

Book List:  
25 New  
Traditional  
Middle  
Grade  
Novels

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# Why New Traditional?

Modern kids need modern writing to keep them engaged, learning, and loving books. But often, newly published kids' books make the Gatekeepers squirm. Classics are often out of reach, but newly published often seem way out of reach. You do have another choice. *New Traditional* Middle Grade Novels will make the kids happy, and keep the Gatekeepers happy too. Here's a list of 25 of our favorites.



Kiri Jorgensen

Contemporary

## 5 Contemporary MG Novels

These 5 Middle Grade Contemporary Novels fit the mold of New Traditional Literature. Great stories, strong writing, no worries for the Gatekeepers. We highly recommend them!

- *Scar Island* by Dan Gemeinhart
- *Ungifted* by Gordon Korman
- *Leepike Ridge* by N.D. Wilson
- *Sophie Murphy Does Not Exist* by Tiffany Blanchard
- *Sixth Grade Secret Service* by Jason F. Franz

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Historical

## 5 Historical MG Novels

These 5 Middle Grade Historical Novels fit the mold of New Traditional Literature. Great stories, strong writing, no worries for the Gatekeepers. We highly recommend them!

- *A Kidnapping In Kentucky 1776* by Elizabeth Raum
- *Some Kind of Courage* by Dan Gemeinhart
- *The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- *Heart of a Samurai* by Margi Preus
- *Maddie McDowell and the Rodeo Robbery* by LuAnn M. Rod

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## 5 Fantasy MG Novels

These 5 Middle Grade Fantasy Novels fit the mold of New Traditional Literature. Great stories, strong writing, no worries for the Gatekeepers. We highly recommend them!

- *Dread Watch* by Jared Agard
- *Fablehaven* by Brandon Mull
- *Powerless* by Matthew Cody
- *Scumble* by Ingrid Law
- *Avery the Dogless Orphan and the Interdimensional Stray* by Prim Pawn

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Upper Middle Grade

## 5 Upper MG Novels

These 5 Upper Middle Grade novels of various genres fit the mold of New Traditional Literature. Great stories, strong writing, no worries for the Gatekeepers. We highly recommend them!

- *Raccoon Summer* by Betty Vanderwielen
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart
- *Shakespeare's Secret* by Elise Broach
- *Will In Scarlet* by Matthew Cody
- *The Cassandra Curse* by Hope Bolinger

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Lower Middle Grade

## 5 Lower MG Novels

These 5 Lower Middle Grade Novels of various genres fit the mold of New Traditional Literature. Great stories, strong writing, no worries for the Gatekeepers. We highly recommend them!

- *Captain Nobody* by Dean Pitchford
- *Best Friends Playbook* by A.W. Downer
- *Flora and Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo
- *Frindle* by Andrew Clements
- *Jeff Pennant's Field Guide to Raising Happy Parents* by Kelli McKinney

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