



# THE URSULINE SCHOOL

## Summer 2020 Reading List Middle School English

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The English department welcomes you to Ursuline Summer Reading - a chance to explore new authors and genres as well as continue to build your reading skills. Below are the titles of required books for your 2020-2021 English class, as well as other titles of works that have been endorsed by students.

You are required to read the novel listed under your specific grade level. Please obtain your own hard copy of the required book (as opposed to a library copy or digital version), as you will need to write in the book, have it in class, and refer to it in discussions.

Here are a few suggestions for annotating as you read your required book:

- Underline key passages that you find interesting or important
- Use sticky notes or marginal notes to mark observations, questions, and connections
- Mark lines that help you understand the characters and plot

Additionally, you must select and highlight at least 3 quotations that are interesting or thought-provoking and be prepared to discuss these quotations in class. There will be a written assessment in September.

<i>English 6</i>	<i>English 7</i>	<i>English 8</i>
<i>Raymie Nightingale</i> , Kate DiCamillo	<i>Amal Unbound</i> , Aisha Saeed	<i>Piecing Me Together</i> , Renee Watson

### Recommended Additional Reading for Middle School

Choose a book (or two or three!) from this list if you want to keep on reading. Though it is not required, you are encouraged to read for pleasure.

*And Then There Were None*, Agatha Christie  
*Anne of Green Gables*, L.M. Montgomery  
*Big Mouth and Ugly Girl*, Joyce Carol Oates  
*Deenie*, Judy Blume  
*Garden of Angels*, Lurlene McDaniels  
*Hero*, S.L. Rottman  
*Island of the Blue Dolphins*, Scott O'Dell  
*Little Women*, Louisa May Alcott  
*Lockdown*, Walter Dean Myers  
*Millicent Min*, *Girl Genius*, Lisa Yee  
*Mind's Eye*, Paul Fleischman  
*October Sky*, Homer H. Hickam, Jr.  
*Peter and the Starcatcher (series)*, Rick Elice  
*Radiance*, Alyson Noel  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, M. Taylor  
*Running Out of Time*, Margaret Peterson Haddix  
*Shadow Spinner*, Susan Fletcher  
*Silent to the Bone*, E.L. Konigsburg  
*The Devil's Arithmetic*, Jane Yolen  
*The Face on the Milk Carton*, Caroline Cooney  
*The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, Mitch Albom  
*The Girls Get Even*, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
*The Lemonade War*, Jacqueline Davies  
*The Messenger*, Lois Lowry  
*The Pigman*, Paul Zindel  
*Ties That Bind, Ties That Break*, Lensey Namioka  
*Watership Down*, Richard Adams  
*Whispers from the Dead*, Joan Lowery Nixon  
*Year of Impossible Goodbyes*, Sook Nyoi Cho