14 Cows for America by Carmen Agra Deedy
Middle schoolers will see the tragedy of September 11, 2001 from another viewpoint in this illustrated tale of a gift of fourteen cows given by the Maasai people of Kenya to the U.S. as a gesture of comfort and friendship in the wake of the attacks.

The Apothecary by Malie Meloy
History and fantasy come together in this tale of two teenagers in 1950’s England.

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba
The author details the inspiring story of how he ignored naysayers to bring electricity and running water to his Malawian village when he built a makeshift windmill out of scrap metal and spare parts. A testament to recycling and determination!

Countdown by Deborah Wiles
The Cuban Missile crisis of 1962 comes to life through the eyes of eleven-year-old Franny Chapman 1962. Historic quotations (could spawn research!) and photographs lend themselves toward reading aloud and sharing with a group.

Guys Read : Funny Business by Jon Scieszka (ed.)
Short humorous stories written by authors such as David Lubar, Kate DiCamillo and Mac Barnett

Hoop Genius: How A Desperate Teacher And a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball by John Coy
Taking over a rowdy gym class right before winter vacation is not something James Naismith wants to do at all. Naismith needs something new, exciting, and fast to keep the class happy. Discover the true story of how Naismith invented basketball in 1891 at a school in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Mr. Terupt Falls Again by Rob Buyea
Sequel to Because of Mr. Terupt. Continues the stories of some of the students in the classroom of a remarkable teacher.

Small as an Elephant by Jennifer Jacobson
Abandoned by his mother in an Acadia National Park campground, Jack tries to make his way back to Boston before anyone figures out what is going on, with only a small toy elephant for company.

Three Times Lucky by Sheila Turnage
Mo LoBeau, eleven, lives a mystery about her past since being washed ashore in North Carolina as a baby. Now she and her best friend Dale are battling other mysteries when her adopted parent, the Colonel, seems implicated in a murder. Lots of quirky, mystery fun and humor in a tale from the South.

Tuesdays at the Castle by Jessica Day George
Princess Celie loves to map the changes her castle makes every Tuesday, but suddenly finds herself with bigger responsibilities when her family and castle are under attack. Using her map and love for her home and family, she must work to save them.