

Summer Reading 2025

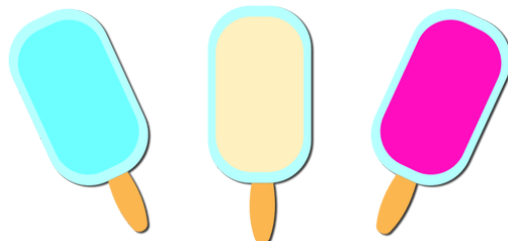
This assignment is optional, but **highly encouraged**
(and you get ice cream if you do it)



What to do:

- ★ **Read the required number of books** based on your reading level.
 - See table on back for the number of books you need to read based on your reading level. ****Parents: feel free to reach out to Reading/English teachers if you need insight on this.*
 - List them on your summer reading log. *See attached book lists for recommendations. ***These are just suggestions- you can read any age/level-appropriate books you wish.*
- ★ Get a parent or guardian's **signature** at the bottom of your reading log
- ★ **Turn in** to your **Reading** or **English teacher** at the beginning of next school year **by Monday September 8th**

**If you complete your summer reading you will receive an ICE
CREAM PARTY in September!**



Reading Levels and Requirements

Reading Level	K-2	3-5	6-8	9-12
Required # of books to read	10	8	4	3

***** Parents, please reach out if you need any insight on your child's reading level.**

Note to Parents

Dear Parents,

We wanted to provide you with lists of suggested books for your child to read at their individual reading level. These books cover a range of genres and themes, and we believe they will spark your child's interest and foster a love for reading.

However, it is important to note that these books are only suggestions. You have the freedom to choose any book that you feel is appropriate for your child's reading level, maturity level, and interests.

We kindly request that you take the time to screen any book before your child reads it, particularly the high school level books, which tend to include more mature themes. This will allow you to ensure that you are comfortable with the content and themes presented in the book. As parents, you know your child best and can make informed decisions regarding their reading material.

If you have any questions or concerns about the suggested books or need recommendations tailored to your child's specific interests, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you and your child in their reading journey.

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SUMMER READING LOG

Keep a record of your summer reading sessions.



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READING LIST

Grades
K-2

BOOKS

AS EDWARD IMAGINED: A STORY OF EDWARD GOREY IN THREE ACTS

BY MATTHEW BURGESS,
ILLUSTRATED BY MARC MAJEWSKI

KNOPF, 2024
ISBN: 9781984893802

Discover the eccentric Edward Gorey, an American author and illustrator renowned for his macabre and one-of-a-kind style.

THE BOOK FROM FAR AWAY

BY BRUCE HANDY, ILLUSTRATED
BY JULIE BENBASSAT

MINERVA, 2023
ISBN: 9781662651335

A child meets an out-of-this-world family and discovers that our desire for adventure and stories is universal.

CHOOCH HELPED

BY ANDREA L. ROGERS, ILLUSTRATED
BY REBECCA LEE KUNZ

LEVINE QUERIDO, 2024
ISBN: 9781646144549

Even though Sissy's brother, Chooch, isn't a baby anymore, she feels he still gets away with everything.

DOG VS. STRAWBERRY

BY NELLY BUCHET, ILLUSTRATED
BY ANDREA ZUILL

RANDOM HOUSE STUDIO, 2024
ISBN: 9780593643129

A dog goes all out trying to beat a strawberry in a race—will Dog win? A great book to read aloud in your best “announcer” voice to a kid, and also a good picture book for beginning readers to read on their own!

DRAWN ONWARD

BY DANIEL NAYERI, ILLUSTRATED
BY MATT ROCKEFELLER

HARPERALLEY, 2024
ISBN: 9780063277168

Presented in a palindrome format, this is the story of how a young boy finds adventure and love in the midst of personal grief.

THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

BY DREW BECKMEYER

ATHENEUM, 2024
ISBN: 9781665940429

“This is the first day of the first week of school” begins the story as cars line up outside a cheerful school. Inside, we meet the Inventor, the Artist, the Sport Kings, their Teacher, and Pat, the bearded dragon class pet. On Tuesday, a spaceship lands, and a new classmate—Nobody—joins in! Clever, funny language and a surprising twist at the end.

GO AND GET WITH REX

BY DAVID LAROCHELLE, ILLUSTRATED
BY MIKE WOHNOUTKA

CANDLEWICK, 2024
ISBN: 9781536222067

Get creative in a game of Go and Get as Jack, Jill, and Rex all try to find items that begin with a certain letter of the alphabet.

