

Middle School MCPL Enjoyable Reads Summer 2011



Juvenile Fiction

Danziger, Paula and Ann Martin. *Snail Mail No More.* No longer living in the same city, two friends rely on email to keep them close.

Hale, Shannon. *The Princess Academy.* Miri's mountain village is where the prince will find his bride.

Korman, Gordon. *No More Dead Dogs.* Wallace has had enough of school reading assignments but his rebellion leads to humorous consequences.

Preus, Margi. *Heart of a Samurai.* Manjiro, 14, dreams of becoming a samurai; instead he is shipwrecked and rescued by Americans. Based on a true story.

Stone, Jeff. *Tiger* (The Five Ancestors). Fu and his four warrior-monk brothers use the martial arts to avenge the Grandmaster's death.

Young Adult Fiction

Bacigalupi, Paolo. *Ship Breaker.* Nailer puts his life on the line for a shipwrecked girl in this harsh but compelling dystopian story.

Carter, Ally. *Heist Society.* Kat must re-steal paintings to save her father, a master thief, from a mobster.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Bucking the Sarge.* Luther's mother is on the take, and proud of it, while Luther is her opposite.

Dhami, Narinder. *Bindi Babes.* How to get rid of nosy Auntie after she comes to care for three sisters after their mother's death?

Draper, Sharon. *Romiette and Julio.* New twist on the classic tale, this time with interracial dating and romance initiated online.

Feinstein, John. *Last Shot.* Teen reporters Stevie and Susan Carol discover a blackmail scheme while covering the NCAA Final Four tournament.

Spinelli, Jerry. *Milkweed.* A young, optimistic orphan struggles to survive Nazi-occupied Warsaw.

Tashjian, Janet. *The Gospel According to Larry.* Josh's website goes viral; how can he keep his identity a secret?

Turner, Megan Whalen. *The Thief.* A talented young thief is sprung from prison to steal a legendary stone for the king.

Non Fiction

808.81 WHA. **Nye, Naomi Shihab. *What Have You Lost?*** Over 100 poems about losses, from large to small, that affect us all.

J 940.3 FRE. **Freedman, Russell. *The War to End All Wars: World War I.*** A thoughtful look at a brutal war.

J 940.4 MYE. **Myers, Walter Dean and William Miles. *The Harlem Hellfighters: When Pride Met Courage.*** A true account of African American heroes in World War I.

J 973.7 RAT. **Ratliff, Thomas. *You Wouldn't Want to Be a Civil War Soldier.*** The Civil War depicted with humor plus reality in this cartoon treatment of the armies of the North and South.

YA B Houdini. **Lutes, Jason. *Houdini: The Handcuff King.*** Get to know the famous escape artist and magician.



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