

SEVENTH GRADE

Suggested Summer Reading

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Fiction

One + One = Blue

Mary Jane Auch

Branded the class loser, twelve-year-old Basil reluctantly becomes friends with a bossy new girl who, like Basil, has synesthesia and comes to Basil's aid when his estranged mother returns and turns his life upside down.

Maze Runner

James Dashner

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. (available as eBook and audiobook)

Payback Time

Carl Deuker

Overweight, somewhat timid Mitch agrees to be the sports reporter for the Lincoln High because he is determined to be a writer, but he senses a real story in Angel, a talented football player who refuses to stand out on the field – or to discuss his past.

My Name is Not Easy

Debby Dahl Edwardson

Luke, Chickie, Sonny, Donna and Amiq relate their experiences in the early 1960s in Alaska when they are forced to attend a Catholic boarding school; despite different tribal affiliations, they come to form a sort of family and the school begins to feel like a home. (available as audiobook)

Seeing Red

Kathryn Erskine

When twelve-year-old Frederick "Red" Porter's father dies in 1972, his mother wants to sell their automobile repair shop and move her two sons back to Ohio, but Red is desperate to stop the sale even if it means unearthing some dark family secrets in a Virginia rife with racial tensions.

Rush for the Gold: Mystery at the Olympics

John Feinstein

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. (available as eBook)

Found

Margaret Peterson Haddix

When thirteen- year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time. (available as audiobook)

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Cinder*Marissa Meyer Meyer*

As plague ravages the overcrowded Earth, Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, becomes involved with handsome Prince Kai and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the world in this futuristic take on the Cinderella story. (available as audiobook)

Middle School: Get Me Out of Here!*James Patterson*

After surviving sixth grade, Rafe expects seventh grade to be a fun zone because he has been accepted to art school in the big city, but when he discovers it is more competitive than he expected, he sets out to turn his boring life into the inspiration for a work of art. (available as audiobook)

Operation Oleander*Valerie Patterson*

Seventh-grader Jess and her friends establish the Order of the Oleander to collect supplies for an orphanage in Kabul, Afghanistan, where two of their parents are deployed, but when disaster strikes and many blame the Order, Jess must find a way to move on.

Life as We Knew It*Susan Beth Pfeffer*

Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. (available as audiobook)

The Lightning Thief*Rick Riordan*

After learning 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. (available as eBook and audiobook)

Graphic Novels**Lewis & Clark***Nick Bertozzi*

Presents, in graphic novel format, the adventures of explorers Lewis and Clark during their journey from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean.

Queen Bee*Chynna Clugston-Major*

Haley is smart, funny, nice and determined to be super-popular in her new middle-school.

Poseidon: Earth Shaker*George O'Connor*

This book graphically adapts the adventures of the Greek god of the seas, presenting the myth of how Poseidon became the king of the oceans and such as Theseus and the Minotaur, Odysseus and Polyphemos, and the founding of Athens.

The Storm in the Barn*Matt Phelan*

Jack has to deal with the effects of the Dust Bowl, rising tensions in his small town and spread of a shadowy illness.

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Cardboard*Doug TenNapel*

After Cam's father gives him a cardboard box for his birthday, they fashion it into a man that comes to life, but things spin out of control when a bully steals a scrap of the cardboard to create creatures that disobey his orders and multiply into an army.

Non-Fiction**The Good Fight: How World War II was Won***Stephen E. Ambrose*

A chronicle of World War II includes accounts of major events and personal antidotes from soldiers in the field.

Elephant Talk: The Surprising Science of Elephant Communication *Ann Downer*

Presents an introduction to elephants, describing their different types, habitat, herd behavior, how they communicate using sound, touch and bodily movement and the dangers they face from illegal poaching.

Discovering Wes Moore: Chances, Choices, Changes*Wes Moore*

A military paratrooper and White House fellow contrasts events from his life with those of a fatherless friend to explore the issues that separate the outcomes of success and failure.

Beyond Courage: The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust*Doreen Rappaport*

Beyond Courage recounts the efforts of Jews who organized others and sabotaged the Nazis during the Holocaust, including Georges Loinger who smuggled children from occupied France into Switzerland and four brothers who led refugees into the forest to build a village and an army. (available as audiobook)

Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team that Changed a Town*Warren St. John*

Shares the inspirational story of a youth soccer comprised of refugees from around the world who, under the guidance of a formidable coach female coach, help transform their Georgia community.

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