

Books for Middle-school and Junior High Boys

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The following books were all included in Jan Bloom's *Who Should We then Read?* A **W** indicates a book was also in Elizabeth Wilson's *Books Children Love*. A ☺ means I have read at least one book by the author (not necessarily the one I have listed) and found it to be worth reading. The stars come from ratings on Amazon.com, some of which are averaged among different editions of a book or various titles by one author. This list is not meant to be comprehensive.

Joseph Altsheler	<i>The Young Trailers</i> series	*****
C. W. Anderson	<i>Billy and Blaze</i> series	*****
L. M. Boston	<i>Green Knowe</i> (fantasy series)	*****
Clyde Robert Bulla	<i>The Ring and the Fire</i>	☺
Marguerite de Angeli	<i>The Door in the Wall</i> (Newbery)	W ****
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	<i>The Lost World, etc., Sherlock Holmes</i>	☺ ****½
Walter Farley	<i>The Black Stallion</i> series	W ☺ *****
Anna Sewell	<i>Black Beauty</i>	☺ ****½
Leon Garfield	<i>Jack Holborn, etc.</i>	*****
Elizabeth Janet Gray	<i>Adam of the Road</i> (Newbery)	***½
Marguerite Henry	<i>Justin Morgan had a Horse</i> (Newbery), etc.	W ☺ ****½
G. A. Henty	Historical Adventures	**** (Some characters may be racist and lack depth, according to Bloom)
Eric Kelly	<i>The Trumpeter of Krakow</i> (Newbery)	****½
E. Nesbit	<i>Five Children and It, etc.</i>	W ****½
Scott O'Dell	<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i> (Newbery), etc.	W ****½
Patricia St. John	<i>Treasures of the Snow, etc.</i>	W ****½
Elizabeth George Speare	<i>The Bronze Bow</i> (Newbery), <i>Sign of the Beaver</i>	W ☺ ****½
Rosemary Sutcliff	Historical fiction	W ****½
Mark Twain	<i>The Prince and the Pauper</i>	W ☺ ****
Jules Verne	<i>A Long Vacation; Michael Strogoff; A Courier of the Czar</i>	W ☺ ****½
Elizabeth Yates	<i>Amos Fortune, Free Man</i> (Newbery)	W ****

In addition, I recommend books by Donald Sobol (*Encyclopedia Brown, etc.*), and *Snow Treasure* by Marie McSwigan.