

# SUMMER READING LIST 2013

MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

GRADES 5 - 8



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*2013 Summer Reading List  
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Summer 2013

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Greetings from the Central Office.

I am pleased to share with you the **2013 Summer Reading List** compiled through the collaborative efforts of many community professionals. Located on the district website, [www.madison.k12.ct.us](http://www.madison.k12.ct.us), the Madison Public Schools Summer Reading List is a tool to encourage reading as a habit and prevent the “summer slide.” Let’s keep working together to make reading an important daily activity in our young people’s lives.

While the list suggests a wide variety of genre, consider it a starting point. Encourage your child(ren) not to be limited to the titles on the list and advise them to seek out other resources to find that “just right” book. Whether it is your local librarian, bookseller, or you, the parent; everyone can play a role in developing a community of readers.

It should be noted that many of the titles in the 2013 Summer Reading List are available in e-book and audio format. These can be found through the Scranton Library catalog at [www.scrantonlibrary.org](http://www.scrantonlibrary.org) or through Madison Public Schools’ ebook collections at [www.madison.k12.ct.us/ebooks](http://www.madison.k12.ct.us/ebooks).

Best wishes for an enjoyable and relaxing summer being transformed by these wonderful books.

Sincerely,

Superintendent of Schools  
Thomas Scarice

Explore all things underground this summer as **Scranton Public Library** presents



Activities may include programs on dinosaurs, construction vehicles, animals that live underground, caves, rocks and more. The 2013 Summer Reading Program is open to young people of all abilities, preschool through grade 6.

Registration for "Dig into Reading" begins on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

You can register online, by phone, or in person.

### Scranton Library Nutmeg Book Discussions Grades 4 - 6

#### Let's Eat Our Way Through the Nutmegs!

We will discuss one of the Nutmeg books at each session and will serve snacks related to the book!

A copy of each book will be available at the Scranton Library.

Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

*The Candymakers* by Wendy Mass

Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

*Closed for the Season* by Mary Downing Hahn

Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

*Mike Stellar, Nerves of Steel* by K.A. Holt

Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

*Wild Girl* by Patricia Reilly Giff

Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

*Saving Armpit* by Natalie Hyde

Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

*The Great Wall of Lucy Wu* by Wendy Wan-Long Shang

Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

*The Fingertips of Duncan Dorfman* by Meg Wolitzer

Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

*Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper

Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

*Wildfire Run* by Dee Garretson

Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

*Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai





## 2013 Teen Summer Reading Program

@Scranton Library

June 24-August 16, 2013

Open to students in grades 6-12

Sign up for the summer reading program, keep track of the time you spend reading and be eligible to win prizes!

**Register online or at the Scranton Library Teen desk beginning on June 17th.**

The Teen Department will also be hosting Nutmeg book discussions, a creative writing group, crafts, Henna programs and many other activities.

**Registration for all activities begins on June 17th.**

Register at the Scranton Library Teen Desk or online at [www.scrantonlibrary.org/teens](http://www.scrantonlibrary.org/teens).

### Nutmeg Book Discussions

This year is the first year there is a high school Nutmeg list in addition to the middle school list. Students are invited to read from either list and join us in discussing the titles on Mondays, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. for middle school titles and 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. for the high school titles. Students may want to come for both discussions! Read one title—or both (not required!)—to read for each week:

July 8th	3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	<i>City of Orphans</i> by Avi and <i>Divergent</i> by Veronica Roth
	4:00 p.m.-5:00 pm.	<i>Daughter of Smoke &amp; Bone</i> by Laini Taylor & <i>Everybody Sees the Ants</i> by A.S. King
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	<i>I'll Be There</i> by Holly Golberg Sloan & <i>The Lions of Little Rock</i> by Kristin Levine
	4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	<i>Hold Me Closer, Necromancer</i> by Lish McBride & <i>Kings of Colorado</i> by David E. Hilton
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	<i>Michael Vey: Prisoner of Cell 25</i> by Richard Paul Evans & <i>Mindblind</i> by Jennifer Roy
	4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	<i>Legend</i> by Marie Lu & <i>The Night Circus</i> by Erin Morgenstern
August 5 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	<i>Now is the Time</i> for Running by Michael Williams & <i>Okay for Now</i> by Gary D. Schmidt
	4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	<i>Paper Towns</i> by John Green & <i>Shine</i> by Lauren Myracle
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	<i>Page by Paige</i> by Laura Lee Gulledge & <i>The Scorpio Races</i> by Maggie Stiefvater
	4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	<i>The Watch That Ends the Night</i> by Allan Wolf & <i>Wintergirls</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson

**Refreshments will be served. Free and open to all! Register online or at the Teen Desk.**

**See Katie in the Teen Department for a copy of the book.**

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# Madison Public Schools

## Summer Reading Suggestions and Requirements Guide

### Grades K - 8

To develop lifelong readers, students entering **Kindergarten through Grade 5** should make every effort to read daily this summer. A selected book may be read by the child, with the child, or to the child.

Students entering **Grades 6, 7 AND 8** should read at least **FOUR** books this summer, one of which must come from their Required Summer Reading List. **Grade 6, 7 and 8 students should take note of specific reading requirements for their grade level as noted below.**

While the Suggested Summer Reading Lists should serve as a guide, reading need not be limited to these titles. If a title is not available, try another by the same author! Additional authors are also recommended throughout the list. Please remember reading abilities vary; therefore, choosing a title from another grade level may be appropriate for your child and is completely acceptable.

### Requirements and Assignments by Grade

***ALL STUDENTS are required to COMPLETE and HAND IN  
A SUMMER READING RECORDING SHEET  
to their classroom teacher, English teacher, or Library Media Specialist  
at the beginning of the school year.***

**GRADES K – 5** Students entering Kindergarten through Grade 5 should read daily this summer and submit a Summer Reading Recording Sheet to their classroom teacher at the beginning of the school year. Please regard the titles on the Summer Reading List as suggestions, and feel free to explore your child's individual reading interests and simply have fun with books!

**GRADE 6** All incoming sixth grade students are asked to read at least FOUR books this summer. ONE BOOK MUST BE SELECTED FROM THIS YEAR'S LIST OF NUTMEG NOMINEES. Students may choose a title from *EITHER* the 2014 Nutmeg Intermediate list found on page **7** *OR* the 2014 Nutmeg Teen list found on page **26** of the Grade 5-8 Summer Reading List. In their sixth grade language arts classes, students will be asked to write about the most important parts of the story.

**GRADE 7** All incoming seventh grade students are asked to read at least FOUR books this summer. ONE BOOK MUST BE SELECTED FROM THE GRADE 7 REQUIRED READING LIST found on page **17** of the Grade 5-8 Summer Reading List. In their seventh grade language arts class, students will be asked to determine if the book qualifies as good literature.

**GRADE 8** All incoming eighth grade students are asked to read at least FOUR books this summer. ONE BOOK MUST BE SELECTED FROM THE GRADE 8 REQUIRED READING LIST found on page **18** of the Grade 5-8 Summer Reading List. In their eighth grade language arts class, students will be asked to identify how a character changes or how a character learns a lesson throughout the course of the book.

## 2014 CONNECTICUT NUTMEG NOMINEES Intermediate List

Draper, Sharon: **Out of My Mind**

Considered by many to be mentally challenged, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

Garretson, Dee: **Wildfire Run**

A relaxing retreat to Camp David turns deadly after a faraway earthquake sets off a chain of disastrous events that traps the president's twelve-year-old son, Luke, and his two friends within the compound.

