Middle School is Worse than Meatloaf
By Jennifer Holm
Told entirely through notes, grocery receipts, and a vast array of other items, this story follows Ginny as she accidentally dyes her hair pink, throws live frogs in class, and loses the lead role in ballet to her ex-best friend.

Middle School Misadventures
By Jason Platt
In order to avoid extra work, middle schooler Newell agrees to participate in a school-wide talent show--without a talent.

Mistakes Were Made
By Stephan Pastis
Resolving to earn so much money that his mother will no longer stress out over the bills, eleven-year-old Timmy Failure launches a detective business with a lazy polar bear partner named Total but finds their enterprise "Total Failure, Inc." challenged by a college-bound spy and a four-foot-tall girl whom Timmy refuses to acknowledge.

My Life as a Book
By Janet Tashjian
Summer’s finally here, and Derek Fallon is looking forward to pelting the UPS truck with water balloons, climbing onto the garage roof, and conducting silly investigations. But when his parents decide to send him to Learning Camp, Derek's dreams of fun come to an end.

Pickle: The (Formerly) Anonymous Prank Club of Fountain Point Middle School
By Kimberly Baker
Using a bogus name, the League of Picklemakers, sixth-grader Ben and three recruits start a prank-pulling club and receive funding from their middle school's PTA.

Stick Dog
By Tom Watson
Stick Dog and his four friends - Stripes, Mutt, Poo-Poo and Karen - will do anything to steal some sweet-smelling hamburgers from a family at Picasso Park!

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda
By Tom Angleberger
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.

The Terrible Two
By Mac Barnett
When master prankster Miles Murphy moves to sleepy Yawnee Valley, he challenges the local, mystery prankster in an epic battle of tricks but soon the two join forces to pull off the biggest prank ever seen.

Two Dogs in a Trench Coat Go to School
By Julie Falatko
Loyal pups Sassy and Waldo need to save their boy from being bored all day in class, but the school won’t let two dogs inside. Good thing they found that trench coat!

Ungifted
By Gordon Korman
Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.

We encourage readers to be informed about the titles they are reading. CommonSenseMedia.org is a great resource to help you decide if a book is right for you.
The 13-Story Treehouse  
By Andy Griffiths  
Follow the efforts of Andy and Terry to meet the latest book deadline despite numerous distractions in their sophisticated tree house home, including flying cats, giant bananas, and sea monsters pretending to be mermaids.

The Bad Guys  
By Aaron Blabey  
The Bad Guys, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha, want to be heroes, and they decide that the way to do it is free the 200 dogs in the city dog pound—but their plan soon goes awry.

Big Nate: In a Class by Himself  
By Lincoln Peirce  
Supremely confident middle-school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement.

The Boy Who Crashed to Earth  
By Judd Winick  
D.J. and Gina are totally ordinary kids. But Hilo isn’t. Hilo just fell out of the sky and doesn’t know where he came from, or what he’s doing on Earth (Or why going to school in only your underwear is a BAD idea). Can the trio unlock the secrets of Hilo’s past?

Dog Diaries  
By James Patterson  
When the evil Mrs. Stricker threatens to send Junior, Rafe Khatchadorian’s dog, back to the pound, Junior and Rafe go to obedience school to learn how to follow the rules.

Dragonbreath  
By Ursula Vernon  
Danny Dragonbreath and his friend Wendell get an up-close underwater tour of the Sargasso Sea from Danny’s sea-serpent cousin, encountering giant squid and mako sharks—and learn about standing up to bullies in the process.

Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor  
By Jon Scieszka  
In his Grandpa AI’s garage workshop, child genius Frank Einstein tries to invent a robot that can learn on its own, and after an accident brings wisecracking Klink and overly expressive Klank to life, they set about helping Frank perfect his Antimatter Motor until his arch nemesis, T. Edison, steals the robots for his doomsday plan.

Funny Kid for President  
By Matt Stanton  
When eleven-year-old Max Walburt decides to run for class president claiming he is the funniest student, he must survive poop scandals, crazy teachers, and stalker ducks to win the election.

Jedi Academy  
By Jeffrey Brown  
Roan’s one dream is to leave home and attend Pilot Academy like his older brother, father, and grandfather. But just as Roan is mysteriously denied entrance to Pilot School, he is invited to attend Jedi Academy—a school that he didn’t apply to.

The Last Kids on Earth  
By Max Brallier  
After a monster apocalypse hits town, average thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan builds a team of friends to help slay the eerily intelligent monster known as Blarg.

Let’s Pretend This Never Happened  
By Jim Benton  
In her diary, middle school student Jamie Kelly describes her life at home and at school, including her attempts to triumph over her nemesis, the beautiful and popular Angeline.

Lights, Camera, Middle School!  
By Jennifer Holm  
Babymouse joins the school Film Club and writes the greatest cinematic masterpiece of all time! But when the movie gets shown to the entire school, will it be a box office hit or a flop?

Locker Hero  
By Rachel Renée Russell  
Questioning his resolve to attend public school after being homeschooled when he is targeted by a bully, Max aspires to become like his favorite comic book heroes and finds an unexpected opportunity to be the hero his middle school needs.

Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute  
By Jarrett Krosoczka  
The school lunch lady is a secret crime fighter who uncovers an evil plot to replace all the popular teachers with robots.

Mac Undercover  
By Mac Barnett  
One day, Mac (smartest boy in his class in a small town in California) receives a telephone call from the Queen of England, recruiting him to find the crown jewels (well, actually just the Coronation Spoon) and so Mac embarks on his first adventure as a secret agent—with the assurance that the Queen will give him a note excusing him from school.

Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life  
By James Patterson  
When Rafe Khatchadorian 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.