



**St. David's Middle School
Summer Reading 2018**

Dear St. David's Students and Families:

St. David's Summer Reading Program is an important component of our academic curriculum. The books on the middle school list have been selected to enhance the upcoming year's curriculum and to provide excellent book suggestions. Students should note the requirements for their grade and for the language course for which they are registered.

Students are also encouraged to set personal goals for their summer reading. They might choose to read multiple works of a favorite author or series, try a new genre, or explore a topic of interest in history or science, for example.

The authors of *Books That Build Character* tell us that *"The voyage from childhood to responsible adulthood is long, difficult, and stormy. Good stories provide compass, chart, and bearings for the journey."* It is our hope that among the selections on this summer's reading list and in their own reading choices, students will discover books that will entertain, challenge, and enrich their lives.

Have a wonderful summer!

Mrs. Peggy Swearingen, Director of Libraries
Miss Sarah Jane Keegan, English Department Chair
Middle School English Faculty

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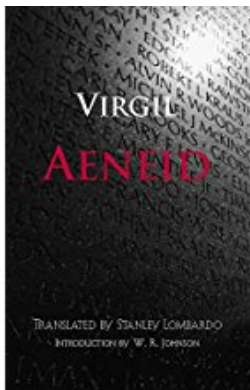


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Department of Classical Languages

Optional Reading: Latin II

The following is optional reading for those enrolled in Latin II.

Aeneid by Vergil, translated by Stanley Lombardo
ISBN: 9780872207318 (Please use this edition.)



Students may read the *Aeneid* in English from the edition referenced above in preparation for their work with this poem during the year.

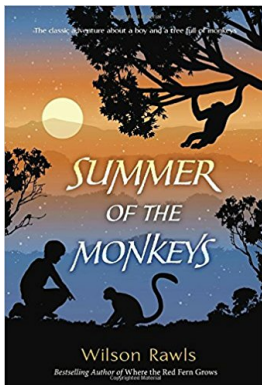


**St David's School
Middle School Summer Reading 2018
Rising 5th Grade**

All fifth-grade students are asked to read the following required book over the summer and are highly encouraged to read a second book from the suggested reading below. Students should come to class in the fall prepared to demonstrate knowledge of their summer reading.

Required: 5th Grade

Summer of the Monkeys by Wilson Rawls
ISBN: 978-0440415800 (Please use this edition.)



Sometimes the most cherished books are those that we discover in a forgotten corner of a bookshelf. Such a rare find is *Summer of the Monkeys*, written forty years ago. You will experience many emotions while reading this novel. Look for inspirational examples within the story that portray such character traits as kindness, respectfulness, determination, responsibility, and integrity while analyzing the various elements of literature, such as character development, conflict, and theme. Journey back in time to the late 1800's when life was simple, but choices could be difficult. Think of ways you can begin 5th grade with the life lessons you learn from Jay Berry, Grandpa, Daisy, and even "the monkeys." Get ready for engaging discussions about this memorable book when we meet in the fall.



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Suggested Reading: 5th and 6th Grades

Fiction

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General Fiction

Beautiful Blue World by Suzanne La Fleur

The land of Sofarende is at war, and the army is recruiting children, paying families well for their service. Best friends Megs and Mathilde must make a decision that will change them forever.

Defiance by Valerie Hobbs

While vacationing in the country, eleven-year-old Toby, a cancer patient, learns some important lessons about living and dying from an elderly poet and her cow.

A Dog's Life by Ann M. Martin

A stray puppy tells her life story, from her nurturing mother and brother to making her own way in the world, facing busy highways, changing seasons, and humans both gentle and brutal.

The Extra Yard by Mike Lupica (and others by Lupica)

Teddy's dream for success on the travel football team suffers a setback when his long-lost father comes back in town.

Firegirl by Tony Abbott

A middle school boy's life is changed when a girl disfigured by burns attends his school. This is a touching story of friendship.



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Ghost by Jason Reynolds (National Book Award Finalist 2016)

When Castle “Ghost” Crenshaw gets recruited by a local track coach for a championship team, they strike a deal: if Ghost can stop getting into fights at school, he can compete with the team. Will Coach, an ex-Olympic Medalist who blew his own shot at success, keep Ghost from making the same mistakes?

Heidi by Johanna Spyri

A classic, this is the story of a young girl from the Swiss Alps whose life takes a dramatic turn when she must go to live in the city, leaving behind her grandfather and the mountains she loves.

Listening for Lions by Gloria Whelan

Left an orphan after the influenza epidemic in British East Africa in 1919, thirteen-year-old Rachel travels to England, where she dreams of returning to Africa to rebuild her parents' mission hospital.

A Long Walk to Water (Based on a True Story) by Linda Sue Park

The harrowing but ultimately hopeful story of two eleven year olds from Sudan, a girl who walks eight hours a day for water, and a boy who becomes one of the “lost boys” of Sudan.

An Old-Fashioned Girl by Louisa May Alcott

Polly's friendship with the wealthy Shaws of Boston helps them to build a new life and teaches her the truth about the relationship between happiness and riches.

On My Honor by Marion Dane Bauer (Newbery Honor Book 1987)

When something happens to his best friend while they are swimming in a treacherous river, Joel learns the terrible consequences of disobedience.

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate. (Newbery Medal Winner 2013)

Based on a real gorilla that lived for years in a shopping mall, this story will tear at your heartstrings.

The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall (National Book Award Winner 2005) (The Penderwicks series)

Vacationing with their father on an estate in the Berkshire Mountains, 4 sisters share adventures with the son of the snobby estate owner. Nostalgic, humorous, witty, and fun, this series is a perfect summer read.

Rain Reign by Ann Martin

Struggling with Asperger's syndrome, Rose shares a bond with her beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels.

