

2022 Summer Middle Grade Reads



The Adventure Is Now

Jess Redman
Ages 8 to 12
336 pages

A fun-filled, action-packed middle grade novel about a boy who spends a summer on a remote island, and learns about friendship, protecting the environment, and fighting for what's right.

Summary: Sometimes it's hard to be Milton P. Greene. He says all the wrong things. He has a very sensitive stomach. His family life is falling apart, and his friends will barely speak to him after the embarrassing Bird Brain Incident. But when Milton plays his video game *Isle of Wild*, he becomes Sea Hawk, the brave and brilliant naturalist explorer who conquers danger at every turn. In *Isle of Wild*, Milton isn't having the most Heinously Rotten Year of All Time; he's having an adventure. When his parents ship him off to the remote Lone Island for the summer, where his uncle is a naturalist, Milton finds an adventure waiting for him there. It's up to him to protect the secrets of the Lone Island—and along the way, he'll learn his worth, make new friends, and turn real life into an adventure...

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Almost There and Almost Not

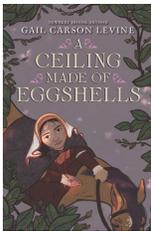
Linda Urban
Ages 10 And Up, Grades 5 And Up
224 pages

Summary: From acclaimed author Linda Urban comes the funny, bittersweet story of a girl and her ghosts—and the welcoming home they find where they least expect it.

California Poppy has been dropped off, yet again, with an unsuspecting relative. This time it's her eccentric Great-Aunt Monica, a woman she's never even met. Aunt Monica has no idea what to do with an eleven-year-old, so she puts California to work researching their ancestor, the once-famous etiquette expert Eleanor Fontaine.

California soon discovers that Great-Great-Great Aunt Eleanor is...not exactly *alive* and well, but a ghost—and a super sensitive one at that. The grand dame bursts into clouds of dust whenever she loses her composure, which happens quite often. Still, an unexpected four-legged friend and some old-fashioned I...

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A Ceiling Made of Eggshells

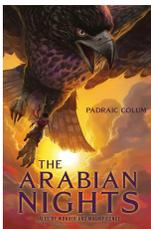
Gail Carson Levine
Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7
400 pages

Newbery Honor-winning author Gail Carson Levine tells a moving and ambitious story, about a smart young Jewish girl who is full of heart, and who travels across fifteenth-century Spain with her grandfather to help save her people. This is an epic tale and an exciting development in Gail's career!

Summary: Surrounded by her large family, Loma is happy in the judería of Alcalá de Henares, Spain. But when her intimidating grandfather, her Belo, decides to bring her along on his travels, she's excited to join him. Belo has the ear of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, and Loma soon learns how dangerous the world is for the Jews of Spain, and how Belo's influence keeps their people safe.

At first, Loma relishes her adventures with Belo, adventures that are beyond the scope of most girls of the time. But the older she

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The Arabian Nights : Tales of Wonder and Magnificence

Padraic Colum
Ages 10 to 14, Grades 5 to 9
304 pages

Summary: Genies, wishes, thieves, and treasure abound in these classic stories of magic and adventure from master storyteller Padraic Colum.

Every night for a thousand and one nights, Shahrazad begins to tell her husband the king a new tale but each night she stops before finishing. Why? Because the king has promised to kill her when the last one is over. However, her nightly stories—of Sinbad the Sailor, Ali Baba, and many other heroes and villains—are so enthralling that King Shahryar has to postpone her execution again and again...

Padraic Colum brings together a selection of the most amazing of the over 600 stories which Shahrazad told. Full of genies, flying carpets, and daring adventures, *The Arabian Nights* will captivate a new audience and leave readers asking for one more story.