Giff, Patricia Reilly: **Wild Girl**

When twelve-year-old Lidie leaves Brazil to join her father and brother on a horse ranch in New York, she has a hard time adjusting to her changed circumstances, as does a new horse that has come to the ranch.

Hahn, Mary Downing: **Closed for the Season**

When thirteen-year-old Logan and his family move into a run-down old house in rural Virginia, he discovers that a woman was murdered there and becomes involved with his neighbor Arthur in a dangerous investigation to try to uncover the killer.

Holt, K.A.: **Mike Stellar, Nerves of Steel**

Mike is suspicious when his family joins an expedition to Mars at the last minute, and his fears are confirmed when all of the adults on the colonizing mission, including his parents, begin to act strangely.

Hyde, Natalie: **Saving Armpit**

With the Harmony Point Post Office in danger of closing, the baseball team comes up with a plan to save the post office and their first coach who knows what he is doing.

Mass, Wendy: **The Candymakers**

Four gifted twelve-year-olds, including Logan, the candymaker's son, are set to be contestants in the Confectionary Association's national competition to determine the nation's tastiest sweet, but nobody anticipates that a friendship will form between them.

Thanhha, Lai: **Inside Out and Back Again**

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

Wan-Long Shang, Wendy: **The Great Wall of Lucy**

Eleven-year-old aspiring basketball star and interior designer Lucy Wu is excited about finally having her own bedroom, until she learns that her great-aunt is coming to visit and Lucy will have to share a room with her for several months, shattering her plans for a perfect sixth-grade year.

Wolitzer, Meg: **The Fingertips of Duncan Dorfman**

Twelve-year-olds Duncan Dorfman, April Blunt, and Nate Saviano meet at the Youth Scrabble Tournament where, although each has a different reason for attending and for needing to win, they realize that something more important is at stake than the grand prize.





## GRADE 5 and GRADE 6 SUGGESTED READING LIST



### KEY TO SYMBOLS IN THE LIST

★ MRS. HEIMER'S PICKS!

⦿ MRS. FIORELLI'S FAVES!

☺ MISS FARGO LOVES THESE

🦉 CONNECTICUT NUTMEG AWARD NOMINEE

### FICTION

**Realistic / Contemporary / Humor**  
**Stories about kids like you!**

Balliet, Blue: **Danger Box**

Twelve-year-old Zoomy and his new friend Lorrol investigate the journal found inside a mysterious box finding family secrets and a more valuable treasure, while a dangerous stranger watches and waits.

🦉 ★ Buyea, Rob: **Because of Mr. Terupt**

Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt. *2013 Nutmeg Book Award Nominee*

Clements, Andrew: **Troublemaker**

When his older brother gets in serious trouble, sixth-grader Clay decides to change his own mischief-making ways, but he cannot seem to shake his reputation as a troublemaker. *2012 Nutmeg Book Award Nominee: Extra Credit*

🦉 ★ Connor, Leslie: **Waiting for Normal**

Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York. *2012 Nutmeg Book Award Nominee*



🦉 Davies, Jacqueline: **The Lemonade War**  
Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade. As the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. This book includes math calculations and tips for running a successful lemonade stand. *2011 Nutmeg Book Award Winner (Intermediate)*  
Davies' new title: **The Lemonade Crime**

🦉 Green, Tim: **Baseball Great**

All twelve-year-old Josh wants to do is play baseball but when his father, a minor league pitcher, signs him up for a youth championship team, Josh finds himself embroiled in a situation with potentially illegal consequences. *2013 Nutmeg Book Award Nominee*



☺ Horvath, Polly: **One Year in Coal Harbor**

In a small fishing village in British Columbia, twelve-year-old Primrose tries to be a matchmaker for her Uncle Jack and befriends Ked, a new foster child. She tries to decide if she is willing to go to jail for her convictions, and together with Ked, publishes a cook book to raise money for the Fisherman's Aid. (Sequel to **Everything on a Waffle**) *Newbery Honor Author 2001*

Kinney, Jeff: **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel**

As the day of the Valentine's Day dance approaches, Greg Heffley worries he will be left out until a twist of fate lands Greg with a date, but leaves his best friend, Rowley, on his own.

Korman, Gordon: **Ungifted**

Due to an administrative mix-up after pulling a major prank at middle school, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students.



★😊Palacio, R.J.: **Wonder**

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, was born with extreme facial abnormalities and not expected to survive. He goes from being home-schooled to enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student at his private middle school.

★Schmidt, Gary D.: **Okay for Now**

While Doug struggles to be more than the thug that his teachers and the police think him to be, he finds an unlikely ally in Lil Spicer, as they explore Audubon's art. *Newbery Honor Author for Wednesday Wars, 2007*

😊Stead: Rebecca: **Liar & Spy**

Seventh-grader Georges adjusts to moving from a house to an apartment, his father's efforts to start a new business, his mother's extra shifts as a nurse, being picked on at school, and Safer, a boy who wants his help spying on another resident of their building. *Newbery Medal Winning Author for When You Reach Me, 2009*

Weeks, Sarah: **Pie**

Alice's Aunt Polly passes away and entrusts the recipe for her world-famous pie crust to her cat, which she leaves in Alice's care. As everyone tries to discover the secret ingredients, Alice learns some important lessons about faith, love, and family.

**Other Suggested Authors:** Kate Klise, Robert Holland, Gary Paulsen, Daniel Pinkwater, Jon Scieszka, Jerry Spinelli



## FICTION

**Fantasy / Science Fiction / Supernatural**  
Stories with magic, or happen in the future,  
or are unreal

★ Bachmann, Stefan: **The Peculiar**

After hearing of the bodies of changelings being found dead and marked with a red tattoo, Bartholomew Kettle realizes he is the next target and must figure out a way to stay alive. *Book one of a new series*



Catmull, Katherine: **Summer and Bird**

In the world of Down, young sisters Summer and Bird are separated and go in very different directions as they seek their missing parents. They try to vanquish the evil Puppeteer, lead the talking birds back to their Green Home, and discover the identity of the true bird queen.

★ Fforde, Jasper: **The Last Dragonslayer**

As magic fades from the world, Jennifer Strange is having trouble keeping her magician employment agency business afloat, until she begins having visions that foretell the death of the last dragon and the coming of Big Magic.

★ Funke, Cornelia: **Thief Lord**

Having run away from their cruel aunt and uncle, orphaned brothers Prosper and Bo, decide to hide out in Venice where they fall in with the Thief Lord, a thirteen-year-old boy who leads a crime ring of street children.

★ Gaiman, Neil: **The Graveyard Book**

The orphan Bod, short for Nobody, is taken in by the inhabitants of a graveyard as a child of eighteen months and raised lovingly and carefully to the age of eighteen years by the community of ghosts and otherworldly creatures. *Newbery Medal Winner, 2009*



Haddix, Margaret Peterson: **Caught**  
Jonah and Katherine travel to early 1900's Switzerland and Serbia to return Albert Einstein's daughter, Lieserl, to history, but her mother Mileva grasps entirely too much about time travel and has no intention of letting her daughter go.