The Red Pencil by Andrea Davis Pinkney

After militants attack her tribal village, a young Sudanese girl must flee to safety at a refugee camp, where she finds hope and the chance to pursue an education. Powerful novel written in verse.



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Rules by Cynthia Lord (Newbery Honor Book 2007: Schneider Family Book Award 2016)

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence.

Shadow of a Bull by Maia Wojciechowska (Newbery Medal Winner 1965)

Manolo Olivar has to make a decision: to follow in his famous father's shadow and become a bullfighter, or to follow his heart and become a doctor.

The Thing about Luck by Cynthia Kadohata (National Book Award Winner 2013)

When an emergency takes her parents to Japan, Summer is left to care for her little brother and help her grandmother cook and do laundry for harvest workers.

Treasures of the Snow by Patricia St. John

Annette is angry and filled with hatred when Lucien gets back at her by threatening the most precious thing in the world to her. Dani. A classic, uplifting story of the healing power of repentance and forgiveness.

What Katy Did by Susan Coolidge

When an accidental fall from a swing seems to threaten twelve-year-old Katy's hopes for the future, she struggles to overcome her difficulties with pluck, vitality, and good humor.

Where the Lilies Bloom by Vera and Bill Cleaver

In the Great Smoky Mountains region, a fourteen-year-old girl struggles to keep her family together after their father dies.

Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick (Schneider Family Book Award 2012)

Ben loses his mother and his hearing and decides to leave his home to seek the father he has never known. Rose is also compelled to search for what is missing in her life.

Historical Fiction

Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery (Anne of Green Gables series)

Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm, and she proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.

Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk (Scott O'Dell Award Winner 2018)

Crow, rescued as an infant from the sea, is haunted by the mystery of her own history. A fire on a nearby island prompts her to search for answers, discovering along the way the true meaning of family.

Blue by Joyce Moyer Hostetter

Ann Fay Honeycutt becomes the "man" of the house at age thirteen after her father leaves to fight in World War II. When a polio epidemic strikes, Ann faces the most devastating challenge of her life.



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Chu Ju's House by Gloria Whelan

In order to save her baby sister, fourteen-year-old Chu Ju leaves her rural home in modern China and earns food and shelter by working on a sampan, tending silk worms, and planting rice seedlings.

Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi (Newbery Medal Winner 2003)

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

Dear America series (various authors)

Each book is written in the form of a diary of a young woman's or young man's life during an important event or time period in American history. The series covers a wide range of topics and significant time periods.

The Dreamer by Pam Munoz Ryan and Peter Sis (Pura Belpre Award Winner 2011)

A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, a painfully shy child who became one of the most widely read poets in the world.

Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan (Newbery Honor Book 2016)

Mysterious story of prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica that unites and gives hope to children facing difficult challenges.

An Elephant in the Garden by Michael Morpurgo

During WW II, as the Allied bombing grows closer, and baby elephant Marlene is slated to be destroyed, Mutti and her children are forced to flee, taking Marlene with them on a dangerous journey.

Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis (Coretta Scott King Award 2008)

Eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first freeborn child in Buxton, Canada, in 1859, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice a lying preacher.

Esperanza Rising by Pam M. Ryan

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California.

A Gathering of Days by Joan W. Blos (Newbery Medal Winner 1980; National Book Award 1980)

Catherine's mother has died, following the birth of an infant son, and when her father decides to remarry, Catherine faces painful changes.

Glory Be by Augusta Scattergood

Gloriana faces her twelfth birthday in 1964 and struggles with the changes she sees happening around her as she witnesses tempers rising in a debate over a segregated public pool.



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The Good Master by Kate Seredy (Newbery Honor Book 1936)

Young Jancsi and his cousin Kate from Budapest race across the Hungarian plains on horseback, attend country fairs and festivals, and experience a run-in with gypsies.

Heart of a Samurai by Margi Preus (Newbery Honor Book 2011)

In 1841, after a terrible shipwreck leaves him and his four companions as castaways on a remote island, fourteen-year-old Manjiro learns new laws and customs as he becomes the first Japanese person to set foot in the United States.

The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures by Brian Selznick (Caldecott Medal Winner 2008)

Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station, meets a mysterious toy seller and his goddaughter, jeopardizing his undercover life.

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell (Newbery Medal Winner 1961)

Records the courage and self-reliance of an Indian girl who lived alone for eighteen years on an isolated island off the California coast.

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (Newbery Medal Winner 1990)

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

Porcupine Year by Louise Erdrich (sequel to *The Birchbark House* and *The Game of Silence*)

Twelve-year-old Omakayas, an Ojibwe girl, draws strength from the land and spirits as she and her family endure numerous hardships in their search for a new home in northern Minnesota in 1852.

Refugee by Alan Gratz (Sydney Taylor Book Award Winner 2018)

Follow the harrowing fictional journeys and amazing connections of Josef, living in Nazi Germany in the 1930's; Isobel, fleeing Cuba in 1994; and Mahmoud, a contemporary Syrian boy whose homeland is torn apart by violence.

Rifles for Watie by Harold Keith (Newbery Medal Winner 1958)

Just sixteen, Jefferson Davis Bussey can't wait to leave his Kansas farm and defend the Union against Colonel Watie, leader of the dreaded Cherokee Indian rebels. But he soon learns that there's more to war than honor and glory.

A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park (Newbery Medal Winner 2002)

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge near a potters' village, and longs to learn how to make delicate celadon ceramics.



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Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper

When a burning cross, set by the Klan, causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.

Trailblazer Books series by Dave and Neta Jackson

A series of action-packed historical fiction novels introducing great real-life Christian heroes. Each book portrays a significant period in a hero or heroine's life and ministry.

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

Joey the horse recalls his experiences growing up on an English farm, his struggle for survival as a cavalry horse during World War I, and his reunion with his beloved master.

The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (Newbery Honor Book 2016)

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, escaping a life with an abusive mother.

Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk (Newbery Honor Book 2017)

Annabelle lives a quiet life in her small town until a new student arrives in class, who reveals herself to be cruel and manipulative. When reclusive World War I vet Toby becomes the target of her attacks, Annabelle determines to find the courage to stand as a lone voice of justice.

Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken

Surrounded by villains of the first order, brave Bonnie and gentle cousin Sylvia conquer all obstacles in this Victorian melodrama.

Science Fiction

The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau (Books of Ember series)

The lights are in danger of going out in the city of Ember, the last refuge for the human race. The adventure begins when 12-year-old Lina finds an ancient message that may lead to saving the city.

Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix (Missing series)

When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were found on a plane full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel.

Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements

When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend, Alicia, try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.



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A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle (Time quintet) (Newbery Medal Winner 1963)
Meg Murry, her brother Charles, and their friend Calvin, embark on a journey through space and time to find Meg's father, who disappeared while experimenting with time travel.

Nonfiction

Biography/Autobiography

Always Inventing: A Photobiography of Alexander Graham Bell by Tom L. Matthews

This biography, with photographs and quotes from Bell himself, follows the inventor from his childhood in Scotland through his efforts to come up with ideas that would improve people's lives.

The Boy on the Wooden Box by Leon Leyson (Sydney Taylor Book Award Honor 2014)

In the only memoir of a former Schindler's list child, the author tells the unthinkable story of his experiences in the Krakow ghetto and concentration camp.

The Boy Who Fell off the Mayflower by Patrick James Lynch

Illustrated account of the life of John Howland and his perilous journey to New England.

Harriet Beecher Stowe and the Beecher Preachers by Jean Fritz

The story of Harriet Beecher Stowe, who opposed slavery so passionately that she decided to write novels about it, and became the most famous of a renowned family.

Hudson Taylor: Deep in the Heart of China by Janet & Geoff Benge (and others in the series Christian Heroes: Then and Now)

A biography of the late nineteenth-century English missionary to China, Hudson Taylor. This series tells about the powerful lives of Christians who have shaped history, giving the reader a chance to see how God works through the lives of His followers.

Leon's Story by Leon Walter Tillage

The son of a North Carolina sharecropper recalls the hard times faced by his family and other African Americans in the first half of the twentieth century and the changes that the Civil Rights Movement helped bring about.

Shipwrecked! The True Adventures of a Japanese Boy by Rhoda Blumberg (ALA Notable Book 2003)

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Through My Eyes: A Quarterback's Journey (Young Readers Edition) by Tim Tebow
NFL quarterback Tebow gives a behind-the-scenes look at his life on and off the field, as he shares how faith, family values, and determination have molded him into the person and athlete he is today.

You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton? by Jean Fritz
In this fascinating portrait, suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton tells about her childhood and her fight for women's rights.

General Nonfiction

Comodore Perry in the Land of the Shogun by Rhoda Blumberg (Newbery Honor Book 1986)

Details one of history's most significant diplomatic achievements, when Commodore Perry helped open Japan's closed society to world trade in the 1850s.

Dr. Jenner and the Speckled Monster: The Search for the Smallpox Vaccine by Albert Marrin

Chronicles Dr. Edward Jenner's efforts to discover a vaccine for the smallpox virus and explains how his discovery impacted the world.

Girls Who Looked under Rocks: The Lives of Six Pioneering Naturalists by Jeannine Atkins

Contains profiles of six girls who displayed an early interest in nature, and who grew up to be award-winning scientists and writers.

Hidden Figures (Young Reader's Edition) by Margot Lee Shetterly

This book brings to life the true stories of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden, four African-American women who lived through the civil rights era, the Space Race, the Cold War, and the movement for gender equality, and whose work forever changed the face of NASA.

Quiet Power: The Secret Strengths of Introverts (Kids Edition) by Susan Cain

An adaptation of the authors' best-selling book, *Quiet: The Power of Introverts In a World That Can't Stop Talking*, this book offers tips and reassurance for young people who tend to be more introverted.



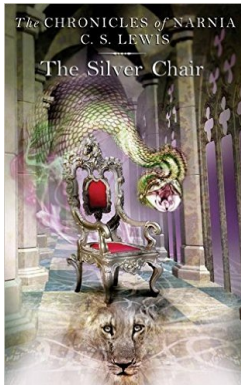
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Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin (Newbery Honor Book 2010)

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest. Great tie-in with *Ch'i-lin Purse: A Collection of Ancient Chinese Stories* on this list.

General Fiction

Beautiful Blue World by Suzanne La Fleur

The land of Sofarende is at war, and the army is recruiting children, paying families well for their service. Best friends Megs and Mathilde must make a decision that will change them forever.

Defiance by Valerie Hobbs

While vacationing in the country, eleven-year-old Toby, a cancer patient, learns some important lessons about living and dying from an elderly poet and her cow.

A Dog's Life by Ann M. Martin

A stray puppy tells her life story, from her nurturing mother and brother to making her own way in the world, facing busy highways, changing seasons, and humans both gentle and brutal.

The Extra Yard by Mike Lupica (and others by Lupica)

Teddy's dream for success on the travel football team suffers a setback when his long-lost father comes back in town.

Firegirl by Tony Abbott

A middle school boy's life is changed when a girl disfigured by burns attends his school. This is a touching story of friendship.



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Ghost by Jason Reynolds (National Book Award Finalist 2016)

When Castle “Ghost” Crenshaw gets recruited by a local track coach for a championship team, they strike a deal: if Ghost can stop getting into fights at school, he can compete with the team. Will Coach, an ex-Olympic Medalist who blew his own shot at success, keep Ghost from making the same mistakes?

Heidi by Johanna Spyri

A classic, this is the story of a young girl from the Swiss Alps whose life takes a dramatic turn when she must go to live in the city, leaving behind her grandfather and the mountains she loves.

