

# Friendship Fiction

for  
Middle Readers  
9-12 years old



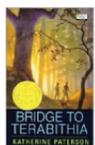
**Battle of Darcy Lane**  
by Tara Altebrando

When a new girl named Alyssa moves to their sleepy street, Julia must compete with her for the attention of her best friend Taylor. Soon, Taylor and Alyssa start to tease Julia, and she finds ways to deal with the mean girls.



**Better Nate than ever** by Tim Federle

Nate dreams of being on Broadway. With the help of his best friend Libby, he sneaks away from his family to head to New York to audition for *E. T.-The Musical*. Sequel is Five, six, seven, Nate!



**Bridge to Terabithia** by Katherine Paterson

Jess starts a friendship with a new girl at school named Leslie, and they create a magical world of their own called Terabithia.



**Every soul a star: a novel** by Wendy Mass

Ally meets Bree and Jack when they arrive at the Moon Shadow campground where she lives, and they get to know each other while waiting to view a solar eclipse.



**The friendship matchmaker**  
by Randa Abdel-Fattah

Lara Zany is The Friendship Matchmaker. She has fool proof rules for helping anyone make friends. However, her skills are put to the test when Emily Wong, the new girl in school, decides she wants to make her own rules for finding friends. There is a sequel- *The Friendship matchmaker goes undercover*.



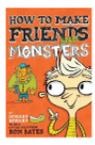
**Half a chance** by Cynthia Lord

Lucy's father is a famous photographer. Fearing her photos might not be good enough, she anonymously enters a photography contest that her father is judging. As she takes her pictures, she develops a friendship with Nate.



**How I survived middle school: Can you get an F in lunch?** by Nancy Krulik

There are many books in the *How I survived middle school* series. In this, the first, Jenny feels ready for sixth grade with her best friend Addie by her side until Addie decides she might want to hang out with the cooler kids instead.



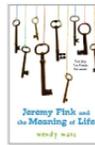
**How to make friends and monsters** by Howard Boward with a little help from Ron Bates

In this funny tale, Howard is a genius nerd with an attitude and not many friends. He decides to make a friend, and with a science experiment gone wrong, he does. It turns out his new friend is a monster, who actually turns out to be pretty popular.



**It's raining cupcakes** by Lisa Schroeder

Lily dreams of leaving Oregon and traveling the world. She might be able to do that if she wins a kids' baking contest. Recipes are included. Companion book is *Frosting and friendship*.



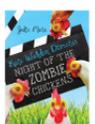
**Jeremy Fink and the meaning of life**  
by Wendy Mass

A mysterious box left by Jeremy's dad before he died is said to hold the meaning of life. There is one problem- the key to the box is missing. Best friends Jeremy and Lizzie set out to find the key to see what is inside.



**Kate the great: except when she's not**  
by Suzy Becker

Kate is faced with a dilemma in this humorous story filled with doodles and cartoons. What do you do when your mom asks you to be nice to your nemesis?



**Kate Walden directs: night of the zombie chickens** by Julie Mata

Seventh-grader Kate navigates middle school girl drama while filming her movie *Night of the Zombie Chickens* and plotting revenge on her former best friend.



**Milo: sticky notes and brain freeze**  
by Alan Silberberg

When Milo's mother dies, everything changes for him. But with the help of his friends, Milo learns to focus on positive memories. Cartoons throughout the book add humor to a powerful story.



**One and only Ivan** by Katherine Applegate

This 2013 Newbery Medal winner looks at the unlikely friendship between Ivan, a gorilla, and Ruby, a baby elephant.



**Piper Reed, forever friend**  
by Kimberly Willis Holt

Piper Reed has trouble making friends when she moves, yet again. That is, until she meets Arizona, an intriguing girl who collects stamps and bowls. There are several books in the Piper Reed series.



**Raymond and Graham rule the school**  
by Mike Knudson

Best friends Graham and Raymond look forward to being the oldest in the school as they deal with a variety of funny and awkward situations.



**The secret language of girls**  
by Frances O'Roark Dowell

Two best friends, Marilyn and Kate, find their long-term friendship changing as they enter middle school. Sequel is *The kind of friends we used to be*.



**The view from Saturday** by E. L. Konigsburg

Four sixth-grade students get to know each other while working together on the Academic Bowl team.



**Violet Raines almost got struck by lightning**  
by Danette Haworth

Violet finds everything changing in her friendship with Lottie when Melissa arrives in town.