



Summer Reading - 2015

Students Entering Grade 8

Please Note: All suggested summer reading titles are recommended for the 8th grade reading level.

Your Summer Reading Goal:

READ FOUR OR MORE BOOKS!

“Harvard University assistant education professor James Kim has found that students who read four or more at-level books over the summer do better than those who did not when they return to school in the fall.” – Scholastic Magazine

Top Suggestions!

Check them off as you read! See how many you can finish this summer!

___ ***The Extraordinary Cases of Sherlock Holmes* – Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**

Read these eight classic Sherlock Holmes mysteries, including "The Adventure of the Speckled Band," "Silver Blaze," and "The Reigate Puzzle."

___ ***The Lord of the Rings: Single-Volume Edition* – J.R.R. Tolkien**

A one-volume edition of the trilogy which tells of the quest undertaken by the hobbit Frodo and his companions to journey across Middle-earth and cast the evil One Ring, into the Cracks of Doom.

___ ***The Fall of the House of Usher: and other tales* – Edgar Allan Poe**

This book of short stories presents fifteen tales of horror by Edgar Allan Poe, including "The Fall of the House of Usher."

___ ***Wonder* – R. J. Palacio**

August Pullman was born with a facial deformity that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face.

___ ***Son of the Mob* – Carol Plum-Ucci**

Seventeen-year-old Vince's life is constantly complicated by the fact that he is the son of a powerful Mafia boss, a relationship that threatens to

destroy his romance with the daughter of an FBI agent.

___ ***Life As We Knew It (Series)* – 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.

___ ***Fat Cat* – Robin Brande**

Overweight teenage Catherine embarks on a high school science project in which she must emulate the ways of hominids, the earliest ancestors of human beings, by eating an all-natural diet and foregoing technology.

___ ***The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible... on Schindler's List (Memoir)* – Leon Leyson**

Leon Leyson describes growing up in Poland, being forced from home to ghetto to concentration camps by the Nazis, and being saved by Oskar Schindler.

___ ***Legend* – Marie Lu**

In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy.

___ ***The Selection* – Kiera Cass**

Sixteen-year-old America Singer is living in the caste-divided nation of Illea, which formed after the war that destroyed the United States. America is chosen to compete in the Selection--a contest to see which girl can win the heart of Illea's prince--but all she really wants is a chance for a future with her secret love, Aspen, who is a caste below her

___ ***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.

___ ***The 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.

Additional Suggested Titles

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___ ***Master of Deceit : J. Edgar Hoover and America in the Age of Lies* – Marc Aronson**

Examines the legacy and the power held by J. Edgar Hoover during his years as the first director of the FBI and describes how his decisions affected the lives of Americans in the twentieth century.

___ ***Call of the Klondike : A True Gold Rush Adventure* – David Meissner**

Through telegrams, letters, diary entries, and newspaper articles, retells the true story of Will Stanley Pearce and Marshall Bond's adventure as prospectors in Dawson City, Canada, during the Klondike gold rush.

___ ***Between Shades of Grey* – Ruta Sepetys**

In 1941, 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.

___ ***The Once and Future King* - T.H. White**

Read the story of the youth and reign of King Arthur, the establishment of the Round Table, and the search for the Holy Grail.

___ ***If I Stay* – Gayle Forman**

While in a coma following an automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, seventeen-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death.

___ ***The Fault in Our Stars* – John Green**

Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life.

___ ***Cinder* - Marissa Meyer**

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

___ ***Far Far Away* - Tom McNeal**

When Jeremy Johnson Johnson's strange ability to speak to the ghost of Jacob Grimm draws the interest of his classmate, the two find themselves at the center of a series of disappearances in their hometown.

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

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.

___ ***The Summer I Turned Pretty* – Jenny Han**

Belly spends the summer she turns sixteen at the beach just like every other summer of her life, but this time things are very different as she finds herself falling for a boy she has known since childhood.

___ ***7 Habits of Highly Effective Teenagers* - Covey**

Presents activities designed to help teenagers gain an awareness of their character, strengths, and weaknesses and improve themselves by strengthening their self-esteem, self-control, friendships, and focus on goals.

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