★ Hale, Shannon: **Book of a Thousand Days**  
Fifteen-year-old Dashti, sworn to obey the Lady Saren, shares Saren's years of punishment locked in a tower, and then brings her safely to the lands of her true love



Jacques, Brian: **Mossflower**  
Martin the warrior mouse and Gonff the mouse thief set out to find the missing ruler of Mossflower, while the other animal inhabitants of the woodland prepare to rebel against the evil wildcat who has seized power. *This is the beginning of a famous and favorite series.*

★ Kessler, Liz: **A Year Without Autumn**  
Twelve-year-old Jenni's much-anticipated vacation with her family and best friend Autumn goes awry when an old elevator transports her to a future in which everything has changed. She must not only return to her time but find a way to prevent what she has seen from coming true.

★ Laurie, Victoria: **Quest for the Secret Keeper: Oracles of Delphi Keep, Book 3**  
Orphan siblings Ian and Theo are trying to fulfill the prophecy of Laodamia of Phoenicia and have become the center of a struggle to save humankind from devastating evil and violence.

★ Lin, Grace: **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon**  
Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River. *2013 Nutmeg Book Award Nominee*

Lin, Grace: **Starry River of the Sky**  
An innkeeper's chore boy discovers that a visitor's stories hold the key to returning the moon to the Starry River of the Sky.



★ McMinn, Lisa: **The Unwanteds**  
In a society that purges thirteen-year-olds who are creative, identical twins Aaron and Alex are separated. One will attend University while the other, supposedly Eliminated, finds himself in a wondrous place where youths hone their abilities and learn magic. *Book one of a new series.*



Oliver, Lauren: **The Spindlers**  
Accompanied by an eccentric, human-sized rat, Liza embarks on a perilous quest through an underground realm to save her brother Patrick, whose soul has been stolen by the evillest of creatures--the spider-like spindlers.



★ Riordan, Rick: **The Lightning Thief**  
*Book number one of this adventure series*  
After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. *2008 Nutmeg Book Award Winner*

★ Rodda, Emily: **Golden Door**

At night the skimmers fly over the Wall looking for human prey and the people of Weld huddle in their houses. After his two brothers set out through the magic doors in an attempt to find the Enemy and do not come back, young Rye knows that he must follow and find them. *Book one of a new series.*

★ Rowling, J.K.: **Harry Potter**

Any of these books are terrific, but if they are new to you, start with **The Sorcerer's Stone**, the one where it all begins. Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

★ Scott, Michael: **The Alchemyst: Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel**

Fifteen-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, find themselves caught up in the deadly struggle between rival alchemysts, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient book that holds the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life. *Book number one of Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel series.*

★ Skelton, Michael: **Endymion Spring**

Having reluctantly accompanied his academic mother and pesky younger sister to Oxford, twelve-year-old Blake Winters is at loose ends until he stumbles across an ancient and magical book, secretly brought to England in 1453 by Gutenberg's mute apprentice to save it from evil forces. It now draws Blake into a dangerous and life-threatening quest.

Snicket, Lemony: **Who Could That Be at This Hour?**

Thirteen-year-old Lemony Snicket begins his apprenticeship with S. Theodora Markson of the secretive V.F.D. in the tiny dot of a town called Stain'd By The Sea, where he helps investigate the theft of a statue. *Book one of a new series.*



Stanley, Diane: **The Silver Bowl**

From the age of seven when she became a scullery maid in a castle, Molly has seen visions of the future which, years later, lead her and friend Tobias on an adventure to keep Alaric, the heir to the throne, safe from a curse. *Sequel: The Cup and the Crown*

★ Tolkien, J. R. R. : **The Hobbit**

Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit, becomes a thief for a band of dwarves and soon finds himself in the midst of a war with the evil goblins and wargs, and forced to make a decision between the call of duty and the pull of the simple life.

★ Wilson, N.D.: **Dragon's Tooth**

When their parents' seedy old motel burns down on the same night they are visited by a strange man covered in skeleton tattoos, Cyrus, Antigone, and their brother Daniel are introduced to an ancient secret society, and discover that they have an important role in keeping it alive. *Book two: The Drowned Vault*

## SERIES FICTION

Groups of books where the story unfolds over several titles.

Series can be from all fiction genres

*Brown School has over 160 series. Some are described within the summer reading list, and others are listed below:*

Aguiar, Nadia: **Tales of Tamarind**

Baum, Frank S.: **The Oz Books**

Colfer, Eoin: **Artemis Fowl**

Dixon, Frank: **Hardy Boys Mysteries**

Funke, Cornelia: **Inkheart Trilogy**

Multiple authors: **The 39 Clues**

Paolini, Christopher: **Inheritance Trilogy**

Riordan, Rick: **Percy Jackson**

Sage, Angie: **Septimus Heap**

Scott, Michael: **Immortal Nicholas Flamel**

Snicket, Lemony: **Series of Unfortunate Events**

Wilson, N. D.: **100 Cupboards**



## FICTION

**Mystery / Suspense**  
Stories about things unknown  
and sometimes scary

★ Baccalario, Pierdomenico: **Ring of Fire, Book 1, Star of Stone, Book 2, City of Wind, Book 3.**

In their continuing quest to save the world from evil forces, Mistral, Elettra, Harvey, and Sheng meet again in Paris where they must search for the mysterious veil of Isis reportedly hidden in the heart of the city.

Feinstein, John: **Rush for the Gold**

Two teenaged aspiring journalists who are dating solve a mystery at the 2012 Olympic Games, while one simultaneously competes for a gold medal in swimming.

★ Hiassen, Carl: **Chomp**

Hiassen sets up another cast of plucky, lovable Everglades kooks, pits them against greedy, wildlife-hating outsiders and buffoonish swamp villains, and mixes it all up with offbeat humor, swift plotting, and heartfelt environmentalism.

★ Holland, Robert: **Quarry**

Cam Bates and his friend Jack find themselves in a world of trouble when they witness a car flying over a cliff into the quarry below and are seen by two men who orchestrated what turns out to be murder. *Newest titles: A Hole in the Air and Blame it on Rufus*

Horowitz, Anthony: **Stormbreaker**

*Book number one of this fantastic Alex Rider adventure series*

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

🍪 Kehret, Peg: **Stolen Children**

While babysitting for little Kendra, Amy must use her wits to save herself and the child after they are kidnapped by two thugs who are demanding money from Kendra's wealthy parents in exchange for their lives. *2012 Nutmeg Book Award*



Kirby, Matthew: **The Clockwork Three**

As mysterious circumstances bring Giuseppe, Frederick, and Hannah together, their lives begin to interlock like the turning gears in a clock. Soon they realize that each one holds a key to solving the others' mysteries. *A Steampunk-style book*

Riordan, Rick: **Kingdom Keepers I: Disney after Dark**

Thirteen-year-old Finn Whitman and four other young teens have been transformed into holograms to be guides for visitors to Disney World, but now they must do battle with the evil witch, Maleficent, and her Overtakers to save Walt Disney World.

**Other Suggested Authors:** David A. Adler, Cynthia C. DeFelice, Bruce Hale, Odo Hirsch, James Howe, Gloria Skurzynski, Marcus Sedgewick

## HISTORICAL FICTION

Stories set in times and places long ago



Avi: **Iron Thunder**

Tom's job as an assistant to Captain John Ericsson, the inventor of the Monitor, makes him a target of Confederate spies.

Carlson, Drew: **Attack of the Turtle**

During the Revolutionary War, fourteen-year-old Nathan joins forces with his older cousin, the inventor David Bushnell, to secretly build the first submarine used in naval warfare.