Listening for Lions by Gloria Whelan

Left an orphan after the influenza epidemic in British East Africa in 1919, thirteen-year-old Rachel travels to England, where she dreams of returning to Africa to rebuild her parents' mission hospital.

A Long Walk to Water (Based on a True Story) by Linda Sue Park

The harrowing but ultimately hopeful story of two eleven year olds from Sudan, a girl who walks eight hours a day for water, and a boy who becomes one of the “lost boys” of Sudan.

An Old-Fashioned Girl by Louisa May Alcott

Polly's friendship with the wealthy Shaws of Boston helps them to build a new life and teaches her the truth about the relationship between happiness and riches.

On My Honor by Marion Dane Bauer (Newbery Honor Book 1987)

When something happens to his best friend while they are swimming in a treacherous river, Joel learns the terrible consequences of disobedience.

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate. (Newbery Medal Winner 2013)

Based on a real gorilla that lived for years in a shopping mall, this story will tear at your heartstrings.

The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall (National Book Award Winner 2005) (The Penderwicks series)

Vacationing with their father on an estate in the Berkshire Mountains, 4 sisters share adventures with the son of the snobby estate owner. Nostalgic, humorous, witty, and fun, this series is a perfect summer read.

Rain Reign by Ann Martin

Struggling with Asperger's syndrome, Rose shares a bond with her beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels.

The Red Pencil by Andrea Davis Pinkney

After militants attack her tribal village, a young Sudanese girl must flee to safety at a refugee camp, where she finds hope and the chance to pursue an education. Powerful novel written in verse.



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Rules by Cynthia Lord (Newbery Honor Book 2007: Schneider Family Book Award 2016)

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence.

Shadow of a Bull by Maia Wojciechowska (Newbery Medal Winner 1965)

Manolo Olivar has to make a decision: to follow in his famous father's shadow and become a bullfighter, or to follow his heart and become a doctor.

The Thing about Luck by Cynthia Kadohata (National Book Award Winner 2013)

When an emergency takes her parents to Japan, Summer is left to care for her little brother and help her grandmother cook and do laundry for harvest workers.

Treasures of the Snow by Patricia St. John

Annette is angry and filled with hatred when Lucien gets back at her by threatening the most precious thing in the world to her. Dani. A classic, uplifting story of the healing power of repentance and forgiveness.

What Katy Did by Susan Coolidge

When an accidental fall from a swing seems to threaten twelve-year-old Katy's hopes for the future, she struggles to overcome her difficulties with pluck, vitality, and good humor.

Where the Lilies Bloom by Vera and Bill Cleaver

In the Great Smoky Mountains region, a fourteen-year-old girl struggles to keep her family together after their father dies.

Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick (Schneider Family Book Award 2012)

Ben loses his mother and his hearing and decides to leave his home to seek the father he has never known. Rose is also compelled to search for what is missing in her life.

Historical Fiction

Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery (Anne of Green Gables series)

Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm, and she proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.

Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk (Scott O'Dell Award Winner 2018)

Crow, rescued as an infant from the sea, is haunted by the mystery of her own history. A fire on a nearby island prompts her to search for answers, discovering along the way the true meaning of family.

Blue by Joyce Moyer Hostetter

Ann Fay Honeycutt becomes the "man" of the house at age thirteen after her father leaves to fight in World War II. When a polio epidemic strikes, Ann faces the most devastating challenge of her life.



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Chu Ju's House by Gloria Whelan

In order to save her baby sister, fourteen-year-old Chu Ju leaves her rural home in modern China and earns food and shelter by working on a sampan, tending silk worms, and planting rice seedlings.

Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi (Newbery Medal Winner 2003)

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

Dear America series (various authors)

Each book is written in the form of a diary of a young woman's or young man's life during an important event or time period in American history. The series covers a wide range of topics and significant time periods.

The Dreamer by Pam Munoz Ryan and Peter Sis (Pura Belpre Award Winner 2011)

A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, a painfully shy child who became one of the most widely read poets in the world.

Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan (Newbery Honor Book 2016)

Mysterious story of prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica that unites and gives hope to children facing difficult challenges.

An Elephant in the Garden by Michael Morpurgo

During WW II, as the Allied bombing grows closer, and baby elephant Marlene is slated to be destroyed, Mutti and her children are forced to flee, taking Marlene with them on a dangerous journey.

Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis (Coretta Scott King Award 2008)

Eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first freeborn child in Buxton, Canada, in 1859, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice a lying preacher.

Esperanza Rising by Pam M. Ryan

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California.

A Gathering of Days by Joan W. Blos (Newbery Medal Winner 1980; National Book Award 1980)

Catherine's mother has died, following the birth of an infant son, and when her father decides to remarry, Catherine faces painful changes.

Glory Be by Augusta Scattergood

Gloriana faces her twelfth birthday in 1964 and struggles with the changes she sees happening around her as she witnesses tempers rising in a debate over a segregated public pool.



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The Good Master by Kate Seredy (Newbery Honor Book 1936)

Young Jancsi and his cousin Kate from Budapest race across the Hungarian plains on horseback, attend country fairs and festivals, and experience a run-in with gypsies.

Heart of a Samurai by Margi Preus (Newbery Honor Book 2011)

In 1841, after a terrible shipwreck leaves him and his four companions as castaways on a remote island, fourteen-year-old Manjiro learns new laws and customs as he becomes the first Japanese person to set foot in the United States.

The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures by Brian Selznick (Caldecott Medal Winner 2008)

Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station, meets a mysterious toy seller and his goddaughter, jeopardizing his undercover life.

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell (Newbery Medal Winner 1961)

Records the courage and self-reliance of an Indian girl who lived alone for eighteen years on an isolated island off the California coast.

