Great Gifts for Middle Schoolers

“A book is a gift you can open again and again.” —Garrison Keillor

New Fiction

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
Curiosity by Gary Blackwood
Greenglass House by Kate Milford
The Madman of Piney Woods by Christopher Paul Curtis
The Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier
The Turtle of Oman by Naomi Shihab Nye
West of the Moon by Margi Preus

New and Notable Nonfiction

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
Dreaming in Indian: Contemporary Native American Voices edited by Lisa Charleyboy and Mary Beth Leatherdale
The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia by Candace Fleming
The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights by Steve Sheinkin
The Story of Buildings: From the Pyramids to the Sydney Opera House and Beyond by Patrick Dillon (author), Stephen Biesty (illustrator)

For Kids Who Love Percy Jackson

Samuel Blink and the Forbidden Forest by Matt Haig
The Kronus Chronicles #1 The Cabinet of Wonders by Marie Rutkoski
Theodosia Throckmorton #1 Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos by R.L. LaFeveres
The Chronicles of Prydain #1 The Book of Three by Lloyd Alexander
Black Ships Before Troy and
The Wanderings of Odysseus by Rosemary Sutcliff

For Kids Who Love The Hunger Games and Divergent

Cinder by Marissa Meyer
Incarceron by Catherine Fisher
Legend by Marie Lu
Little Brother by Cory Doctorow
Maze Runner by James Dashner
Nation by Terry Pratchett
Uglies by Scott Westerfeld

Graphic Novels

El Deafo by Cece Bell
Explorer series edited by Kazu Kibuishi
March: Book 1 by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell
Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong by Prudence Shen
Smile and Sisters by Raina Telgemeier