HEATWAVE

BY LAUREN REDNISS

RANDOM HOUSE STUDIO, 2024
ISBN: 9780593645949

Vivid red pages and spare text convey the city's scorching summer heat. Relief comes with a cool, blue downpour.

JUNIA, THE BOOK MULE OF TROUBLESOME CREEK

BY KIM MICHELE RICHARDSON,
ILLUSTRATED BY DAVID C. GARDNER

SLEEPING BEAR, 2024
ISBN: 9781534113039

Inspired by the real Pack Horse librarians, this story is a day in the life of Junia, a mule that transports books to the people living in the hills of Kentucky.

A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING

BY MEGHANA NARAYAN, ILLUSTRATED
BY MICHELLE CARLOS

SLEEPING BEAR, 2024
ISBN: 9781534112926

As young Amaya observes the world, she discovers how her family and experiences make her special and unique.

MAKE WAY: THE STORY OF ROBERT MCCLOSKEY, NANCY SCHÖN, AND SOME VERY FAMOUS DUCKLINGS

BY ANGELA BURKE KUNKEL,
ILLUSTRATED BY CLAIRE KEANE

RANDOM HOUSE STUDIO, 2023
ISBN: 9780593373354

This picture-book biography with breathtaking illustrations focuses on the creation of *Make Way for Ducklings* and the sculptures it inspired in Boston Garden.

OVER AND UNDER THE WETLAND

BY KATE MESSNER, ILLUSTRATED
BY CHRISTOPHER SILAS NEAL

CHRONICLE, 2024
ISBN: 9781797210872

The latest addition to the Over and Under nature series by this duo takes place in the Florida Everglades National Park. Readers' curiosity will be piqued as they explore and learn about the plants and wildlife.

PLUS ONE

BY JOHN HARE

MARGARET FERGUSON BOOKS, 2024
ISBN: 9780823450435

Looking to make friends, new girl Agnes eventually expands her criteria for her after-school tea party guest list to include the strange but optimistically persistent neighbor boy and his “plus one,” his pet goose, Pierre of the North, Esquire.

PUNKY ALOHA

BY SHAR TUIASOA

HARPERCOLLINS, 2022
ISBN: 9780063079236

Punky goes on an adventure sharing her aloha—by being helpful, giving, and brave. She finds out it feels good and grows more confident along the way. And, of course, succeeds in her mission to bring butter home for her grandmother’s banana bread.

A RAINBOW IN BROWN

BY PAVONIS GIRON

HENRY HOLT, 2024
ISBN: 9781250874368

A fresh look at colors through simple and effective storytelling. Jo is given red, yellow, and blue paint and explores her favorite things in each color before combining them to make new colors, including her favorite color, brown, with which she paints a beautiful self-portrait!

ROY IS NOT A DOG

BY ESMÉ SHAPIRO AND DANIEL NEWELL KAUFMAN, ILLUSTRATED BY ESMÉ SHAPIRO

TUNDRA, 2024
ISBN: 9780735265967

The neighborhood paperboy is curious about one of his neighbors, Roy, and decides to investigate.



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SEW SISTER: THE UNTOLD STORY OF JEAN WRIGHT AND NASA’S SEAMSTRESSES

BY ELISE MATICH

TILBURY HOUSE, 2023
ISBN: 9780884489825

Discover the untold stories of the “Sew Sisters” who handcrafted thermal blankets for NASA’s space shuttles.

THIS LAND

BY ASHLEY FAIRBANKS, ILLUSTRATED BY BRIDGET GEORGE

CROWN, 2024
ISBN: 9780593651445

Through beautiful picture-book art, kids can visualize the history of a house and the land it is on, as well as places like the Golden Gate Bridge, Mount Rushmore, Times Square, and the White House. The text includes simple, accurate, and impactful statements like “Everywhere we go, there are Indigenous people to learn from,” and ample back matter for curious kids.

TOUCH THE SKY

BY STEPHANIE V. W. LUCIANOVIC, ILLUSTRATED BY CHRIS PARK

CAROLRHODA BOOKS, 2024
ISBN: 9781728460451

Buoyed by Gretchen’s enthusiastic instruction and encouragement, Vern learns to pump his legs on the swings. Joyful illustrations capture the feeling of—finally—flying on the swings. Great for those striving to master a new skill.