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (Newbery Medal Winner 1990)

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

Porcupine Year by Louise Erdrich (sequel to *The Birchbark House* and *The Game of Silence*)

Twelve-year-old Omakayas, an Ojibwe girl, draws strength from the land and spirits as she and her family endure numerous hardships in their search for a new home in northern Minnesota in 1852.

Refugee by Alan Gratz (Sydney Taylor Book Award Winner 2018)

Follow the harrowing fictional journeys and amazing connections of Josef, living in Nazi Germany in the 1930's; Isobel, fleeing Cuba in 1994; and Mahmoud, a contemporary Syrian boy whose homeland is torn apart by violence.

Rifles for Watie by Harold Keith (Newbery Medal Winner 1958)

Just sixteen, Jefferson Davis Bussey can't wait to leave his Kansas farm and defend the Union against Colonel Watie, leader of the dreaded Cherokee Indian rebels. But he soon learns that there's more to war than honor and glory.

A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park (Newbery Medal Winner 2002)

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge near a potters' village, and longs to learn how to make delicate celadon ceramics.



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Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper

When a burning cross, set by the Klan, causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.

Trailblazer Books series by Dave and Neta Jackson

A series of action-packed historical fiction novels introducing great real-life Christian heroes. Each book portrays a significant period in a hero or heroine's life and ministry.

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

Joey the horse recalls his experiences growing up on an English farm, his struggle for survival as a cavalry horse during World War I, and his reunion with his beloved master.

The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (Newbery Honor Book 2016)

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, escaping a life with an abusive mother.

Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk (Newbery Honor Book 2017)

Annabelle lives a quiet life in her small town until a new student arrives in class, who reveals herself to be cruel and manipulative. When reclusive World War I vet Toby becomes the target of her attacks, Annabelle determines to find the courage to stand as a lone voice of justice.

Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken

Surrounded by villains of the first order, brave Bonnie and gentle cousin Sylvia conquer all obstacles in this Victorian melodrama.

Science Fiction

The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau (Books of Ember series)

The lights are in danger of going out in the city of Ember, the last refuge for the human race. The adventure begins when 12-year-old Lina finds an ancient message that may lead to saving the city.

Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix (Missing series)

When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were found on a plane full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel.

Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements

When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend, Alicia, try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.



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A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle (Time quintet) (Newbery Medal Winner 1963)
Meg Murry, her brother Charles, and their friend Calvin, embark on a journey through space and time to find Meg's father, who disappeared while experimenting with time travel.

Nonfiction

Biography/Autobiography

Always Inventing: A Photobiography of Alexander Graham Bell by Tom L. Matthews

This biography, with photographs and quotes from Bell himself, follows the inventor from his childhood in Scotland through his efforts to come up with ideas that would improve people's lives.

The Boy on the Wooden Box by Leon Leyson (Sydney Taylor Book Award Honor 2014)

In the only memoir of a former Schindler's list child, the author tells the unthinkable story of his experiences in the Krakow ghetto and concentration camp.

The Boy Who Fell off the Mayflower by Patrick James Lynch

Illustrated account of the life of John Howland and his perilous journey to New England.

Harriet Beecher Stowe and the Beecher Preachers by Jean Fritz

The story of Harriet Beecher Stowe, who opposed slavery so passionately that she decided to write novels about it, and became the most famous of a renowned family.

Hudson Taylor: Deep in the Heart of China by Janet & Geoff Benge (and others in the series Christian Heroes: Then and Now)

A biography of the late nineteenth-century English missionary to China, Hudson Taylor. This series tells about the powerful lives of Christians who have shaped history, giving the reader a chance to see how God works through the lives of His followers.

Leon's Story by Leon Walter Tillage

The son of a North Carolina sharecropper recalls the hard times faced by his family and other African Americans in the first half of the twentieth century and the changes that the Civil Rights Movement helped bring about.

Shipwrecked! The True Adventures of a Japanese Boy by Rhoda Blumberg (ALA Notable Book 2003)

In 1841, rescued by an American whaler after a shipwreck leaves him and his four companions castaways on a remote island, fourteen-year-old Manjiro learns new customs as he becomes the first Japanese person to set foot in the United States.



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Through My Eyes: A Quarterback's Journey (Young Readers Edition) by Tim Tebow
NFL quarterback Tebow gives a behind-the-scenes look at his life on and off the field, as he shares how faith, family values, and determination have molded him into the person and athlete he is today.

You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton? by Jean Fritz
In this fascinating portrait, suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton tells about her childhood and her fight for women's rights.

General Nonfiction

Comodore Perry in the Land of the Shogun by Rhoda Blumberg (Newbery Honor Book 1986)

Details one of history's most significant diplomatic achievements, when Commodore Perry helped open Japan's closed society to world trade in the 1850s.

Dr. Jenner and the Speckled Monster: The Search for the Smallpox Vaccine by Albert Marrin

Chronicles Dr. Edward Jenner's efforts to discover a vaccine for the smallpox virus and explains how his discovery impacted the world.

Girls Who Looked under Rocks: The Lives of Six Pioneering Naturalists by Jeannine Atkins

Contains profiles of six girls who displayed an early interest in nature, and who grew up to be award-winning scientists and writers.

Hidden Figures (Young Reader's Edition) by Margot Lee Shetterly

This book brings to life the true stories of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden, four African-American women who lived through the civil rights era, the Space Race, the Cold War, and the movement for gender equality, and whose work forever changed the face of NASA.

Quiet Power: The Secret Strengths of Introverts (Kids Edition) by Susan Cain

An adaptation of the authors' best-selling book, *Quiet: The Power of Introverts In a World That Can't Stop Talking*, this book offers tips and reassurance for young people who tend to be more introverted.

