

[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 Picaso 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, mysterious 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!

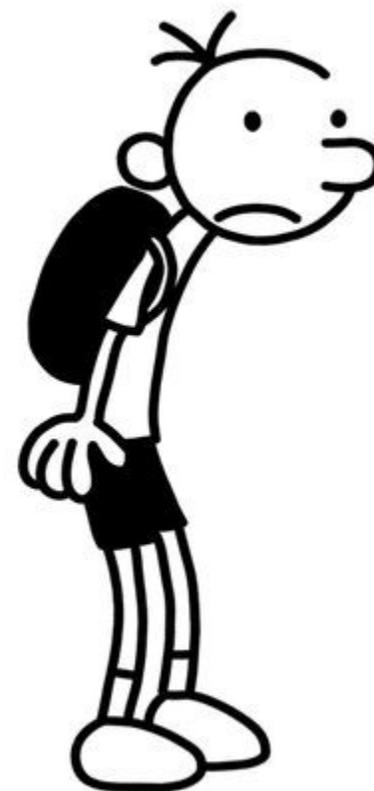
[Ungifted](#)

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.

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[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 Al'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 archnemesis, 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.