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE COUCH

BY ADAM RUBIN, ILLUSTRATED BY LINIERS

PUTNAM, 2024
ISBN: 9780593619131

Get ready for a peek into the secret lives of couches! A fancy red fox takes the stage, ready to spill all the juicy details about sofas—until a sharp-dressed opossum bursts in, accusing the fox of stretching the truth. Their bickering takes over the show, with the opossum slapping black tape over the fox’s silly charts. But in the end, they do agree on one thing: couches love to eat coins!

WE ARE DEFINITELY HUMAN

BY X. FANG

TUNDRA, 2024
ISBN: 9781774882023

A recently landed group of aliens tries to convince their new hosts that they are definitely human.

DIGITAL

FIETE WORLD

<https://www.ahoi.com/fiete-world/>

Explore the world and create your own stories in this role-play-inspired app from Ahoii Entertainment.

KHAN ACADEMY KIDS

<https://learn.khanacademy.org/khan-academy-kids/>

Keep learning going through summer, boost literacy skills, and develop social-emotional skills with this free app.

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READING LIST

Grades
3-5

BOOKS

AND THEN, BOOM!

BY LISA FIPPS

NANCY PAULSEN BOOKS, 2024
ISBN: 9780593406328

This novel in verse features Joe, who suddenly finds himself without a home or family. He doesn't tell anyone—not even his friends—until he has his own “and then, boom!” moment that reminds him of the value and importance of friends.

BEA AND THE NEW DEAL HORSE

BY L. M. ELLIOTT

KATHERINE TEGEN BOOKS, 2023
ISBN: 9780063219007

When the Great Depression upends her family's life, Bea is left to provide for herself and her sister. Can taming a rowdy horse and entering jumping competitions change the course of their lives?

BOG MYRTLE

BY SID SHARP

ANNICK PRESS, 2024
ISBN: 9781773218922

A delightfully macabre story of diametrically opposed sisters, sustainability, and spiders, this long-form picture book pairs a rich vocabulary with quirky storytelling for a dark and utterly distinctive tale.

THE BOY AND THE ELEPHANT

BY FREYA BLACKWOOD

RANDOM HOUSE STUDIO, 2024
ISBN: 9780593707661

An imaginative and beautiful wordless picture book in which a boy befriends a tree shaped like an elephant and leads all the tree animals to safety before they get cut down.

CONTINENTAL DRIFTER

BY KATHY MACLEOD

FIRST SECOND, 2024
ISBN: 9781250813749

In this graphic novel, Kathy splits her year between living in Bangkok and a small town in Maine. While she loves her summers spent by the sea, Kathy struggles to fit in and find where she belongs.

THE CURSE OF EELGRASS BOG

BY MARY AVERLING

RAZORBILL, 2024
ISBN: 9780593624906

Kess and new girl Lilou are determined to investigate a mysterious curse, but they must explore a strange, monster-filled bog to unravel its secrets. Can Kess find the courage to uncover the clues, even when she discovers more than she bargained for?

DAUGHTERS OF THE LAMP

BY NEDDA LEWERS

PUTNAM, 2024
ISBN: 9780593619308

While visiting her family in Egypt, Sahara Rashad discovers her family's connection to the legendary treasure of Ali Baba.

EVIDENCE! HOW DR. JOHN SNOW SOLVED THE MYSTERY OF CHOLERA

BY DEBORAH HOPKINSON,
ILLUSTRATED BY NIK HENDERSON

KNOPF, 2024
ISBN: 9780593426814

The true story of how a neighborhood doctor solved the mystery of cholera outbreaks and, in doing so, changed the way we approach public health. This book is a fun and accessible way to keep critical thinking going over the summer.

FERRIS

BY KATE DICAMILLO

CANDLEWICK, 2024
ISBN: 9781536231052

Soon-to-be-fifth-grader Ferris, along with her eccentric family and best friend, Billy Jackson, seeks to provide closure for the ghost that recently visited her grandmother.

THE FIRST STATE OF BEING

BY ERIN ENTRADA KELLY

GREENWILLOW, 2024
ISBN: 9780063337312

Michael Rosario lives in Red Knot, Delaware, in 1999. In the midst of worrying about Y2K and pining over his teenage babysitter, he meets Ridge, the world's first time-traveler. While Ridge enthusiastically explores 1999, Michael focuses on his own goal—stealing Ridge's book that details the events of the next twenty years.

