



SUMMER READING

7th and 8th grade – Summer 2022

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Want to read something else? Great! Let us know what you are reading this summer with [this form](#).

For rising seventh graders, the required reading is:

- *March, Book One* by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin
- TWO choice books from the independent reading list

For rising eighth graders, the required reading is:

- *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
 - TWO choice books from the independent reading list
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Non-Fiction

African Icons: Ten People Who Shaped History by Tracey Baptiste, illustrated by Hillary D. Wilson

Drawn Across Borders : True Stories of Human Migration by George Butler

This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality by Jo Ann Allen Boyce

Free Lunch by Rex Ogle

Plasticus Martimus: An Invasive Species by Ana Pego, illustrated by Bernardo P. Carvalho

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You by Jason Reynolds

How We Got to the Moon: the People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's Greatest Adventure by John Rocco

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat

Ancient World & Mythology

The Coming of the Dragon by Rebecca Barnhouse

Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor, and Loki by Kevin Crossley-Holland, illustrated by Jeffrey Alan Love

Gilgamesh the Hero by Geraldine McCaughrean, illustrated by Davis Parkins

(+) *Gods and Warriors* by Michelle Paver

Skraelings: Clashes in the Old Arctic by Rachel and Sean Qitsualik-Tinsley

(+) *The Eagle of the Ninth (Roman Britain Trilogy, Book 1)* by Rosemary Sutcliff
The Shadow Hero by Gene Luen Yang
The Ode to the Goddess of the Luo River by Yu Zhiying, illustrated by Ye Luying

Historical Fiction

Letters from Cuba by Ruth Behar
The Blackbird Girls by Anne Blankman
The Long Ride by Marina Budhos
We Are Not Free by Traci Chee
Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna by Aida P. Dobbs
Downstairs Girl by Stacy Lee
Everything Sad Is Untrue by Daniel Nayeri
Chula the Fox by Anthony Perry
Loretta Little Looks Back: Three Voices Go Tell It by Andrea Davis Pinkney, illustrated by Brian Pinkney
Dawn Raid by Pauline Smith, illustrated by Mat Hunkin

Realistic Fiction

The Other Half of Happy by Rebecca Balcarcel
King and the Dragonflies by Kacen Callender
Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya
Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year by Nina Hamza
The True Definition of Neva Beane by Christine Kendall
Thanks A Lot, Universe by Chad Lucas
Birdie and Me by J.M.M. Nuanez
Black Brother, Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Crossing the Farak River by Michelle Aung Thin
Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga
Genesis Begins Again by Alicia Williams

Romance and Relationships

A Match Made in Mehendi by Nandini Bajpai
The Brave by James Bird
All American Muslim Girl by Nadine Jolie Courtney
Redwood and Ponytail by K.A. Holt
(+) *Crush* by Gary Paulsen
Spin With Me by Ami Polonsky
To Night Owl from Dogfish by Holly Goldberg Sloane and Meg Wolitzer
Well, That Was Awkward by Rachel Vail
Love Is a Revolution by Renee Watson

Adventure, Survival and Sports

One Last Shot by John David Anderson
The Canyon's Edge by Dusti Bowling

(+) *Dough Boys* by Paula Chase
Illegal by Eoin Colfer
Dog Driven by Terry Lynn Johnson
Strike Zone by Mike Lupica
(+) *Blazewrath Games* by Amparo Ortiz
(+) *Epoca: The Tree of Ecrof* by Ivy Pochoda
(+) *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds

Horror, Mystery and Suspense

The Girl and the Ghost by Hanna Alkaf
Hide and Seeker by Daka Hermon
Poe: Stories and Poems by Gareth Hinds
(+) *Truly Devious* by Maureen Johnson
Living Ghosts and Mischievous Monsters by Dan Sasuwah Jones, illustrated by Weshoyot Alvitre
Elatsoe by Darcie Little Badger, illustrated by Rovina Cai
(+) *Ali Cross* by James Patterson
(+) *The Shadow Cipher* by Laura Ruby

Fantasy

(+) *Children of Blood and Bone* by Toni Adeyemi
Assassination of Brangwain Spurge by M.T. Anderson, illustrated by Eugene Yelchin
Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster by Jonathan Auxier
Pet by Akwaeke Emezi
(+) *Black Wings Beating* by Alex London
(+) *Fireborne* by Rosaria Munda
The Insiders by Mark Oshiro
Cece Rios and the Desert of Souls by Kaela Rivera
Root Magic by Eden Royce
Children of the Quicksands by Efuia Traore

Science Fiction

Diego and the Rangers of the Vastlantic by Armand Baltazar
The Extraordinary Colors of Auden Dare by Zillah Bethell
(+) *Last Day on Mars* by Kevin Emerson
The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera
Last Gate of the Emperor by Kwame Mbalia and Prince Joel Makonnen
Flood City by Daniel Jose Older
(+) *Bloom* by Kenneth Oppel
Maximillian Fly by Angie Sage
(+) *Scythe* by Neil Shusterman