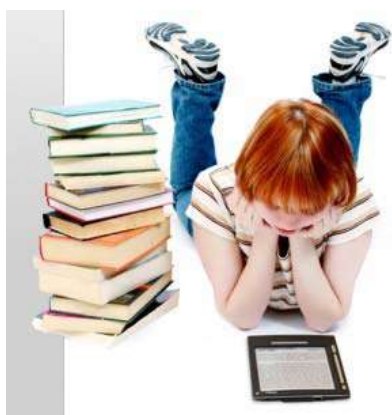
Gutman, Dan: **Roberto & Me**

*A Baseball Card Adventure*

Stosh travels back to 1969 to try to prevent the untimely death of Roberto Clemente, a legendary baseball player and humanitarian. Upon his return to the present, he meets his own great-grandson who takes him into the future, and what he finds there is more shocking than anything he has encountered in his travels to the past.

★ Gantos, Jack: **Dead End in Norvelt**

In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore.



★ Meloy, Maile: **The Apothecary**

Fourteen-year-old Janie Scott, newly arrived in London from Los Angeles in 1952, becomes friends with a mysterious apothecary and his son, Benjamin Burrows. She is drawn into a dangerous adventure with Benjamin when his father is kidnapped and Russian spies try to steal his book of secrets.

★ Morpurgo, Michael: **An Elephant in the Garden**

While their father is away fighting in France, Lizzie and Karl's mother, Mutti, working at a local zoo in Dresden, Germany, during World War II, brings home Marlene, a baby elephant that is slated to be destroyed as the Allied bombing grows closer. When they are forced to flee, Mutti feels they must take Marlene with them, adding even more danger to their journey.

★ Paver, Michelle: **Wolf Brother**

*Book number one of Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series*

Twelve-year-old Tarak and his guide, a wolf cub, set out on a dangerous journey to fulfill an oath the boy made to his dying father--to travel to the Mountain of the World Spirit seeking a way to destroy a demon-possessed bear that threatens all the clans.

★ Riordan, Rick: **Red Pyramid**

*Book number one of this adventure series*

Brilliant Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kane accidentally unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes the doctor to oblivion and forces his two children to embark on a dangerous journey, bringing them closer to the truth about their family and its links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.

★ Sedgwick, Marcus: **The Book of Dead Days**

A magician named Valerian has only the days between Christmas and New Year's to save his own life after making a pact with the devil years before.

Woodruff, Elvira: **George Washington's Spy: A Time Travel Adventure**

Ten-year-old Matt and six other children travel to 1776 Boston, living out American history as they meet Benjamin Franklin, learn about colonial medicine, and become part of a rebel spy ring.



★ Vanderpool, Clare: **Navigating Early**

This is an Odyssey-like adventure of two boys' incredible quest on the Appalachian Trail where they deal with pirates, buried secrets, and extraordinary encounters. *2011 Newbery Award Winning author for Moon Over Manifest*

**Other Suggested Authors:** Karen Cushman, Patricia Reilly Giff, Karen Hesse, Mary Hooper, Kathryn Lasky, Donna Jo Napoli, Gary Paulsen, Ann Rinaldi, Cynthia Rylant, Jean Van Leeuwen, Gloria Whelan.



## GRAPHIC NOVELS

Goscinnny, R. and Uderzo, A.: **Asterix and Obelix All at Sea**

After Obelix drinks a potion that turns him to stone, Asterix sets out to find a cure, and along the way he finds himself on the continent of Atlantis.

★ Hergé: **The Adventures of Tintin**

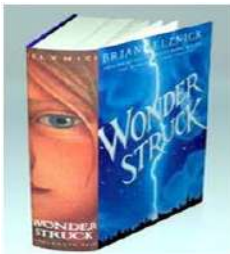
This wildly popular series is about the global adventures of a boy and his dog, Fluffy. The series has been translated into dozens of languages.

Selznick, Brian: **The Invention of Hugo Cabret**

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toy seller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized. *Caldecott Medal 2008*

★ Selznick, Brian: **Wonderstruck**

Having lost his mother and his hearing in a short time, twelve-year-old Ben leaves his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he never knew in New York City. There he meets Rose, who is also longing for something missing from her life. Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures.



Smith, Jeff: **Bone 1: Out From Boneville**

The adventure starts when cousins Fone Bone, Phoney Bone, and Smiley Bone are run out of Boneville. They later get separated and lost in the wilderness, meet monsters and make friends as they attempt to return home.

## NON-FICTION

**Biography, Autobiography, Memoir**  
Stories about real people

Bragg, Georgia: **How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous**

This fascinating collection of remarkable deaths relays all the gory details of how 19 world figures gave up the ghost, including King Tut, Julius Caesar, George Washington, Edgar Allan Poe, and Henry VIII. *Illustrated.*

★ Fleischman, John: **Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science**

This is the true story of Phineas Gage, whose brain had been pierced by an iron rod in 1848, and who survived and became a case study in how the brain functions.

Freedman, Russell: **Lafayette and the American Revolution**

Freedman examines the role of the Marquis de Lafayette in the American Revolution, and discusses how the nineteen-year-old defied the king of France to join the fight for liberty in the United States.

Hodgeman, Ann: **How to Die of Embarrassment Everyday**

Ann Hodgman recounts some of the more embarrassing moments of her childhood.

★ Kirkpatrick, Katherine: **Mysterious Bones: The Story of Kennewick Man**

This book looks at the 1996 discovery of a nearly complete ancient human skeleton along a bank of the Columbia River in Kennewick, Washington, the legal battle that followed over the status of the remains, the methods used to study them, and the surprises that they revealed.

**Other Suggested Authors:** James Lincoln Collier, Tomie De Paola, Dennis B. Fradin, Jean Fritz, Nikki Grimes, Eric A. Kimmel, Walter Dean Myers, Andrea Davis Pinkney

## NON-FICTION GENERAL

### **The Chronicles of Harris Burdick: 14 Amazing Authors Tell the Tales (short stories)**

This book presents fourteen short stories from award-winning authors based on the illustrations in Chris Van Allsburg's *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick* with an introduction by Lemony Snicket.

### **Berger, Lee R.: The Skull in the Rock: How a Scientist, a Boy, and Google Earth Opened a New Window on Human Origins**

This is the story of how Professor Lee Berger and his nine-year-old son used Google Earth to find a new way to study the history of human evolution.

### **Bernstein, Daryl: Better Than a Lemonade Stand! Small Business Ideas for Kids**

The author presents fifty-five small business ideas for kids, from creating a business plan to collecting payment.

### **Chodzin, Sherab: The Barefoot Book of Buddhist Tales**

The Buddha taught that life is like a dream, yet real. This is a collection of thirteen retold Buddhist tales from all over Asia, illustrating various aspects of Buddhist thought.

### **D'Aulaire, Ingrid and Edgar Parin: Ingri and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths**

This book presents illustrated retellings of the myths of the gods and goddesses of ancient Greece and their mortal descendants.



### **Deem, James M.: Faces from the Past: Forgotten People of North America**

This book discusses the discovery of bodies in North America from fifteen to twenty thousand years ago, and the evidence their remains reveal about themselves and the civilizations in which they lived.

Eamer, Claire: **The World in Your Lunch Box**  
Explore a week of lunches--from apples to pizza--by taking a romp through thousands of years of extraordinary events. Some are amusing, like the accidental invention of potato chips. Others are tragic, such as the Spice Wars, which killed thousands of people.

