

**Suggested Reading for Children
@ The New Brunswick Free Public Library**

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Read Alikes

Miss Daisy is Crazy! (My Weird School Series) by Dan Gutman

Miss Daisy's unusual teaching methods surprise her second grade students, especially reluctant learner A.J.

Flicker Tale Children's Book Award

J F GUT

Middle School is Worse Than Meatloaf by Jennifer L. Holm

Ginny starts out with ten items on her to-do list for seventh grade, but notes, cartoons, and other "stuff" reveal what seems like a thousand things that go wrong between September and June, both at school and at home.

ALA Notable Children's Books

Texas Lone star Reading List

J F HOL

Schooled by Gordon Korman

Homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Capricorn (Cap) Anderson has never watched television, tasted a pizza, or even heard of a wedge, but when his grandmother lands in the hospital, Cap is forced to move in with a guidance counselor and attend the local middle school. While Cap knows a lot about tie-dyeing and Zen Buddhism, no education could prepare him for the politics of public school.

Texas Lone Star Reading List

J F KOR

Amelia's Notebook by Marissa Moss

The hand-lettered contents of a nine-year-old girl's notebook, in which she records her thoughts and feelings about moving, starting school, and dealing with her older sister, as well as keeping her old best friend and making a new one.

J F MOS

Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar

Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

J F SAC

Amazon Diary: Property of Alex Winters by Hudson Talbott

Twelve-year-old Alex is rescued from a plane crash by the Yanomami Indians of Venezuela and spends several weeks in the Amazon jungle with them, learning and appreciating their way of life.

J F TAL

Click Here (to find out how I survived seventh grade) by Denis Vega

Seventh-grader Erin Swift writes about her friends and classmates in her private blog, but when it accidentally gets posted on the school Intranet site, she learns some important lessons about friendship.

J F VEG

Please Write in This Book by Mary Amato

When Ms. Wurtz leaves a blank book in the Writer's Corner with a note encouraging those who find it to "talk to each other" in its pages, the student's entries spark a classroom-wide battle.

J F AMA

Ellie McDoodle: Have Pen, Will Travel by Ruth Barshaw

Eleven-year-old Ellie McDoodle illustrates her sketchbook with chronicles of her adventures and mishaps while camping with her cousins, aunt, and uncle.

J F BAR

Frindle by Andrew Clements

When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

Young Reader's Choice Award

J F CLE

Diary of a Would be Princess by Jessica Green

In the journal her fifth-year teacher requires, Jillian records the ups and downs of her efforts to become popular as she hosts a class party, creates a school magazine, and tutors some socially misfit boys.

J F GRE

The Legend of Spud Murphy by Eoin Colfer

When their mother starts dropping them off at the library several afternoons a week, nine-year-old William and his brother dread boredom and the overbearing librarian, but they are surprised at how things turn out.

J F COL

Just Call Me Stupid by Tom Birdseye

Terrified of failing and believing that he is stupid, a fifth grader who has never learned to read begins to believe in himself with the help of an outgoing new girl next door.

J F BIR

Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid by Megan McDonald

The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school.

J F MCD