

Here's a short list of Ms. S.'s recommendations for CMS students.

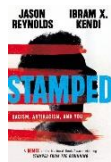
Because middle school maturity levels vary considerably, the selections span a wide age range.

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Percy Jackson fans should try *Dragon Pearl* by Yoon Ha Lee, *Aru Shah and the End of Time* by Roshani Chokshi, or *Charlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows* by Ryan Calejo.

Fascinated by anything **World War II**? Try *Allies* by award-winning author Alan Gratz.



If you want to explore the **complexities of race relations** in the United States, try *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi. (non-fiction)

For anyone in the mood for a heartwarming (but not too sappy) story of **friendship and acceptance**, try *How We Roll* by Natasha Friend.



If you want an **imaginative** fantasy with **dark**—yet hopeful—underlying message, try *Pet* by Akwaeke Emezi.

If you missed this wildly popular **murder mystery**, try *One of Us is Lying* by Karen M. McManus and then read the sequel, *One of Us is Next*.



For a fun, lighthearted book that will appeal to fans of **Raina Telgemeier (Smile) and Rachel Russel (Dork Diaries)**, try *Lexie's Little Lie* by Emma Shevah.

Fan of *The Hunger Games*? Suzanne Collins has just published a prequel, *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*.



If you want a heartfelt exploration of **friendship, body image and bullying** (in graphic novel form), try *Jane, the Fox, and Me* by Fanny Britt, Isabelle Arsenault (Illustrator), Christelle Morelli (Translator), Susan Ouriou (Translator).