



## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading and Core Novels 2018 - 2019

Reading is a lifelong habit that should be nurtured, even in summer. 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to read **one book of their choice** with parental approval. The following suggestions and/or websites listed may be used to help guide your selection. **Students should come to class on the first day of school, August 20, 2018 with their book (hard copy or digital), prepared to discuss and celebrate their book at the Middle School Tea Party, date to be announced.**

### New and Noteworthy Titles:

- *Anya's Ghost* by Vera Brosgol
- *My Name is Not Easy* by Debby Dahl Edwardson
- *Addie On the Inside* by James Howe
- *The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism and Treachery* by Steve Sheinkin
- *The Returning* by Christine Hinwood
- *Under the Mesquite* by Guadalupe Garcia McCall
- *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness
- *Okay for Now* by Gary D. Schmidt
- *Witches: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem* by Rosalyn Schanzer
- *Jasper Jones* by Craig Silvey

### Classics:

- *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe
- *The Red Pony* by John Steinbeck
- *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
- *A Journey to the Center of the Earth* by Jules Verne
- *Watership Down* by Richards Adams
- *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- *Around the World in 80 Days* by Jules Verne
- *Fellowship of the Ring* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *The Martian Chronicles* by Ray Bradbury

### Realistic Fiction:

- *Hope Was Here* by Joan Bauer
- *Hugh* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Box Out* by John Cory
- *The Bat Boy* by Mike Lupica
- *Tell Us We're Home* by Marina Budhos
- *Keeping the Moon* by Sarah Dessen
- *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Homecoming* by Cynthia Voigt
- *Trouble* by Gary Schmidt

### Historical Fiction:

- *Ashes* by Kathryn Lasky
- *Traitor's Gate* by Avi
- *Wicked Girls* by Stephanie Hemphill



- *Riot* by Walter Dean Myers
- *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *The Boy Who Dared* by Susan Bartoletti
- *Flygirl* by Sherri Smith

### **Mystery and Adventure**

- *Heist Society* by Ally Carter
- *The Convicts* by Jain Lawrence
- *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie
- *Evil Genius* by Catharine Jinks
- *Trash* by Andy Mulligan
- *Eye of the Crow* by Shane Peacock
- *The Angel Experiment* by James Patterson

### **Fantasy:**

- *King of Shadows* by Susan Cooper
- *Reckless* by Cornelia Funke
- *Stardust* by Neil Gaiman
- *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman
- *The Great Tree of Avalon: Child of the Dark Prophecy* by T.A. Barron
- *Skulduggery Pleasant: Scepter of the Ancients* by Derek Landy
- *Merchant of Death* by D.J. Machale

### **Science Fiction:**

- *Ship Breaker* by Paolo Bacigalupi
- *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer
- *Gone* by Michael Grant
- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card
- *I am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore
- *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld

### **Non-fiction:**

- *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow*
- *Diary of Young Girl* by Anne Frank
- *The War to End All Wars: World War 1* by Russell Freedman
- *The Greatest: Muhammad Ali* by Walter Dean Myers
- *Spies of Mississippi: The True Story of the Spy Network that tried to destroy the Civil Rights Movement* by Rick Bowers



### **Recommended websites for finding quality texts for Young Readers:**

**Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth** Suggested Reading offers a variety of genres and books for students to choose from: <http://cty.jhu.edu/talent/after/reading/grades5-6.html>

**Barnes & Nobles** offers a variety of age appropriate suggestions as well as a program where students may download a B&N Reading Journal and earn FREE books: <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/index.asp>

**Newbery Medal Winners** has a variety of award winning reading recommendations: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberyhonors/newberymedal>

**Scholastic** has age appropriate reading selections by genre available at: [http://www.scholastic.com/kids/stacks/books/?lnkid=stacks/nav/b\\_and\\_a/main](http://www.scholastic.com/kids/stacks/books/?lnkid=stacks/nav/b_and_a/main)

**Scholastic Summer Reading Program** offers a program for students in which they can read, log their minutes and win prizes: <http://www.scholastic.com/summer/>

Also feel free to Read one of the following Catholic Novels listed on the Pauline Press 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade list: <http://store.pauline.org/landing-pages/summer-reading-2016#gsc.tab>

<http://imaginationoup.net/2015/05/03/summer-reading-list-for-kids/>

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Core Novels:**

Core novels are used in each grade across the middle school as a part of Reading/Literature curriculum. The books listed below will be discussed as part of the 2018-2019 reading curriculum in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Students will be **required** to have a copy of each of these books during the 2018-2019 school year (hard copy or digital is acceptable). It is recommended that you purchase or download the texts listed ahead of time to ensure that your child is prepared in Literature class. **Please do not read these texts for summer reading.** There will be 1-2 additional texts later in the year that will be determined later to best suit the class's reading level and interests. Ample time will be given to purchase this.

### **Parable/Allegory:**

*The Pearl* – Steinbeck

*The Giver* – Lois Lowry