

For Middle School Children (Fiction)

- *Sidewalk Story* (1986) – Sharon Bell Mathis
This book tells the story of a young girl who aids a family being evicted from an apartment across the street.
- *Souder* (1972) – William H. Armstrong
A Newberry Award-winning novel, *Souder* tells the story of how a young boy's life is changed when his sharecropper father steals to feed his family.
- *Darnell Rock Reporting* (1996) – Walter Dean Myers
Darnell joins the school newspaper staff on a whim, and writes an editorial suggesting the school use an empty parking lot as a community garden.
- *The Girl With 500 Middle Names* (2001) – Margaret Peterson Haddix and Janet Hamlin
Janie's mother moves the family to a new school district, where she must deal with new classmates who live in bigger houses and wear more expensive clothes.
- *Lupita Manana* (1992) – Patricia Beatty
Following her father's death, Lupita and Salvador leave their Mexican fishing village for the United States to earn income for their widowed mother.
- *Maybe Next Year* (2000) – Frances P. Carlisle
Based on the author's own childhood, *Maybe Next Year* describes growing up on a farm in rural Georgia.