

*Kiki Strike: Inside the Shadow City* (2006)

By Kirsten Miller

Life becomes more interesting for Ananka Fishbein when, at the age of 12, she discovers an underground room in the park across from her New York City apartment and meets a mysterious girl called Kiki Strike, who claims that she, too, wants to explore the subterranean world.

*Highwayman's Footsteps* (2006)

By Nicola Morgan

In 18th century England, Williams runs away from his father only to be captured by an armed highwayman, who turns out to be a girl, and together they seek vengeance against William's cruel father and the soldiers who killed the girl's parents.

*The Wednesday Wars* (2007)

By Gary D. Schmidt

During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons, when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, 7th grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom, where they read the plays of William Shakespeare. He ends up learning much of value about the world he lives in.

*Peak* (2007)

By Roland Smith

A 14-year-old attempts to be the youngest person ever to climb Mt. Everest.



*Facts of Life: Stories* (2008)

By Gary Soto

Children and teens from all walks of life deal with the dramas of growing up.

*H.I.V.E.: Higher Institute of Villainous Education* (2007)

By Mark Walden

Otto Malpense and his three friends want out of the H.I.V.E. But why? After all, it claims to be "the world's most unique and prestigious establishment."

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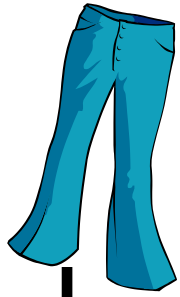
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# 7th & 8th Grade Books





*Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*  
(2001)

By Ann Brashares

Four best girlfriends spend a summer of their lives enchanted by a magical pair of pants.

*Dairy Queen: A Novel* (2006)

By Catherine Murdock

After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, 16-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.

*The Uglies* (Series)

By Scott Westerfeld

Tally Youngblood lives in a futuristic world where everyone is transformed into a stunning beauty by the age of 16. But she is beginning to have doubts about the society she lives in and what it values most.

*Roar* (2009)

By Emma Clayton

In a futuristic, overpopulated, and cement-ridden world, twins with special powers and

trying to control the children of the world.

*The Big Splash* (2008)

By Jack Ferraiolo

Matt Stevens, an average middle schooler with a glib tongue and a knack for solving crimes, uncovers a mystery while working with "the organization," a mafia-like syndicate run by seventh-grader Vincent "Mr. Biggs" Biggio, specializing in forged hall passes, test-copying rings, black market candy selling, and taking out hits with water guns.

*Scat* (2009)

By Carl Hiaasen

Nick and his friend Marta decide to investigate when a mysterious fire starts near a Florida wildlife preserve and an unpopular teacher goes missing.

*Beef Princess of Practical County*  
(2009)

By Michelle Houts

12-year-old Libby, the daughter of an Indiana cattle farmer, raises two calves in hopes of winning the annual steer competition at the county fair. However, she fails to follow her father's warning about developing

a bond with animals that are destined to be sold at auction.

*One Small Step* (2008)

By P.B. Kerr

In 1969 Houston, Texas, 13-year-old Scott learns to fly from his father, an Air Force flight instructor, but when NASA needs him for a secret space mission, Scott's elation is tempered by concern that his mother, who has moved to Florida, will find out.

*The Otherworldlies* (2008)

By Jennifer Anne Kogler

Eccentric and unusual looking, 12-year-old Fern has always been able to cope with the taunts of her classmates— that is, until a series of unnerving events reveal that she possesses supernatural powers and must learn to control them if she is to escape two ancient enemies.

*Best Bad Luck I Ever Had* (2009)

By Kristin Levine

In Moundville, Alabama, in 1917, 12-year-old Dit hopes the new postmaster will have a son his age, but instead he meets Emma, who is black, and their friendship challenges accepted ways of thinking and leads them to save the life of a condemned man.