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Legendary Griff Carver joins the Rampart Middle School Hallway Patrol and with the help of his new friends, Griff solves the case of counterfeit hall passes.

**Amelia's 6th-grade notebook — MARISSA MOSS**

Problems arise for Amelia when she starts sixth grade at the same middle school where her older sister Cleo is an eighth-grader, and she gets the school's meanest teacher for three of her classes.

**Sixth-grade glommers, norks and me — LISA PAPADEMETRIOU**

Keeping a journal of words that help define her world, Allie tries to navigate through the strange land of sixth grade. With the help of her soccer team, a few new friends, and some shocking surprises from old friends, Allie soon discovers that she does have the strength to be herself.

**Middle school, the worst years of my life**

**JAMES PATTERSON** When Rafe Kane enters middle school, he teams up with his best friend, "Leo the Silent," to create a game to make school more fun by trying to break every rule in the school's code of conduct.

**Lawn Boy — GARY PAULSEN** Things get out of hand for a twelve-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business.

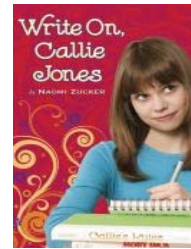
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**JAMES ROY** After playing a prank on one of his



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"geeky" classmates, sixth-grader Max Quigley's punishment is to be tutored by him.

**There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom — LOUIS SACHAR**

An unmanageable, but lovable, eleven-year-old misfit learns to believe in himself when he gets to know the new school counselor, who is a sort of misfit too.

**Loser — JERRY SPINELLI**

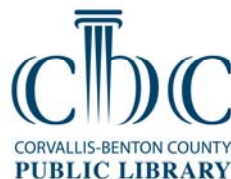
Even though his classmates from first grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Daniel Zinkoff's optimism and exuberance and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.

**The Detention Club — DAVID YOO**

Sixth-grader Peter Lee, in a desperate attempt to regain the popularity he had in elementary school, discovers that serving detention can win him important friends, much to the dismay of his over-achieving eighth-grade sister, Sunny.

**Write On, Callie Jones — NAOMI ZUCKER**

As she continues to establish rules for navigating middle school, aspiring author Callie writes for the school newspaper until the principal cancels her article and Callie's quest to have her voice heard leads to a series of unexpected consequences.

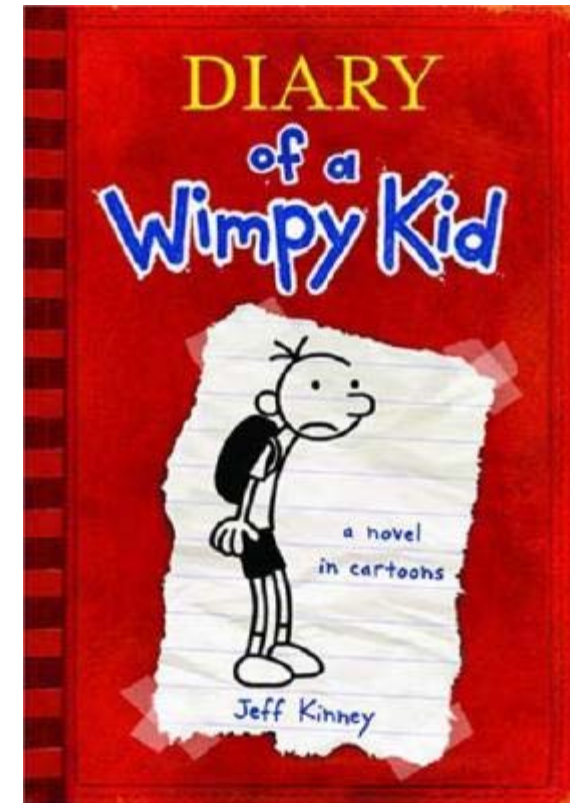


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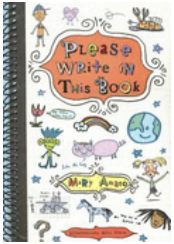


