

Novels in Verse

for
Middle Readers
9-12 years old

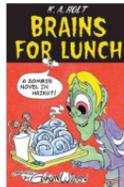


Another day as Emily
by Eileen Spinelli

When Susie's brother is named the town hero, she becomes jealous and finds comfort in the poetry and reclusive lifestyle of Emily Dickinson.

Brains for lunch: a zombie novel in haiku?!
by K.A. Holt

A zombie named Loeb wins a haiku contest and is attracted to a human named Siobhan in this story completely told in haiku.



Booked by Kwame Alexander

Nick has a big soccer tournament coming up against his best friend's team, as he also deals with family problems and bullies with the support of a very cool librarian.

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Josh and Jordan are seventh grade twins and basketball stars. They wrestle with life's ups and downs while worrying about their father's declining health.

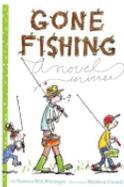


Eva of the Farm by Dia Calhoun

Eva loves her family's farm in Washington State, but the life she knows is threatened when the family faces foreclosure on the farm.

Gone fishing: a novel in verse
by Tamera Will Wissinger

Nine-year-old Sam loves his fishing trips with his dad, but he is not happy when his pesky little sister wants to come along.

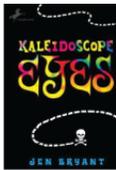
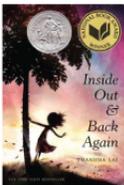


Hate that cat by Sharon Creech

Jack is working on his poetry writing skills as he writes about a cat he does not like and learns about a few famous poems.

Inside out & back again by Thanhha Lai

A young girl tells about her family's departure from Vietnam in 1975 and their new life in Alabama.



Kaleidoscope eyes by Jen Bryant

After her grandfather's funeral, thirteen-year-old Lyza finds a package with three maps in his attic addressed to her, which leads her on an adventure to discover hidden treasure.

The last fifth grade of Emerson Elementary
by Laura Shovan

Told from multiple perspectives, eighteen students tell the story of their fifth grade year as the district prepares to close the school to make room for a new grocery store.

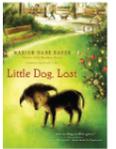


Listen, slowly by Thanhha Lai

Mai plans to spend the summer at the beach, but instead, she travels to Vietnam with her grandma who is investigating what happened to her husband during the Vietnam War.

Little dog, lost by Marion Dane Bauer

A boy, a dog and a lonely old man come together when the dog runs away in this sweet story with a hint of mystery.



Looking for me by Betsy R. Rosenthal

Set in 1936 Baltimore, this is the story of Edith, who tries to find her place in her very large Jewish family of twelve children.

Love that dog by Sharon Creech

After his teacher reads a variety of poems, Jack begins to like poetry and writes a poem of his own.

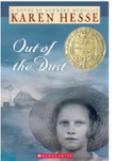


May B: a novel by Caroline Starr Rose

After a failed crop, May B's family pulls her out of school and hires her out to care for another couple, but she is left alone to fend for herself on the Kansas prairie when both of her new employers leave.

Out of the dust by Karen Hesse

Billie Jo relates the story of tough times living in Oklahoma during the Great Depression.

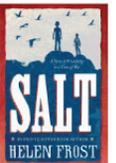


Reaching for sun
by Tracie Vaughn Zimmer

Middle school student, Josie, deals with cerebral palsy, her quirky family, and loneliness as she meets a new boy who moves into her neighborhood.

Salt: a story of friendship in a time of war
by Helen Frost

Tells the story of a friendship between two twelve-year-old boys- one, a Native American and the other, from a trading family. Can their friendship survive the tensions brewing at the beginning of the War of 1812?



Serafina's promise: a novel in verse
by Ann E. Burg

A young Haitian girl faces terrible obstacles but dreams of going to school and becoming a doctor.

Zorgamazoo by Robert Paul Weston

Katrina Katrell meets Morty and goes on a fantastical journey to help save the zorgles from a strange place called Zorgamazoo.

