



***Middle Row* by Sylvia Olsen**

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Gr. 8 to 12

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Things have changed since Raedawn and Vince started going out and the racial boundaries in town have slipped a bit. But when Dune, who never took sides, disappears, Raedawn is determined to find out where he has gone or what happened to him. Fighting against ignorance and hate, they track Dune down and find he is in more trouble than they thought and that nothing is black and white.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Without sacrificing story line or writing down to her intended audience, Olsen manages to tell a story applicable for older teens with low reading levels." – *CM Magazine*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Quick Picks, commended, 2009
- Resource Links, The Year's Best Books, commended, 2008

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the

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appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.