

# 21 High Interest - Low Readability Books for Reluctant and Struggling Readers: Middle School

- A Long Walk to Water  
by Linda Sue Park
- Theodore Boone: Kid  
Lawyer by John Grisham
- Brown Girl Dreaming  
by Jacqueline Woodson
- I Funny: A Middle School  
Story by James Patterson
- Roller Girl  
by Victoria Jamieson
- Lawn Boy  
by Gary Paulsen
- Smile  
by Raina Telgemeier
- Jellaby  
by Kean Soo
- One Crazy Summer  
by Rita Williams-Garcia
- Big Nate in a Class by  
Himself by Lincoln Peirce
- Riding Freedom  
by Pam Munoz Ryan
- Orca Book Publishers  
(numerous fiction  
and nonfiction titles)
- High Noon books  
(numerous fiction  
and nonfiction titles)
- Joey Pigza Swallowed  
the Key by Jack Gantos
- Al Capone Does My Shirts:  
A Tale from Alcatraz  
by Gennifer Choldenko
- Ungifted by  
Gordon Korman
- Into the Volcano  
by Don Wood
- Three Times Lucky  
by Sheila Turnage
- The Lightning Thief  
by Rick Riordan
- Fever: 1793 by  
Laurie Halse Anderson
- Freak the Mighty  
by Rodman Philbrick
- Wonderstruck  
by Brian Selznick
- Inside Out & Back Again  
by Lai Thanhha
- Jake Maddox books  
(numerous titles focused  
on sports and  
outdoor activities)