

NINTH GRADE

Recommended Summer Reading

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Fiction

Enclave

Ann Aguirre

In a post-apocalyptic future, Deuce, a loyal Huntress, brings back meat while avoiding the Freaks outside her enclave, but when she is partnered with the mysterious outsider, Fade, she begins to see that the strict ways of the elders maybe wrong—and dangerous.

Skinny

Donna Cooner

After undergoing gastric-bypass surgery, Ever Davies loses weight and makes the brave decision to start participating in high school life, including pursuing her dream of becoming a singer and finding love. (available as eBook and audiobook)

Tiger's Curse

Colleen Houck

Kelsey forms a bond with a circus tiger who is actually one of two brothers, Indian princes Ren and Kishan, who were cursed to live as tigers for eternity, and she travels with him to India where the tiger's curse may be broken once and for all. (available as eBook and audiobook)

Openly Straight

Bill Konigsberg

Tired of being known as "the gay kid", Rafe Goldberg decides to assume a new persona when he comes east and enters an elite Massachusetts prep school—but trying to deny his identity has both complications and unexpected consequences.

Grave Mercy

Robin LaFevers

In the fifteenth-century kingdom of Brittany, seventeen-year-old Ismae escapes from the brutality of an arranged marriage into the sanctuary of the convent of St. Mortain, where she learns that the god of Death has blessed her with dangerous gifts—and a violent destiny. (available as eBook and audiobook)

Every Day

David Levithan

Every morning A wakes in a different person's body, in a different person's life, learning over the years to never get too attached, until he wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon.

Dodger

Terry Pratchett

In an alternative version of Victorian London, a seventeen-year-old Dodger, a cunning and cheeky street urchin, unexpectedly rises in life when he saves a mysterious girl, meets Charles Dickens, and unintentionally puts a stop to the murders of Sweeny Todd. (available as eBook and audiobook)

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Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*Ransom Riggs*

After a family tragedy, Jacob feels compelled to explore an abandoned orphanage on an island off the coast of Wales, discovering disturbing facts about the children who were kept there. (available as eBook and audiobook and graphic novel)

Divergent*Veronica Roth*

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, a decision 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. (available as eBook and audiobook)

Eleanor & Park*Rainbow Rowell*

Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits—smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try. (available as audiobook)

This Song Will Save Your Life*Leila Sales*

Nearly a year after a failed suicide attempt, sixteen-year-old Elise discovers that she has the passion, and the talent, to be a disc jockey.

Between Shades of Gray*Ruta Sepetys*

In 1941, Lina and her family 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, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers. (available as eaudio)

Winger*Andrew Smith*

Two years younger than his classmates at a prestigious boarding school, fourteen-year-old Ryan Dean West grapples with living in the dorm for troublemakers, falling for his female best friend who thinks of him as just a kid, and playing wing on the Varsity rugby team with some of his frightening new dorm-mates.

Non-Fiction**Steve Jobs: The Man who Thought Different : A Biography***Karen Blumenthal*

Presents the life and career of the computer industry visionary, from his early life and creation of Apple Computer at the age of twenty to his accomplishments in technology and design.

Forensic Identification: Putting a Name and Face on Death*Elizabeth Murray*

Examines how forensic scientists identify victims and criminals by studying autopsies, facial reconstructions, fingerprints, and DNA evidence.

The Nazi Hunters*Neal Bascomb*

Recounts how, sixteen years after the end of World War II, a team of undercover Israeli agents captured the Nazi war criminal, Adolf Eichmann, in a remote area of Argentina and brought him to trial in Israel for crimes committed during the Holocaust.

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My Parent Has Cancer*Marc Silver*

Real life advice for teens from teens about having a parent with cancer. (available as eBook)

This Star Won't Go Out*Esther Earl*

A collection of the journals, fiction, letters, and sketches of the late Esther Grace Earl, who passed away in 2010 at the age of 16. (available as audiobook)

Graphic Novels**War Brothers***Sharon McKay and Daniel Lafrance*

Ugandan boys Jacob and Tony, after being abducted and turned into child soldiers, escape from their captors and reach safety, but Jacob is left with the mental scars of their ordeal.

Anya's Ghost*Vera Brosgol*

Anya, embarrassed by her Russian immigrant family and self-conscious about her body, has given up on fitting in at school but falling down a well and making friends with the ghost there just may be worse.

Freshman: Tales of 9th Grade Obsessions, Revelations, and Other Nonsense*Corinne Mucha*

Follows Annie's first year of high school, chronicling her crushes, failures, and successes.

Sunny Vol. 1*Taiyo Matsumoto*

When Sei's parents drop him off at a children's home, he does what he can to fit in with the other troubled children and, like them, finds escape in a broken-down old car and his imagination.

Boxers*Gene Luen Yang*

In 1898 China, Little Bao has had enough of foreign missionaries and soldiers robbing peasants, and he recruits an army of Boxers to fight to free China from its oppressors.

Saints*Gene Luen Yang*

Vibiana, an unwanted fourth child, finds her name and identity in Christianity, but with the Boxer Rebellion in full swing and Chinese Christians facing death, she must decide whether her loyalties lie with her religion or her country.