Pie in the Sky by Remy Lai

When Jingwen moves to a new country, he feels like he’s landed on Mars. School is torture, making friends is impossible since he doesn’t speak English. He dreams of making cakes to remember his father.

Sanity and Tallulah by Molly Brooks

Sanity Jones and Tallulah Vega are best friends on Wilnick, the dilapidated space station they call home at the end of the galaxy. When Sanity creates a kitten that escapes on the space station, hilarity ensues.

The Breakaways by Cathy G. Johnson

Although they are awful at soccer, Faith and her teammates soon form a bond both on and off the soccer field that challenges their notions of loyalty, identity, friendship, and unity.

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Thanks to their dad, Josh and his twin brother, Jordan, are kings on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood—he’s got mad beats, too, which help him find his rhythm when it’s all on the line.

New Kid by Jerry Craft

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the only kids of color.

The Cardboard Kingdom by Chad Sell

Welcome to a neighborhood of kids who transform ordinary boxes into colorful costumes, and their ordinary block into cardboard kingdom. This is the summer when sixteen kids encounter knights and rogues, robots and monsters—and their own inner demons—on one last quest before school starts again.

The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang

Sebastian’s secret weapon (and best friend) is the brilliant dressmaker Frances—one of only two people who know the truth: sometimes this boy wears dresses.

White Bird by R. J. Palacio

Grandmère’s heartrending story: how she, a young Jewish girl, was hidden by a family in a Nazi-occupied French village during World War II; how the boy she and her classmates once shunned became her savior and best friend.
All Summer Long by Hope Larson

Best friends Bina and Austin are separated for the summer—Bina starts playing music with Austin's older sister, and Austin is off to soccer camp. Can their friendship survive their growing pains?

Best Friends by Shannon Hale

Sixth grade is supposed to be perfect. Shannon's best friend, Jen, is the most popular girl in school. But the rules are always changing, and Shannon has to scramble to keep up. Is it worth it?

All's Faire in Middle School by Victoria Jamieson

Eleven-year-old Imogene is trying to work at the Renaissance Faire with her parents, and make the transition from being homeschooled to middle school. When she encounters a group of not so nice girls, she rises to the challenge.

Camp by Kayla Miller

Olive loves camp, but her friend Willow is struggling. The pressure of being Willow's security blanket proves to be too much—Will their friendship survive camp?

Crush by Svetlana Chmakova

Jorge seems to have it all together. He's big enough that nobody really messes with him, but he's also a genuinely good guy with a reliable group of friends. The only time he ever really feels off his game is when he crosses paths with a certain girl.

Catwad: It's Me by Jim Benton

Meet Catwad—he's blue, he's crabby, and he's got a best friend named Blurmp. From pizza and computers, to love and happiness, this crabby tabby has a funny take on just about everything, and he's not afraid to share it.

Avengers: The New Danger by Matthew K. Manning

A new team is formed to battle a mega-sized threat that is weirder and wilder than any the superheroes have met before! A perfect way to introduce middle grade readers to the thrilling adventures of the Avengers.

Guts by Raina Telgemeier

Raina wakes up one night with a terrible upset stomach. When she returns to school and it coincides with her worries about food, changing friendships, and schoolwork she realizes something is going on.

Apocalypse Taco by Nathan Hale

Sid, Axl, and Ivan volunteer to make a late-night fast-food run for the high school theater crew, and when they return they find aliens have taken over. Now the group will have to use their wits, their truck, and even their windshield scraper to escape!

Making Friends by Kristen Gudsnuk

Danny is in seventh grade, she's in a new middle school, her friends are in different classes and forming new cliques, and she is totally, completely lost. What she needs is a new best friend!

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Mighty Jack and Zita the Spacegirl by Ben Hatke

Jack and Lily are no strangers to heroics. So when they meet Zita the Spacegirl seeking their help, they are ready for adventure. But can they defeat their biggest challenge yet? (Mighty Jack vol. 3)