**Recommended books  
for kids who liked the  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid  
series**



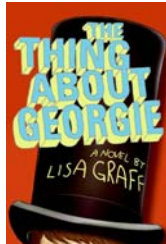
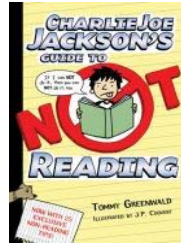


**These books are located in the Juvenile Fiction Section under the author's last name, unless otherwise noted\*. This booklist is only a beginning. The Youth Services Librarians can suggest other titles. Just ask!**



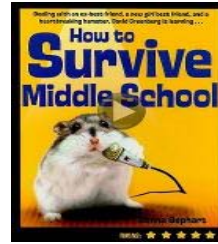
**Please Write in This Book**  
by Mary Amato

**Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading**  
by Tom Greenwald



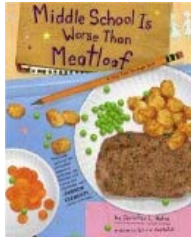
**The Thing About Georgie**  
by Lisa Graff

**How to Survive Middle School**  
by Donna Gephart



**The Homework Machine**  
by Dan Gutman

**Middle School is Worse Than Meatloaf**  
by Jennifer L. Holm



**Please Write in This Book — MARY AMATO**

When Ms. Wurtz leaves a blank book in the Writer's Corner with a note encouraging those who find it to "talk to each other" in its pages, the student's entries spark a classroom-wide battle.

**The strange case of Origami Yoda — TOM**

**ANGLEBURGER** Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future.

**Gossip from the Girls' Room: a Blogtastic! Novel**

— **ROSE COOPER** Sixth-grader Sofia Becker writes a blog about everything she overhears in the girls' bathroom, especially mean things about the super-popular Mia, but comes to realize that gossip has consequences and popularity is hard to achieve.

**Heads or Tails: stories from the sixth grade —**

**JACK GANTOS** Jack's diary helps him deal with his problems which include dog-eating alligators, a terror for an older sister, a younger brother who keeps breaking parts of himself, and next-door neighbors who are really weird.

**How to survive middle school — DONNA**

**GEPHART** When David Greenberg's best friend makes the start of middle school even worse than he feared it could be, David becomes friends with

Sophie, who shares his love of television shows and posts one of their skits on YouTube, making them wildly popular--online, at least.

**The Defense of Thaddeus Ledbetter: a novel —**

**JOHN GOSSELINK** Thaddeus A. Ledbetter, who considers it a duty to share his knowledge and talent with others, refutes each of the charges which have sent him to "In-School Suspension" for the remainder of seventh grade.

**Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to not Reading —**

**TOM GREENWALD** Charlie Joe is proud of his success at avoiding reading, but eventually his schemes go too far.

**The Thing About Georgie — LISA GRAFF**

Georgie's dwarfism causes problems, but he could always rely on his parents, his best friend, and classmate Jeanie the Meanie's teasing, until a surprising announcement, a new boy in school, and a class project shake things up.

**Bravo, Max! — SALLY GRINDLEY**

As he turns 11, Max continues to exchange letters with his favorite author, from whom he receives some advice about writing a play and about coping with his mother's new boyfriend.

**The Homework Machine — DAN GUTMAN**

Four fifth-grade students--a geek, a class clown, a teacher's pet, and a slacker--as well as their teacher

and mothers, each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.

**Flashcards of My Life — CHARISE MERICLE**

**HARPER** Emily's life in junior high school and at home is revealed as she uses the journaling flashcards her Aunt Chester sent as a birthday gift to help sort through changing friendships, possible boyfriends, and her mother's obsession with nutty desserts.

**Toby Wheeler: Eight Grade Benchwarmer —**

**THATCHER HELDRING** When Toby finally decides to join the middle school basketball team, he does not anticipate the changes that will occur in his relationship with his best friend JJ, who is the team's star player, as well as in other areas of his life.

**Middle School is Worse than Meatloaf : A Year Told Through Stuff — JENNIFER L.**

**HOLM** Ginny starts out with ten items on her to-do list for seventh grade, but notes, cartoons, and other "stuff" reveal what seems like a thousand things that go wrong between September and June, both at school and at home.