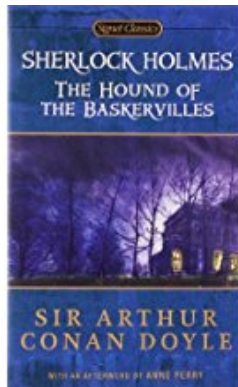


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All seventh-grade students are asked to read the following required book over the summer and are highly encouraged to read a second book from the suggested reading below. Students should come to class in the fall prepared to demonstrate knowledge of their summer reading.

Required: 7th Grade

The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
ISBN: 978-0451528018 (Please use this edition.)



Known for his works of intrigue and suspense associated with the detective novel and mystery genre, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in *The Hound of the Baskervilles* creates a dynamic tale involving an old English estate, with a dark legend, mysterious murders, and an elusive hound. While a classic novel from the “father of the English murder mystery,” the plot elements found within the novel are those seen and read in many popular suspense movies and books today. Rich in varying thematic elements and literary devices such as suspense, foreshadowing, and cliffhanger endings, *The Hound of the Baskervilles* will serve as a great introduction to our analysis of literature this year while keeping you guessing at what Sherlock will discover next.



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Suggested Reading: 7th and 8th Grades

Fiction

Action/Adventure

Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne

Phileas Fogg, an English gentleman, bets 20,000 pounds that he can travel around the world in only 80 days.

Captains Courageous by Rudyard Kipling

A sheltered American heir to a fortune is saved from drowning by a New England fishing schooner and must learn to survive on his own strength.

The Last Thing I Remember by Andrew Klavan (Homelanders series)

High school student Charlie West awakens in a concrete bunker to discover that he has lost a year of his life and remembers nothing about escaping from prison after being convicted of murdering his former best friend.

The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood by Howard Pyle

The outlaw Robin Hood and his band of merry men share many adventures as they plunder the king's purse, poach his deer, overcome foes, and endear themselves to the poor through their generosity.

Navigating Early by Clare Vanderpool (Printz Honor 2014)

Two boys leave their boarding school in Maine and head off on an epic quest along the Appalachian Trail in search of a great black bear.

The Swiss Family Robinson by Johann Wyss

The story of adventure and survival of a Swiss family who are shipwrecked on an uncharted island in the nineteenth century.

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of an inn and her son find a treasure map that leads to a pirate fortune as well as great danger.

Fantasy and Fable

Black Horses for the King by Anne McCaffrey

Galwyn, son of a Roman Celt, escapes from his tyrannical uncle and joins Lord Artos, later known as King Arthur, to help secure and care for the Libyan horses that Artos hopes to use in battle against the Saxons.



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The Children's Homer by Padraic Colum

A retelling of the events of the Trojan War and the wanderings of Odysseus, based on Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey*.

The Fellowship of the Ring by J. R. R. Tolkien (The Lord of the Rings Trilogy)

Assisted by an odd troupe of heroes, Frodo Baggins sets off on a perilous journey to take the mystical One Ring to Mount Doom so that it and its magical powers can be destroyed.

The Golden Fleece: And the Heroes Who Lived before Achilles by Padraic Colum

Travel to ancient Greece, where gods and goddesses walk the earth and a youth named Jason must capture the famous Golden Fleece. Mythology buffs will love the classic stories of Greek heroes, from Hercules to Orpheus to Theseus.

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow and Other Stories by Washington Irving

Includes thirteen short stories by Washington Irving, including the title work about schoolmaster Ichabod Crane and his encounter with a headless horseman.

The Neverending Story by Michael Ende

Shy, awkward Bastian is amazed to discover that he has become a character in the mysterious book he is reading and that he has an important mission to fulfill.

The Odyssey by Homer, translated by Stanley Lombardo

Composed 3,000 years ago, this epic poem describes a Greek warrior's journey home after the Trojan War. (This is an unabridged version with some PG-13 themes and language.)

Peter Pan by James M. Barrie

Peter Pan, a boy who refuses to grow up, brings Wendy Darling and her brothers to Neverland for the adventure of a lifetime.

The Story of King Arthur and His Knights by Howard Pyle

In this enchanting version, the renowned American illustrator and storyteller Howard Pyle retells the perilous and thrilling adventures of King Arthur and his knights in that glorious age of chivalry and honor.

Tarzan of the Apes by Edgar Rice Burroughs

Tarzan, abandoned as a baby in the jungle of Africa, is adopted into a tribe of great apes and grows to become Lord of the Jungle until his domain is disturbed by civilized men who cause Tarzan to question his true identity.

Watership Down by Richard Adams (Carnegie Medal 1972)

Classic story of a group of rabbits searching for a safe place to establish a new warren where they can live in peace.

Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

The escapades of four animal friends – Toad, Mole, Rat, and Badger – who live along a river in the English countryside.



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General Fiction

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

A horse in nineteenth-century England recounts his experiences with both good and bad masters.

Booked by Kwame Alexander (National Book Award Long List 2016)

Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander (Newbery Medal Winner 2015; Coretta Scott King Honor 2015)

Just like star basketball players Josh and Jordan, this novel moves swiftly, with plenty of action and drama on and off the court. Told in verse, the story is heartbreaking and heartwarming.

Homecoming by Cynthia Voigt (Book 1 in the Tillerman Cycle series) (National Book Award Finalist 1982)

The four Tillerman children are abandoned by their mother in a mall parking lot somewhere in the middle of Connecticut. They begin a search for another home by embarking on a journey to their Great-aunt Cilla's house in Bridgeport.

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

This classic novel chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young women in mid-nineteenth-century New England.

Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy by Gary Schmidt (Newbery Honor Book 2005)

Turner Buckminster hates his new home of Phippsburg, Maine, but things improve when he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from a poor, nearby island community founded by former slaves.

The Miracle Worker by William Gibson

William Gibson's play about teacher Annie Sullivan's determined quest to give twelve-year-old Helen Keller, who is blind, deaf, and mute, the gift of language.

