

Humorous Novels

A Booklist for Middle Readers

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READERS

Anastasia Krupnik by Lois Lowry

Ten-year-old Anastasia keeps a green notebook in which she talks about getting a new baby brother, getting to know her grandparents, and falling in love for the first time.

The Best Halloween Ever by Barbara Robinson

The six Herdman children are up to their usual mischievous tricks causing chaos on Halloween.



Busted! by Betty Hicks

Twelve-year-old Stuart is grounded a lot for one thing or another by his overly strict mother. When his friend suggests that they fix his mother up with the soccer coach, he reluctantly agrees – not anticipating the results of his actions.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Five lucky children receive a golden ticket that entitles them to visit Willy Wonka's chocolate factory and find it to be a wild and wacky place.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal by Jeff Kinney

Greg tells the hilarious story of his first year of middle school through writings in his journal and cartoon drawings.



The Great Turkey Walk by Kathleen Karr

A fifteen-year-old boy attempts to walk 1,000 turkeys from Missouri to Colorado leading to some interesting and amusing experiences along the way.

Here Lies the Librarian by Richard Peck

Peewee, a young tomboy living in a small town in Indiana in 1914, gets encouragement to do things usually reserved for boys when four female library students arrive in town and rearrange the usual rules.

How to Train your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third hopes to become a Viking Hero by capturing and then training a dragon, made all the harder by his choice of a scrawny, toothless creature.

Lawn Boy by Gary Paulsen

When a young boy starts a lawn mowing business and then accepts the help of a neighbor in investing his earnings in the stock market, it leads to some amusing results.

Leon and the Spitting Image by Allen Kurzweil

A young boy dealing with a cruel teacher and a nasty bully in school discovers that his sewing project doll – found to have magical powers – looks exactly like his teacher.



Liar of Kudzu by Bob Schooley

Pete has a knack for telling far-fetched stories so when he and Justine witness the crash of a strange space probe, they enlist the help of the geeky boy at school to try and discover the mystery behind the machine.

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater

Mr. Popper has always loved reading about polar explorations. When he receives a surprise package from Antarctica containing a penguin from Admiral Drake, his ordinary life changes drastically.



Nicholas by Rene Goscinny

A collection of nineteen stories set in France tell about a mischievous boy named Nicholas and his escapades in and outside of school.

Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren

The adventures of an impish young girl who lives without grownups at the edge of a Swedish village.

Regarding the Fountain: A Tale, in Letters, of Liars and Leaks by Kate Klise

The fifth-grade class of Dry Creek Middle School becomes involved in the purchase and design of a new water fountain for the school through the use of a zany assortment of letters between a fountain designer and the school.

Regular Guy by Sarah Weeks

Eleven-year-old Guy's parents are so weird and he is so normal. He begins to think that he was switched at birth with a nerdy boy at school who was, coincidentally, born the same day and place as he.

Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar

Wayside School, built 30 stories high, comes alive with thirty stories about the teachers and students in this quirky school.

The 6th Grade Nickname Game by Gordon Korman

Wiley and Jeff are known for giving nicknames to classmates and teachers around the school, but are in for a bit of a challenge when they nickname their new football coach and the new girl in school.

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Peter Hatcher tells the story of his chaotic life with his younger siblings and the problems they cause for him.



The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts

by Richard Peck

Russell tells the humorous details of life at school and at home after the schoolteacher dies and his teenage sister takes over teaching the class.

The Trolls by Polly Horvath

When their parents go on a trip to Paris, Melissa, Amanda, and Pee Wee enjoy a quirky and unusual week with their Aunt Sally and learn a lot of funny family stories.

The Willoughbys by Lois Lowry

In this old-fashioned story, the four Willoughby children stay with a nanny when their parents go on an extended vacation and they dream of a life with no parents.