LOL 101: A KID'S GUIDE TO WRITING JOKES

BY DAVID ROTH AND RINEE SHAH,
ILLUSTRATED BY RINEE SHAH

CHRONICLE, 2023
ISBN: 9781797213927

Learn the elements that make jokes funny and then try the included exercises to practice writing your own jokes. Also covered are joke delivery, visual jokes, and real jobs that involve writing or performing jokes. No joke!

MAGNOLIA WU UNFOLDS IT ALL

BY CHANEL MILLER

PHILOMEL, 2024
ISBN: 9780593624524

In this graphic novel, Magnolia and her new friend Iris set out in their New York City neighborhood to find matches for all

of the missing socks at her family's laundromat. Quirky and sweet!

MAX IN THE HOUSE OF SPIES: A TALE OF WORLD WAR II

BY ADAM GIDWITZ

DUTTON, 2024
ISBN: 9780593112083

Max Bretzfeld is sent by his parents from Berlin to London to help him escape from the increasing danger towards Jewish families, but Max is intent on returning to his home and protecting his parents. With the help (or sometimes hindrance) of his own personal kobold and a dybbuk, named Berg and Stein, Max concocts a plan to become a British spy in order to return to his home and his family.

QUAGMIRE TIARELLO COULDN'T BE BETTER

BY MYLISA LARSEN

CLARION, 2024
ISBN: 9780063324664

When a good cover sells a book and then the plot delivers, too! Quag's plan for a summer break of sleeping in until at least noon doesn't work out—and worse, his mom leaves him stranded in the rural U.S.

THE SECRET LIBRARY

BY KEKLA MAGOON

CANDLEWICK, 2024
ISBN: 9781536230888

The Secret Library is a magical place where every book holds a hidden secret, and Dally has to decide how to use it wisely. When she chooses to visit her ancestors, the librarian helps her pick just the right clothes for each time-travel adventure. Dally's pirate adventures are especially exciting, full of fun and surprises that pull readers right into her amazing world.



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A STRANGE THING HAPPENED IN CHERRY HALL

BY JASMINE WARGA

HARPERCOLLINS, 2024
ISBN: 9780062956705

A fast read once you meet classmates Rami and Veda, plus Agatha the turtle, in a museum where a painting has gone missing. Will they be able to solve the mystery?

THE WRONG WAY HOME

BY KATE O'SHAUGHNESSY

KNOPF, 2024
ISBN: 9780593650738

Fern's life is turned upside down when her mom takes her away from the Ranch—the only home she's ever known. Now living in a beachside town, Fern must adapt to the unfamiliar modern world and the challenges of school life. Along the way, she embarks on a journey of self-discovery, learning to define her own values and make choices that are true to herself.

YES! NO? MAYBE SO...: AMAZING ANSWERS TO MORE THAN 250 MIND-BLOWING QUESTIONS

BY JULIE BEER AND PAIGE TOWLER

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS, 2024
ISBN: 9781426375736

This book answers so many of the questions we all have. Can dogs tell time? Could technology from science fiction come true? Do most mammals

get hiccups? This book is full of fun and interesting facts to satisfy readers' curiosity all summer long.

DIGITAL

MILLION BAZILLION

<https://www.marketplace.org/shows/million-bazillion/>

Each episode of this Marketplace podcast humorously explores an economics question. Past episodes include "Why do prices end in \$0.99?," "Why are so many toys made in China?," and "What's up with those claw machines?" Hosted by Ryan Perez and Bridget Bodnar.

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READING LIST

Grades
6–8

BOOKS

THE BAKER AND THE BARD: A COZY FANTASY ADVENTURE

BY FERN HAUGHT

FEIWEL & FRIENDS, 2024
ISBN: 9781250828507

A baker's apprentice and a young bard go on an adventure to secure the final ingredient needed for a massive pastry order. Along the way, they encounter mysterious happenings and meet fantastical beings.

BYE FOREVER, I GUESS

BY JODI MEADOWS

HOLIDAY HOUSE, 2024
ISBN: 9780823456383

Introverted Ingrid thrives in a role-playing game online but spends school days alone until her virtual crush presents an in-real-life opportunity. A charming look at first crushes, healthy friendships, and book superfandom.

