Every one of these books offers a path to identity and will help provide middle schoolers with the tools they need to grow into whom they really want to be. These are titles recommended by authors and teen readers dealing with issues such as racism, gender, sexuality, migration, and adolescence:

| Title, Fiction | Author | Amazon |
|--|-------------------------|----------|
| The Wednesday Wars | Gary Schmidt | \$4.99 |
| Ghost | Jason Reynolds | \$6.21 |
| Paperboy | Vince Vawter | \$7.19 |
| Bud, Not Buddy | Christopher Paul Curtis | \$6.39 |
| Being Henry David | Cal Armistead | \$9.99 |
| The Face on the Milk Carton | Caroline Cooney | \$9.35 |
| Someone Else's Life | Katie Dale | \$13.00 |
| What Happened to Goodbye | Sarah Dessen | \$8.70 |
| Permanent Record | Leslie Stella | \$8.50 |
| The Wave | Todd Strasser | \$6.30 |
| The Crew | Bali Rai | \$10.00 |
| The Tulip | Anne Fine | \$4.99 |
| I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings | Maya Angelou | \$7.19 |
| The Book Thief | Markus Zusak | \$11.00 |
| The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4 | Sue Townsend | \$7.50 |
| Millicent Min, Girl Genius | Lisa Yee | \$6.97 |
| The Misfits | James Howe | \$7.00 |
| The Skin I'm In | Sharon G. Flake | \$6.75 |
| Taking Sides | Gary Soto | \$7.99 |
| Lemony Snicket Series | Daniel Handler | \$90.00 |
| | | |
| | Subtotal | \$240.01 |

| Title, Non-fiction | Author | Amazon |
|---|------------------|---------|
| All Heart: My Dedication and Determination to Become One of Soccer's Best | Wayne Coffen | |
| Shackles From the Deep: Tracing the Path of a Sunken SLave Ship, a Bitter Past, and a Rich Legacy | Michael Cottmen | \$12.59 |
| Ignite Your Spark: Discovering Who You Are From the Inside Out | Patricia Wooster | \$9.00 |
| Elon Musk and the Quest for a Fantastic Future | Ashlee Vance | \$10.00 |
| Here We Are: 44 Voices Write, Draw, and Speak About Feminism for the Real World | Kelly Jensen | \$10.00 |

| | Grand Total | 481.28 |
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| | Tax | \$33.58 |
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| | Subtotal | \$207.69 |
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| 100 Most Disgusting Things on the Planet | Anna Claybourne | \$27.98 |
| Imagine Growing Up in the Woods Alone | Mary Losure | |
| Tillie Pierce: Teen Eyewitness to the Battle of Gettysburg | Tanya Anderson | \$14.95 |
| Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream | Tanya Lee Stone | \$4.97 |
| Who Was First? Discovering the Americas | Russell Freedman | \$14.25 |
| Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners From 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom, and Science | Marc Aronson Marc AronsonMarina Tamar Budhos | \$5.50 |
| Grayson | Lynne Cox | \$9.00 \$11.15 |
| Eye of the Storm: NASA, Drones, and the Race to Crack the Hurricane Code | Amy Cherrix | \$15.85 |
| A Dog in a Cave: Coevolution and the Wolves Who Made Us Human | Kay Frydenborg | \$13.29 |
| The Best We Could Do: An Illustrated Memoir | Thi Bui | \$16.96 |
| The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life | Kwame AlexanderThai Neave | \$10.30 |
| Girl Rising: Changing the World One Girl at a Time | Tanya Lee Stone | \$9.65 |
| I Got This: To Gold and Beyond | Laurie Hernandez | \$12.25 |