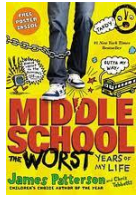


## **Book Talk: Middle School**

### **Theme: Surviving Middle School**

This book talk highlights three different series about surviving middle school. These books are good for boys and girls, as well as reluctant readers. The pictures included add humor and the topics are relatable. Additionally, the series elements of these books make them a popular choice for students who want to read several books with the same characters and/or by the same author.

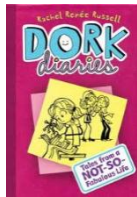
#### *Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life by James Patterson*



Have you ever dreaded going to school? Ever thought about breaking the rules? Well, Rafe Khatchadorian has done both. He can't avoid going to middle school, but he can make a plan for an epic year. With his best friend, Leonard the Silent, keeping track, Rafe is out to break every rule in the book. And I mean every rule. Will he be able to win the game, or will he get in more trouble than he counted on? Is going to school really that bad? Find out all this and more in *Middle School: The Worst*

*Years of My Life* by James Patterson. And guess what? If you like this book, there are five more in the series!

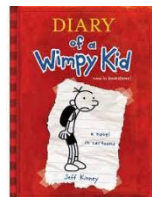
#### *Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life by Rachel Renée Russell*



Have you ever wanted a place to write about all the horrible things in your life? Or have you ever kept a diary? I have! Diaries are a great place to write about your thoughts and feelings, or even the people you don't like! That's exactly what Nikki Maxwell does in this book. From snobby people at her new middle school to making best friends, her diary has it all. There are even pictures! Nikki's having a hard time adjusting at Westchester Country Day School, and mean girls like Mackenzie

Hollister aren't helping. Is it even possible to have a good year in middle school? Read *Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life* and find out. From mean girls to cute boys, this book has it all. You might even find that Nikki can help you, too! And if you like this book, read the rest of Nikki's diaries for even more juicy details of parties, boys, and best friends.

#### *Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney*



Do you think diaries are just for girls? Well, you're wrong! Greg Heffley is a boy, and this is his diary of middle school life. If you've ever felt like everyone is taller, meaner, and better than you, then this is the book for you. Greg chronicles his adventures in middle school with his sidekick Rowley. There are even great cartoons to show you what it's like. Greg may be smaller than the other kids, but can he use Rowley's popularity to become one of the cool kids? Can he survive the

dangers of middle school? Find out in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, which will tell you everything you need to know. If you like this book, check out the rest of the series, which covers everything from older brothers to making friends to girls, and everything in between.