### **★ Freedman, Russell: Who Was First?**

Who really discovered America? This book examines evidence such as Viking ruins, Mayan stonework, and other mysterious objects found in New England that date before Columbus that indicate others may have traveled to the Americas before Columbus.

### **Frydenborg, Kay: Wild Horse Scientists**

Descriptive prose meets solid science as the author, sharing beautiful photos, offers a rare glimpse into the wild herds of Assateague.

### **Gifford, Clive: The Great Global Puzzle Challenge with Google Earth**

Learn more about Google Earth using this illustrated tour of some of the most interesting places on Earth.

### **Glenn, Joshua: Unbored: The Essential Field Guide to Serious Fun**

*Unbored* is the guide and activity book every modern kid needs. It is crammed with activities that are not only fun and doable but also designed to get kids engaged with the wider world.

### **Hague, Bradley: Alien Deep: Revealing the Mysterious Living World at the Bottom of the Ocean**

This engaging reference book depicts adventurous and thrilling elements in oceanographic fieldwork.

### **Harvey, Derek: Super Nature Encyclopedia: The 100 Most Incredible Creatures on the Planet**

Visualized with incredible 3D animal models with cross-sections and strip layers, readers can explore essential details of animals' anatomical features and learn why their bodies work the way they do.





Johnson, Rebecca L: **Zombie Makers: True Stories of Nature's Undead**

Are zombies real? Scientists know for sure that dead people do not come back to life and start walking around looking for trouble. Meet nature's zombie makers—including a fly-enslaving fungus, a suicide worm, and a cockroach-taming wasp—and their victims.

McKellar, Danika: **Math Doesn't Suck: How to Survive Middle School Math without Losing Your Mind or Breaking a Nail**

Danica McKellar offers girls the motivation and explanations they need to master pre-algebra, with step-by-step instructions explaining how to complete basic equations, practice problems with detailed solutions, real-world examples, and more.

Mehlman, Barbara: **Babysitting Jobs: The Business of Babysitting**

Offering advice to prospective babysitters on how to find and keep jobs, the author shares ideas for gaining experience, getting hired, making a good impression, getting paid, and expanding the business.

Newquist, H. P.: **The Book of Blood: From Legends and Leeches to Vampires and Veins**

Newquist takes young readers on an engaging tour of the world of blood, from ancient history to modern science—with an occasional trip to the very strange side of the most important tissue in our bodies. And if this account is a little bloodcurdling, well, that's half the fun!

★ Pullman, Phillip: **Fairy Tales from the Brothers Grimm: A New English Version**

Pullman retells his fifty favorites, from much-loved stories like "Cinderella" and "Rumpelstiltskin," "Rapunzel" and "Hansel and Gretel" to lesser-known treasures like "The Three Snake Leaves," "Godfather Death" and "The Girl with No Hands." At the end of each tale he offers a brief personal commentary, opening a window on the sources of the tales, the various forms they've taken over the centuries and their everlasting appeal.

Simon, Seymour: **Seymour Simon's Extreme Earth Records**

Seymour Simon, the dean of children's science nonfiction, investigates Earth's biggest, smallest, deepest, and coldest environments, animals, plants, and most severe weather. These mind-bending facts and photographs invite readers on an exciting, and sometimes unbelievable, scientific expedition of Earth's most amazing records!

Swanson, James L.: **Chasing Lincoln's Killer**

This book recounts the twelve-day pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth, covering the chase through Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. It contains a discussion of Abraham Lincoln as a father, husband, and friend that examines the impact of his death on those close to him.

Silverstein, Shel: **Every Thing on It: Poems and Drawings**

Recently released, this book is a collection of more than 130 original and never-before published works.

**Other Suggested Authors:** Sneed Collard, Russell Freedman, Dan Gutman, Virginia Hamilton, Joann Mattern, Toni Morrison, Jim Murphy, Chris Oxlade, Edgar Allan Poe, Jack Prelutsky, Alvin Schwartz, Seymour Simon, Art Spiegelman

**5th and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
STUDENT PICKS  
and BOOK FAIR BEST SELLERS!**



Fforde, Jasper: **The Last Dragonslayer**

Frydenborg, Kay : **Wild Horse Scientists**

Holland, Robert: **Quarry**

Korman, Gordon: **Ungifted**

Lerangis, Peter: **The Colossus Rises**

Palacio, R.J.: **Wonder**

Rodda, Emily: **Golden Door**

Simon, Seymour: **Seymour Simon's Extreme Earth Records**

Snicket, Lemony: **Who Could That Be at This Hour?**

Stead: Rebecca: **Liar & Spy**

# INCOMING GRADE 7 REQUIRED READING LIST

Incoming **GRADE 7** students are asked to read a minimum of **FOUR BOOKS**. The Suggested Summer Reading List should serve as a guide; reading need not be limited to the books on the list except that at least ONE of them MUST come from one of the following eleven titles. Students are expected to complete summer reading before school begins and be prepared to determine if their book qualifies as good literature. Students are also asked to complete and submit *Summer Reading Recording Sheets* to their Language Arts teacher in September.

Anderson, Laurie Halse: **Chains**

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

Coy, John: **Crackback**

Miles barely recalls when football was fun after being sidelined by a new coach, constantly criticized by his father, and pressured by his best friend to take performance-enhancing drugs.

Pearson, Mary: **The Adoration of Jenna Fox**

In the not-too-distant future, when biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, a seventeen-year-old girl, recovering from a serious accident and suffering from memory lapses, learns a startling secret about her existence.

Rawls, Wilson: **Where the Red Fern Grows**

A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.

Resau, Laura: **Red Glass**

Sixteen-year-old Sophie has been frail and delicate since her premature birth, but discovers her true strength during a journey through Mexico, where the six-year-old orphan her family hopes to adopt was born, and to Guatemala, where her would-be boyfriend hopes to find his mother and plans to remain.

Shusterman, Neal: **Full Tilt**

When sixteen-year-old Blake goes to a mysterious, by-invitation-only carnival he somehow knows that it could save his comatose brother, but soon learns that much more is at stake if he fails to meet the challenge presented there by the beautiful Cassandra.

Tolkien, J.R.R.: **The Hobbit**

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do **hobbit**, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.

Sonnenblick, Jordan: **Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie**

When his younger brother is diagnosed with leukemia, thirteen-year-old Steven tries to deal with his complicated emotions, his school life, and his desire to support his family.

Steinbeck, John: **The Red Pony**

Ownership of a beautiful red pony teaches ten-year-old Jody about life and death.

Taylor, Mildred: **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**

An African-American family living in the South during the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.

Temple, Frances: **Taste of Salt**

In the hospital after being beaten by Macoutes, 17-year-old Djo tells the story of his impoverished life to a young woman who, like him, has been working with the social reformer Father Aristide to fight the repression in Haiti.

**Note:** *Students with reading difficulties should discuss the possibility of selecting an alternate title with a Special Education Program Manager, English teacher, or Reading teacher.*

## INCOMING 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE REQUIRED READING LIST

Incoming **GRADE 8** students are asked to read a minimum of **FOUR BOOKS**. The Suggested Summer Reading list should serve as a guide; reading need not be limited to the books on this list, except that **at least ONE of them MUST come from one of the following eight titles on this page.** Students are expected to complete summer reading before school begins. In their 8th grade language arts class, students will be asked to identify how a character changes or how a character learns a lesson throughout the course of the book. Students are also asked to complete and submit *Summer Reading Recording Sheets* to their language arts teacher in September.