National Velvet by Enid Bagnold

A fourteen-year-old English girl wins a horse in a raffle, trains it, and rides it in the Grand National steeplechase.



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Okay for Now by Gary Schmidt (National Book Award Finalist 2011)

Fourteen-year-old Doug Swieteck faces many challenges, including an abusive father and a brother traumatized by Vietnam. Through his friendship with Lil and a developing passion for art, Doug discovers his best self.

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

In early nineteenth-century England, a spirited young woman copes with the courtship of a snobbish gentleman as well as the romantic entanglements of her four sisters.

Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen (Schneider Family Book Award 2012)

When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb, and her track team finds a wonderful way to help rekindle her dream of running again.

A Solitary Blue by Cynthia Voigt (Newbery Honor Book 2004)

Jeff's mother, who deserted the family years before, reenters his life and widens the gap between Jeff and his father, a gap that only truth, love, and friendship can heal.

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Stargirl, a teen who animates Mica High School with her colorful personality, suddenly finds herself shunned for her refusal to conform.

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

Paul, who lives in the shadow of his athletic older brother, overcomes near blindness to play soccer on a school team. In the process, he discovers a difficult truth about his past.

The Underdogs by Mike Lupica

Small but fast twelve-year-old Will Tyler, an avid football player in the down-and-out town of Forbes, Pennsylvania, takes matters into his own hands to try and finance the city's football team, giving the whole community hope in the process.

Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt (Newbery Honor Book 2008)

On Wednesdays, when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read Shakespeare and where Holling learns much of value about the world in which he lives.

Historical Fiction

Annie between the States by L.M. Elliott

Instead of spending her teen years at parties and balls, Annie, an idealistic, poetry-loving patriot, finds herself nursing soldiers, hiding valuables, and running the household as the Civil War rages around her family's Virginia home.



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Blood on the River: James Town 1607 by Elisa Carbone

Traveling to the New World in 1606 as the page to Captain John Smith, twelve-year-old orphan Samuel Collier settles in the new colony of James Town, where he must quickly learn to distinguish between friend and foe.

The Boy Who Dared by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

In October 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hübener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson (National Book Award Finalist 2008)

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

Christy by Catherine Marshall

In the year 1912, nineteen-year-old Christy Huddleston leaves home to teach school in the Smoky Mountains and comes to know and love the resilient people of the region. Her faith is challenged by trial and tragedy, by the needs of two remarkable young men, and by a heart torn between true love and unwavering devotion.

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson (ALA Best Books for Young Adults 2001)

Sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.

The Fifth of March: A Story of the Boston Massacre by Ann Rinaldi

Fourteen-year-old Rachel Marsh, an indentured servant in the Boston household of John and Abigail Adams, is caught up in the colonists' unrest that eventually escalates into the massacre of March 5, 1770.

Forge by Laurie Halse Anderson (sequel to *Chains*)

Curzon, having matured from boy to man over the course of the winter with the army at Valley Forge, worries that someone will learn he is a runaway slave passing for free.

Good Night, Mr. Tom by Michelle Magorian

A battered child learns to embrace life when he is adopted by an old man in the English countryside during World War II.

Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson (Newbery Honor Book 2007)

Sixteen-year-old Hattie Brooks inherits her uncle's homesteading claim in Montana in 1917 and encounters some unexpected problems related to the war in Europe.



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The Hired Girl by Laura Amy Schlitz (National Jewish Book Award Winner 2016; Scott O'Dell Award Winner 2016)

In 1911, fourteen-year-old Joan writes of her hopes and dreams as she works as hired help for a Jewish family in PA.

Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai (National Book Award Winner 2011; Newbery Honor 2012)

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes (Newbery Medal Winner 1944)

The Year: 1773. The place: Boston. Johnny Tremain is fourteen and apprenticed to a silversmith. When his hand is horribly burned, he finds work as a dispatch rider, which brings him in touch with Boston patriots, the Tea Party, and the Battle of Lexington.

Let the Circle Be Unbroken by Mildred Taylor (Coretta Scott King Award 1982)

Four black children growing up in rural Mississippi during the Depression experience racial antagonisms and hard times but learn from their parents the pride and self-respect they need.

Out of Many Waters by Jacqueline Dembar Greene (companion book: *One Foot Ashore*)

Kidnapped from their parents during the Portuguese Inquisition and sent to work as slaves at a monastery in Brazil, two Jewish sisters attempt to make their way back to Europe to find their parents, but instead one becomes part of a group founding the first Jewish settlement in the United States.

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse (Newbery Medal Winner 1998)

In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.

Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys (Carnegie Medal Winner 2017)

World War II is drawing to a close in East Prussia and thousands of refugees are fleeing to freedom, many with something to hide. The paths of three young people converge on the ship, the Wilhelm Gustloff, as tragedy strikes.

Trumpeter of Krakow by Eric P. Kelly (Newbery Medal Winner 1929)

Set in 15th century Poland, this is the story of a young boy's admiration for the bravery of a long-dead youth, which encourages him to remain loyal to his country in the face of great danger.

Science Fiction

From the Earth to the Moon by Jules Verne

Impey Barbicane, president of the elite Baltimore Gun Club in the years following the Civil War, suggests that members build a gun big enough to launch a rocket to



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the moon, but things get out of control when an adversary wagers against the project, and a volunteer lobbies to make the mission a manned flight.

Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea by Jules Verne

An American frigate tracks down a ship-sinking submarine commanded by the mysterious Captain Nemo.

Nonfiction

Biography/Autobiography

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson (National Book Award Winner 2015; Coretta Scott King Award Winner 2015; Newbery Honor 2015)

In moving verse, author Woodson tells the story of her childhood growing up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s. Eloquent and inspiring.

