society by Jeramey Kraatz
Hypnotists by Gordon Korman
Theodore Boone The Scandal by John Grisham

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