Card, Orson Scott: **Ender's Game**

Young Ender Wiggin may prove to be the military genius Earth needs to fight a desperate battle against a deadly alien race that will determine the future of the human race.

Connor, Leslie: **Waiting for Normal**

Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.

Farmer, Nancy: **The House of the Scorpion**

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

Greitens, Eric: **The Warrior's Heart**

Eric Greitens shares his life journey from being an average kid to working to make a difference in the world's trouble spots and joining the Navy SEALs to protect the weak, and encourages readers to reflect on the power of choice and acts of courage.

Mikaelsen, Ben: **Touching Spirit Bear**

After his anger erupts into violence, fifteen year-old Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the Native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.

Shusterman, Neal. **Unwind**

Three teens embark upon a cross-country journey in order to escape from a society that salvages body parts from children ages thirteen to eighteen. *2011 Nutmeg Book Award Winner (Teen)*

Sonnenblick, Jordan: **Notes from the Midnight Driver**

After being assigned to perform community service at a nursing home, sixteen-year-old Alex befriends a cantankerous old man who has some lessons to impart about jazz guitar playing, love, and forgiveness.

Zusak, Mark: **The Book Thief**

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

***Note: Students with reading difficulties should discuss the possibility of selecting an alternate title with a Special Education Program Manager, English teacher, or Reading teacher.***

## GRADE 7 and GRADE 8 SUGGESTED READING LIST

### FICTION

**Realistic / Contemporary  
Stories about kids like you!**

Alexie, Sherman: **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Native American is the school mascot.

🐼 Brande, Robin: **Evolution, Me & Other Freaks of Nature**

Mena, ostracized at church, home, and school, struggles to find her way when new friends and school experiences force her to reconsider her beliefs.

🐼 Detorie, Rick: **The Accidental Genius of Weasel High**

A typical boy in ninth grade draws comics and records his thoughts in his journal, describing life with his two parents, adolescent sister, and a bully.

Friend, Natasha: **For Keeps**

Just as sixteen-year-old Josie and her mother finally begin trusting men enough to start dating seriously, the father Josie never knew comes back to town and shakes up what was already becoming a difficult mother-daughter relationship.

★ Forman, Gayle: **Where She Went**

★ *Sequel to If I Stay*

Adam, now a rising rock star, and Mia, a successful cellist, reunite in New York and reconnect after the horrific events that tore them apart when Mia almost died in a car accident three years earlier.

Green, John: **Fault in Our Stars**

Sixteen year old Hazel, who has cancer, meets Augustus at a kids-with-cancer support group and as they fall in love they both wonder how they will be remembered.

Green, Tim: **The Big Time**

Agents and lawyers come knocking after Troy leads his football team, the Atlanta Falcons, to the Georgia State Championship. His life gets complicated when one of the lawyers turns out to be the father he never knew.

★ Lockhart, E.: **The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks**

Sophomore Frankie starts dating senior Matthew Livingston, but he refuses to talk to her about the all-male secret society that he and his friends belong to. Frankie decides to infiltrate the society in order to enliven their mediocre pranks.

Lupica, Mike: **True Legend**

Fifteen-year-old Drew "True" Robinson loves being the best point-guard prospect in high school basketball. But he soon learns the consequences of fame from a former player, as well as through the man who expects to be his manager when True reaches the NBA. *Other suggested titles by Lupica: Bat Boy, Travel Team, Summer Ball and Heat, The Big Field, Million Dollar Throw*

Mass, Wendy: **Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life**

If before your 13th birthday, you received a quadrupled-locked mysterious box engraved "The Meaning of Life", lovingly handcrafted by your dead father, what do you do? You run around all of Manhattan with your best friend, trying to find the missing four keys.

Murdock, Catherine: **Front and Center**

*Sequel to The Off Season and Dairy Queen*

High school standout athlete D. J. Schwenk faces college recruiters, parental expectations and feelings for an old boyfriend in this conclusion to the *Dairy Queen* trilogy.



Pearsall, Shelley: **All of the Above**

James, Rhondell, Sharice, and Marcel attend the same inner-city school. Their teacher Mr. Collins challenges these diverse students to build the world's biggest Sierpinski tetrahedron in an after-school club. *Based on a true story*

✪Schmidt, Gary D.: **Okay for Now**

While Doug struggles to be more than the thug that his teachers and the police think him to be, he finds an unlikely ally in Lil Spicer, as they explore Audubon's art.

✪Sonnenblick, Jordan: **After Ever After**

*Sequel to Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*

Jeff and Tad, encouraged by a new friend, Lindsey, make a deal to help one another overcome aftereffects of their cancer treatments in preparation for eighth-grade graduation. But Jeff still craves advice from his older brother Stephen who is studying drums in Africa. Other suggested title: ***Zen and the Art of Faking It***

Van Draanen, Wendelin: **The Running Dream**

When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a wonderful way to help rekindle her dream of running again.

**OTHER SUGGESTED AUTHORS:** Ann Brashares, Sharon Creech, Ellen Wittlinger, Joan Bauer, Cathy Hopkins, Terry Trueman, Angela Johnson, Chris Crutcher, Gordon Korman, Caroline Cooney, Jordan Sonnenblick

## FICTION

Fantasy / Science Fiction

Cashore, Kristin: **The Graceling**

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace of killing.



✪Collins, Suzanne: **Hunger Games**

In a future North America, the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another. Sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place. *Nutmeg Book Award Winner 2012*

✪Condie, Allyson Braithwaite: **Matched**

Cassia has always had complete trust in the Society to make decisions for her, but when she is being paired with her ideal mate, a second face flashes on the screen. As she tries to decide which man she truly loves, Cassia begins to doubt the Society's infallibility.

📖 Dashner, James: **The Maze Runner**

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape. Series includes: **The Scorch Trials, The Death Cure and Kill Order**

📖 Landy, Derek: **Skulduggery Pleasant**

When Stephanie's uncle dies and includes her in his will, she meets Skulduggery Pleasant and quickly enters a world of secrets, magic, and danger. Can Stephanie and Skulduggery work together to defeat the evil powers of Serpine?

😊Lowry, Lois: **Son**

Companion book to: **The Giver, Gathering Blue, and Messenger**. Unlike the other Birthmothers in her utopian community, teenaged Claire forms an attachment to her baby, feeling a great loss when he is taken to the Nurturing Center to be adopted by a family unit.

Lupica, Mike: **Hero**

Fourteen-year-old Zach learns he has the same special abilities as his father, who was the president's globe-trotting troubleshooter until "the Bads" killed him. Now Zach must decide whether to use his powers in the same way at the risk of his own life.



😊 Lu, Marie: **Legend**

In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy. Try **Prodigy**: Book 2 in the *Legend* series

📖 Maberry, Jonathan: **Rot & Ruin**

In a post-apocalyptic world where fences and border patrols guard the few people left from the zombies that have overtaken civilization, fifteen-year-old Benny Imura is finally convinced that he must follow in his older brother's footsteps and become a bounty hunter.

😊 Meyer, Marissa: **Cinder**

Cinder, a gifted mechanic and a cyborg with a mysterious past, is blamed by her stepmother for her stepsister's illness while a deadly plague decimates the population of New Beijing. But when Cinder's life gets intertwined with Prince Kai's, she finds herself at the center of an intergalactic struggle.