C.S. Lewis: Master Storyteller by Janet Bengtson and Geoff Bengtson

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Action/Adventure

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Two boys leave their boarding school in Maine and head off on an epic quest along the Appalachian Trail in search of a great black bear.

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Shy, awkward Bastian is amazed to discover that he has become a character in the mysterious book he is reading and that he has an important mission to fulfill.

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Tarzan of the Apes by Edgar Rice Burroughs

Tarzan, abandoned as a baby in the jungle of Africa, is adopted into a tribe of great apes and grows to become Lord of the Jungle until his domain is disturbed by civilized men who cause Tarzan to question his true identity.



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Watership Down by Richard Adams (Carnegie Medal 1972)

Classic story of a group of rabbits searching for a safe place to establish a new warren where they can live in peace.

Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

The escapades of four animal friends – Toad, Mole, Rat, and Badger – who live along a river in the English countryside.

General Fiction

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

A horse in nineteenth-century England recounts his experiences with both good and bad masters.

Booked by Kwame Alexander (National Book Award Long List 2016)

Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander (Newbery Medal Winner 2015; Coretta Scott King Honor 2015)

Just like star basketball players Josh and Jordan, this novel moves swiftly, with plenty of action and drama on and off the court. Told in verse, the story is heartbreaking and heartwarming.

Homecoming by Cynthia Voigt (Book 1 in the Tillerman Cycle series) (National Book Award Finalist 1982)

The four Tillerman children are abandoned by their mother in a mall parking lot somewhere in the middle of Connecticut. They begin a search for another home by embarking on a journey to their Great-aunt Cilla's house in Bridgeport.

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

This classic novel chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young women in mid-nineteenth-century New England.

Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy by Gary Schmidt (Newbery Honor Book 2005)

Turner Buckminster hates his new home of Phippsburg, Maine, but things improve when he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from a poor, nearby island community founded by former slaves.

The Miracle Worker by William Gibson

William Gibson's play about teacher Annie Sullivan's determined quest to give twelve-year-old Helen Keller, who is blind, deaf, and mute, the gift of language.



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National Velvet by Enid Bagnold

A fourteen-year-old English girl wins a horse in a raffle, trains it, and rides it in the Grand National steeplechase.

Okay for Now by Gary Schmidt (National Book Award Finalist 2011)

Fourteen-year-old Doug Swieteck faces many challenges, including an abusive father and a brother traumatized by Vietnam. Through his friendship with Lil and a developing passion for art, Doug discovers his best self.

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

In early nineteenth-century England, a spirited young woman copes with the courtship of a snobbish gentleman as well as the romantic entanglements of her four sisters.

Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen (Schneider Family Book Award 2012)

When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb, and her track team finds a wonderful way to help rekindle her dream of running again.

A Solitary Blue by Cynthia Voigt (Newbery Honor Book 2004)

Jeff's mother, who deserted the family years before, reenters his life and widens the gap between Jeff and his father, a gap that only truth, love, and friendship can heal.

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Stargirl, a teen who animates Mica High School with her colorful personality, suddenly finds herself shunned for her refusal to conform.

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

Paul, who lives in the shadow of his athletic older brother, overcomes near blindness to play soccer on a school team. In the process, he discovers a difficult truth about his past.

The Underdogs by Mike Lupica

Small but fast twelve-year-old Will Tyler, an avid football player in the down-and-out town of Forbes, Pennsylvania, takes matters into his own hands to try and finance the city's football team, giving the whole community hope in the process.

Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt (Newbery Honor Book 2008)

On Wednesdays, when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read Shakespeare and where Holling learns much of value about the world in which he lives.



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Historical Fiction

Annie between the States by L.M. Elliott

Instead of spending her teen years at parties and balls, Annie, an idealistic, poetry-loving patriot, finds herself nursing soldiers, hiding valuables, and running the household as the Civil War rages around her family's Virginia home.

Blood on the River: James Town 1607 by Elisa Carbone

Traveling to the New World in 1606 as the page to Captain John Smith, twelve-year-old orphan Samuel Collier settles in the new colony of James Town, where he must quickly learn to distinguish between friend and foe.

The Boy Who Dared by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

In October 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hübener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson (National Book Award Finalist 2008)

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

Christy by Catherine Marshall

In the year 1912, nineteen-year-old Christy Huddleston leaves home to teach school in the Smoky Mountains and comes to know and love the resilient people of the region. Her faith is challenged by trial and tragedy, by the needs of two remarkable young men, and by a heart torn between true love and unwavering devotion.

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson (ALA Best Books for Young Adults 2001)

Sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.

The Fifth of March: A Story of the Boston Massacre by Ann Rinaldi

Fourteen-year-old Rachel Marsh, an indentured servant in the Boston household of John and Abigail Adams, is caught up in the colonists' unrest that eventually escalates into the massacre of March 5, 1770.

Forge by Laurie Halse Anderson (sequel to *Chains*)

Curzon, having matured from boy to man over the course of the winter with the army at Valley Forge, worries that someone will learn he is a runaway slave passing for free.

Good Night, Mr. Tom by Michelle Magorian

A battered child learns to embrace life when he is adopted by an old man in the English countryside during World War II.



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Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson (Newbery Honor Book 2007)

Sixteen-year-old Hattie Brooks inherits her uncle's homesteading claim in Montana in 1917 and encounters some unexpected problems related to the war in Europe.

The Hired Girl by Laura Amy Schlitz (National Jewish Book Award Winner 2016; Scott O'Dell Award Winner 2016)

In 1911, fourteen-year-old Joan writes of her hopes and dreams as she works as hired help for a Jewish family in PA.

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Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

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Four black children growing up in rural Mississippi during the Depression experience racial antagonisms and hard times but learn from their parents the pride and self-respect they need.

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In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.

Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys (Carnegie Medal Winner 2017)

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Trumpeter of Krakow by Eric P. Kelly (Newbery Medal Winner 1929)

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