

Good Reads (that you never heard of) for Middle School Guys!

***Nicky Deuce: Welcome to the Family* by Steven Schirripa.** While his parents are on a cruise, twelve-year-old Nicholas spends his summer in Brooklyn with his grandmother and uncle and learns, with unintended results, about his Italian-American heritage.

***Project Sweet Life* by Brent Hartinger.** When their fathers insist that they get summer jobs, three fifteen-year-old friends in Tacoma, Washington, dedicate their summer vacation to fooling their parents into thinking that they are working, which proves to be even harder than having real jobs would have been.

***Lawn Boy* by Gary Paulsen.** Things get out of hand for a twelve-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business.

***Sidekicks* by Jack Ferraiolo.** Scott Hutchinson, aka Bright Boy, the sidekick of Phantom Justice, begins to question how long he can remain in the shadow of the superhero after discovering that his nemesis, supervillain sidekick Monkeywrench, might be one of the most popular kids at his school.

***War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo.** Joey the horse recalls his experiences growing up on an English farm, his struggle for survival as a cavalry horse during World War I, and his reunion with his beloved master. *(The movie version of this is coming – be sure to read the book first!)*

***The Adventures of Jack Lime* by James Leck.** Collects three adventures in which teenager Jack Lime, a self-made private investigator, looks into problems for his classmates while dealing with cases involving hostage hamsters, stolen bikes and difficult clients.

***Stuck On Earth* by David Klass.** On a secret mission to evaluate whether the human race should be annihilated, a space alien inhabits the body of a bullied fourteen-year-old boy.

***Jasper Dash and the Flame Pits of Delaware* by M. T. Anderson.** Boy Technonaut, Jasper Dash, and his friends Lily Gefelty and Katie Mulligan travel into the mist-shrouded heart of the forbidden mountainous realm of Delaware to try and unravel a terrible mystery.

***War Games* by Audrey Coulombis.** What were once just boys' games become matters of life and death as Petros and his older brother Zola each wonder if, like their resistance-fighter cousin, they too can make a difference in a Nazi-occupied Greece.

***The Falcon's Malteser* by Anthony Horowitz.** Tim Diamond, a not-so-great detective, is entrusted with a package worth five million dollars, until the owner of the package is murdered, and it is up to Tim and his brother, Nick, to outwit every crook in town who is trying to get the money.

***Sea Legs* by Alex Shearer.** Twin brothers Eric and Clive are ready for adventure on the high seas, so instead of staying with their grandparents yet again, they stow away on the cruise ship on which their father serves as Senior Steward.

***Death Cloud* by Andrew Lane.** In 1868, with his army officer father suddenly posted to India, and his mother mysteriously "unwell," fourteen-year-old Sherlock Holmes is sent to stay with his eccentric uncle and aunt in their vast house in Hampshire, where he uncovers his first murder and a diabolical villain

***The Shadow Project* by Herbie Brennan.** A young English thief stumbles on, and subsequently is recruited for, a super-secret operation that trains teenagers in remote viewing and astral projection techniques in order to engage in spying.

***Nicholas St. North and the Battle of the Nightmare King* by William Joyce.** Nicholas St. North, a daredevil swordsman seeking treasure in the fiercely guarded village of Santoff Claussen finds, instead, the great wizard Ombric Shalazar and a battle against the Nightmare King and his evil Fearlings--a battle Nicholas can win only if he finds five other Guardians in time.

***Around the World in 100 Days* by Gary Blackwood.** Seventeen-year-old Harry Fogg undertakes a race against time to win a wager with a member of his famous father's club, putting to good use the recklessness and fascination with all things mechanical that have caused him trouble in Victorian England.

***Villain's Lair* by Wendelin Van Draanen.** Thirteen-year-old Dave and his sidekick, a talking gecko named Sticky, try to retrieve an ancient Aztec powerband and its magic ingots from the evil villain, Damien Black.

***Independence Hall* by Roland Smith.** Quest and his stepsister Angela are thrust into the dangerous world of the American Secret Service and the Israeli Mossad when they learn Angela's real mother was a former Secret Service agent who was killed by a terrorist group.

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