😊 Ness, Patrick: **The Ask and the Answer**

Follow teenagers Todd and Viola, who become separated as the Mayor's oppressive new regime takes power in New Prentisstown, a space colony where residents can hear each other's thoughts. The **Chaos Walking** series continues with **Monsters of Men** and **Chaos Walking**.

Pearson, Mary: **Fox Inheritance**

Friends Jenna, Locke, and Kara suffer a terrible accident that destroys their bodies, but their minds are preserved in a digital netherworld. The friends remain connected until the day Jenna disappears. Decades later, Locke and Kara are given new bodies and discover everyone they knew and loved--except Jenna--are dead and gone. Sequel to **The Adoration of Jenna Fox**.



📖😊 Roth, Veronica: **Divergent**

In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life. The decision is made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all.

📖 Shulman, Polly: **The Grimm Legacy**

New York high school student Elizabeth gets an after-school job as a page at the "New-York Circulating Material Repository." When she gains coveted access to its Grimm Collection of magical objects, she and the other pages are drawn into a series of frightening adventures involving mythical creatures and stolen goods.

📖 Shusterman, Neal: **Bruiser**

Inexplicable events start to occur when sixteen-year-old twins Tennyson and Bronte befriend a troubled and misunderstood outcast, aptly nicknamed Bruiser, and his little brother, Cody.

Shusterman, Neal: **Unwholly**

Thanks to Connor, Risa, and Lev the morality of unwinding has been brought into question. Cam, a teenager made entirely out of the parts of other unwinds, struggles with a search for identity and meaning. Sequel to **Unwind**.

📖😊 Stiefvater, Maggie: **The Scorpio Races**

Nineteen-year-old returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl ever to ride in the annual Scorpio Races. Both are trying to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line.

📖 Zevin, Gabrielle: **Elsewhere**

After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to "live."

**OTHER SUGGESTED FANTASY AUTHORS:**

G.P. Taylor, Terry Pratchett, Eoin Colfer, Melissa Marr, Tamora Pierce, Orson Scott Card, Erin Hunter, Meredith Pierce

## FICTION

### Mystery / Suspense



Bodeen, S.A.: **The Compound**

Fifteen-year-old Eli, locked inside a radiation-proof compound built by his father to keep them safe following a nuclear attack, begins to question his future, as well as his father's grip on sanity as the family's situation steadily disintegrates over the course of six years.

Carter, Ally: **The Gallagher Girls Series**

The series follows 14-year-old Cameron (Cammie) Ann Morgan, a sophomore at Gallagher Academy for Exceptional Young Women, a school for "very gifted girls," but actually a school for espionage spies in training.

Titles: *I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You; Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy; Don't Judge a Girl by Her Cover; Only the Good Spy Young.*

Cooney, Caroline. B.: **Janie Face to Face**

At college in New York City, Janie Johnson, aka Jennie Spring, seems to have successfully left behind her past as "The face on the milk carton," but soon she is pursued by a true-crime writer who wants her help in telling her kidnapper's tale.

Corrigan, Eireann: **Accomplice**

High school juniors and best friends Finn and Chloe hatch a daring plot to fake Chloe's disappearance from their rural New Jersey town in order to have something compelling to put on their college applications. However, unforeseen events complicate matters.

Dowd, Siobhan: **The London Eye Mystery**

When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together—Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat—to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

Hiaasen, Carl: **Chomp**

The difficult star of the reality television show, "Expedition Survival," disappears on location in the Florida Everglades, where they were filming animals from the wildlife refuge run by Wahoo Crane's family. Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him, but they must avoid Tuna's gun-happy father.

Horowitz, Anthony: **Alex Rider Series**

Alex is a teenager turned spy for MI6. Follow his adventures in *Stormbreaker, Point Blank, Skeleton Key, Eagle Strike, Scorpia, Ark Angel, Snakehead, and Crocodile Tears.*

Johnson, Maureen: **The Name of the Star**

Rory, of Boueuxlieu, Louisiana, is spending a year at a London boarding school when she witnesses a murder by a Jack the Ripper copycat and becomes involved with the very unusual investigation.

Lee, Y.S. **The Agency Series**

Rescued from the gallows in 1850s London, young orphan and thief Mary Quinn is offered a place at Miss Scrimshaw's Academy for Girls where she is trained to be part of an all-female investigative unit called The Agency. Titles: *A Spy in the House; The Body at the Tower*

Stewart, Trenton: **The Mysterious Benedict Society**

Four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

Trigiani, Adriana: **Viola in Reel Life**

Fourteen year old Viola is sent from her beloved Brooklyn to boarding school in Indiana for ninth grade. She must overcome her initial reservations as she makes friends with her roommates, goes on a real date, and uses the unsettling ghost she keeps seeing as the subject of a short film--her first.

**OTHER SUGGESTED AUTHORS:** Harlan Coben, Caroline Cooney, Jaclyn Moriarty, Nancy Werlin, Vivian Vande Velde, Lois Duncan, Mary Higgins Clark



## FICTION Historical



Bruchac, Joseph: **Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War II**

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

✪ Anderson, Laurie Halse: **Chains**

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

*Sequel to Chains:* **Forge**

Curzon, having matured from boy to man over the course of the winter with the army at Valley Forge, worries that someone will learn he is a runaway slave passing for free. He tries to figure out the meaning of his friendship with Isabel.

Gonzalez, Christina Diaz: **Red Umbrella**

In 1961 after Castro has come to power in Cuba, fourteen-year-old Lucia and her seven-year-old brother are sent to the United States. Her parents, who are not in favor of the new regime, fear that the children will be taken away from them as others have been.

Gratz, Alan: **Samurai Shortstop**

While obtaining a Western education at a prestigious Japanese boarding school in 1890, sixteen-year-old Toyo also receives traditional samurai training which has profound effects on both his baseball game and his relationship with his father.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson: **Uprising.**

In 1927, at the urging of twenty-one-year-old Harriet, Mrs. Livingston reluctantly recalls her experiences at the Triangle Shirtwaist factory. She includes the miserable working conditions that led to a strike, and the fire that took the lives of her two best friends, when Harriet, the boss's daughter, was only five years old.

Myers, Walter Dean: **Sunrise Over Fallujah**

Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.

👤 Park, Linda Sue: **A Long Walk to Water: A Novel Based on a True Story**

When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven. This book is based on the life of Salva Dut, who, after emigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan.

👤 Salisbury, Graham: **Eyes of the Emperor**

Following orders from the United States Army, several young Japanese American men train K-9 units to hunt Asians during World War II.

😊 Sepetys, Ruta: **Between Shades of Gray**

In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life. She vows to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil.

✪ Schmidt, Gary D.: **The Wednesday Wars**

During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare.



☺ Sharenow, Robert: **Berlin Boxing Club**  
In 1936 Berlin, fourteen-year-old Karl Stern, considered Jewish despite a non-religious upbringing, learns to box from the legendary Max Schmeling while struggling with the realities of the Holocaust.

Stockett, Kathryn: **The Help**  
Skeeter returns home to Mississippi from college in 1962 and begins to write stories about the African-American women that are found working in white households. Included in the collection is Aibileen, who grieves for the loss of her son while caring for her seventeenth white child, and Minny, Aibileen's sassy friend, the hired cook for a secretive woman who is new to town.

Wein, Elizabeth: **Code Name Verity**  
In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping secret all that she can.

**OTHER SUGGESTED AUTHORS:** Ann Rinaldi, Will Hobbs, Karen Cushman, James Lincoln Collier, Gary Paulsen, Kathryn Lasky, Theodore Taylor.

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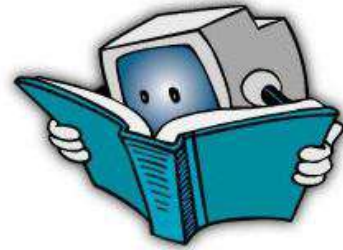
### Biography, Autobiography, Memoir

Allen, Paul: **Idea Man**  
Microsoft cofounder Paul Allen reflects on his life, discussing his work in technology, science, business, sports, and philanthropy. Allen shares his failures and triumphs and details the lessons he has learned.

D'Orso, Michael: **Eagle Blue: A Team, A Tribe, and A High School Basketball Season in Arctic Alaska**  
*Eagle Blue* follows the Fort Yukon Eagles, winners of six regional championships in a row, through the course of an entire 28-game season, from their first day of practice in late November to the Alaska State Championship Tournament in March.

Hickam, Homer H: **October Sky: A Memoir**  
Homer Hickam, the son of a miner and a mother determined to get him out of Coalwood, West Virginia, nurtures a dream to send rockets into outer space--an ambition that changes his life and the lives of everyone living in Coalwood in 1957.

Isaacson, Walter: **Steve Jobs**  
Based on interviews with Jobs and more than a hundred others, this biography of Steve Jobs, focuses on his intense personality and creative success as the founder of Apple.



James, LeBron and Buzz Bissinger: **LeBron's Dream Team: How Five Friends Made History**  
Basketball superstar James and Bissinger, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of **Friday Night Lights**, tell this poignant, thrilling account of the power of teamwork to transform young lives, including James's own. Also published under the title: **Shooting Stars**

Jenks, Andrew: **Andrew Jenks: My Adventures as a Young Filmmaker**  
In this comprehensive photo-biography, fans of all ages will be able to discover everything they've ever wanted to know about Jenks, from growing up to becoming a renowned documentary filmmaker.

Metselaar, Menno: **Anne Frank: Her Life in Words and Pictures.**  
Highlighting the life and trials of the Jewish girl who spent two years hiding from the Nazis in a secret apartment in the Netherlands, this book also includes photos of Anne Frank's famous diary, her hiding place, and school pictures.

Nagle, Jean: **Archie, Peyton and Eli**  
This book provides an overview of the careers of professional football players Archie, Peyton, and Eli Manning.

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Berger, Lee: **The Skull in the Rock: How a Scientist, a Boy, and Google Earth Opened a New Window on Human Origins.**

This is the story of how Professor Lee Berger and his nine-year-old son used Google Earth to find a new way to study the history of human evolution.

Bowers, Rick: **Spies of Mississippi: The True Story of the Spy Network that Tried to Destroy the Civil Rights Movement**

Ellis, Deborah: **Kids of Kabul: Living Bravely Through a Never Ending War**

Deborah Ellis, author of **The Breadwinner**, examines the lives of children living in Kabul, featuring boys and girls ages ten to seventeen discussing their lives in a country at war.

Freedman, Russell: **War to End All Wars: World War I**

This book examines World War I, the first global war in which modern weapons inflicted mass slaughter and an estimated 20 million people were killed.

Janeczko, Paul: **The Dark Game: True Spy Stories**

This book is a collection of true spy stories from throughout the history of the United States, discussing personalities, missions, traitors, technological advances, and more.

McPherson, Stephanie: **Iceberg, Right Ahead!: The Tragedy of the Titanic**

McPherson explores the lasting legacy of the "Titanic" tragedy, and discusses how the sinking of the ship led to new regulations and the formation of an ice patrol that later became the U.S. Coast Guard.

Pink, Daniel: **Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us**

Pink examines three elements of motivation and describes how to put them into action in order to achieve high performance and satisfaction in the workplace, school and at home.

Schanzer, Rosalyn: **Witches! The Absolutely True Tales of Disaster in Salem**

This is the riveting story of the victims, accused witches, crooked officials, and mass hysteria that turned a mysterious illness affecting two children into a witch hunt that took over a dozen people's lives and ruined hundreds more.

Stone, Tanya: **Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles, America's First Black Paratroopers**

Tanya Lee Stone reveals the story of the first black paratroopers, the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion, nicknamed the Triple Nickels.

Walker, Sally: **Secrets of a Civil War Submarine**

This is the story of the *H. L. Hunley*, the Confederate submarine that became the first to ever sink an enemy ship but lay missing on the ocean floor for more than a century. The book describes its creation, its discovery, skeletons and objects found on board, and facial reconstructions of crew members by forensic anthropologists.

Weinstein, Bruce: **Is It Still Cheating If I Don't Get Caught?**

This book uses real-life examples and five basic moral principles to encourage teens to make the right choices in various situations related to friends, family, school, and relationships.

✪ Zencenko, David: **Eat This, Not That for Kids: Be the Leanest, Fittest Family on the Block**

Learn nutritional information that addresses the growing trend in childhood weight disorders, and discover tips on how to make informed choices.



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### Avi: **City of Orphans**

In 1893 New York, thirteen-year-old Maks, a newsboy, teams up with Willa, a homeless girl, to clear his older sister, Emma, from charges that she stole from the brand new Waldorf Hotel, where she works. Includes historical notes.

### Evans, Richard Paul: **Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25**

Michael Vey, a fourteen-year old who has Tourette's syndrome and special electric powers, finds there are others like him, and must rely on his powers to save himself and the others from a diabolical group seeking to control them.

### Gulledge, Laura Lee: **Page by Paige**

Paige Turner, who has just moved to New York with her family, uses her sketchbook to try to make sense of her new life, and she finds the process of sharing her artwork and identity with others both scary and rewarding.

### Levine, Kristin: **The Lions of Little Rock**

Twelve-year-old Marlee develops a strong friendship with Liz, the new girl in school, but when Liz suddenly stops attending school and Marlee hears a rumor that her friend is actually an African American girl passing herself off as white, the two young girls must decide whether their friendship is worth taking on integration and the dangers it could bring to their families.

### Roth, Veronica: **Divergent**

In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life. The decision is made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all.

### Roy, Jennifer: **Mindblind**

Fourteen-year-old Nathaniel Clark, who has Asperger's Syndrome, tries to prove that he is a genius by writing songs for his rock band so that he can become a member of the prestigious Aldus Institute, the premier organization for the profoundly gifted.

### Schmidt, Gary D.: **Okay for Now**

While Doug struggles to be more than the thug that his teachers and the police think him to be, he finds an unlikely ally in Lil Spicer, as they explore Audubon's art.

### Sloan, Holly Goldberg: **I'll Be There**

Raised by an unstable father who keeps constantly on the move, Sam Border has long been the voice of his silent younger brother, Riddle. But everything changes when Sam meets Emily Bell and, welcomed by her family, the brothers encounter normalcy for the first time.

### Stiefvater, Maggie: **The Scorpio Races**

Nineteen-year-old returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl ever to ride in the annual **Scorpio Races**. Both try to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line.

### Williams, Michael: **Now is the Time for Running**

When soldiers attack a small village in Zimbabwe, Deo goes on the run with Innocent, his older, mentally disabled brother, carrying little but a leather soccer ball filled with money. After facing prejudice, poverty, and tragedy, it is in soccer that Deo finds renewed hope.