FLYING THROUGH WATER

BY MAMLE WOLO

LITTLE, BROWN, 2024
ISBN: 9780316703963

Sena will have to use all the survival skills he has learned from his grandfather in rural Ghana to survive and escape from the human traffickers who trapped him.

IMPOSSIBLE CREATURES

BY KATHERINE RUNDELL, ILLUSTRATED BY ASHLEY MACKENZIE

KNOPF, 2024
ISBN: 9780593809860

Two children fight to save a magical land where the last magical creatures are threatened with extinction.

KAREEM BETWEEN

BY SHIFA SALTAGI SAFADI

PUTNAM, 2024
ISBN: 9780593699263

Caught between his Syrian heritage and his desire to be seen as American, Kareem pursues his dream of being the first Syrian American football player, even if it means putting aside what is most important.

MID-AIR

BY ALICIA D. WILLIAMS, ILLUSTRATED BY DANICA NOVGORODOFF

ATHENEUM, 2024
ISBN: 9781481465830

When Isaiah loses his best friend in a tragic accident, he must navigate grief, fractured friendships, and his own identity in this moving novel in verse.

THE MYSTERY OF LOCKED ROOMS

BY LINDSAY CURRIE

SOURCEBOOKS, 2024
ISBN: 9781728259536

In an abandoned funhouse, three friends unlock clues to discover a hidden treasure.

NEXT STOP

BY DEBBIE FONG

RANDOM HOUSE GRAPHIC, 2024
ISBN: 9780593425183

Dealing with the grief of losing her brother, Pia embarks on a road trip that ends at a mysterious lake rumored to grant wishes. An exploration of grief and resilience told with humor and heart.

NOT NOTHING

BY GAYLE FORMAN

ALADDIN, 2024
ISBN: 9781665943277

While doing court ordered volunteer work at a senior home, twelve-year-old Alex meets 107-year-old

Josey who hasn't spoken in years. A bond develops, and they help each other overcome mistakes and misunderstandings.

NOT QUITE A GHOST

BY ANNE URSU

WALDEN POND, 2024
ISBN: 9780062275158

Amid a variety of changes in her life, Violet Hart must come to terms with her illness and a dark shadowy presence in her new home.

THE PALE QUEEN

BY ETHAN M. ALDRIDGE

QUILL TREE, 2024
ISBN: 9780063247215

After a chance encounter with the mysterious Lady of the Hills, Agatha learns of a hidden mist-shrouded land. But is the Lady who she appears to be, and can Agatha protect her village?

THE PICTURE VISITORS: A CASE FOR THE VAN GOGH AGENCY

BY CHRISTINA WOLFF, TRANSLATED BY CLAIRE STOREY

ARCTIS BOOKS, 2024
ISBN: 9781646900299

This adventure follows Vincent, who has the ability to jump in and out of paintings. As he pursues an art thief, he meets two other teens who also possess this ability.

SHARK TEETH

BY SHERRI WINSTON

BLOOMSBURY, 2024
ISBN: 9781547608508

In this portrait of a family in crisis, seventh-grader Sharkita struggles to care for her siblings and hold her family together as they face the possibility of separation by the foster care system.

SIDE QUEST: A VISUAL HISTORY OF ROLEPLAYING GAMES

BY SAMUEL SATTIN,
ILLUSTRATED BY STEENZ

VERSIFY, 2024
ISBN: 9780358616368

This graphic novel is a dive into the world of role-playing games (RPG), presenting stories from the creators about their RPG experiences and fascinating tidbits about the medium with origins dating back to ancient Asia.

SPYING ON SPIES: HOW ELIZABETH SMITH FRIEDMAN BROKE THE NAZIS' SECRET CODES

BY MARISSA MOSS

ABRAMS, 2024
ISBN: 9781419767319

A great addition to books about women's contributions to science. Readers will enjoy learning about the brilliant Friedman in this narrative nonfiction title featuring photographs and graphic novel-style drawings. The back matter includes codes and ciphers to learn and practice.

TAKE IT FROM THE TOP

BY CLAIRE SWINARSKI

QUILL TREE, 2024
ISBN: 9780063321731

Their tremendous talent and love for performing arts first brought besties Eowyn and Jules together at Lamplighter Lake summer camp, but this sixth summer finds the girls barely speaking. Through flashbacks and chapters from each girl's perspective, readers piece together their current tension as the pair prepare for starring roles in a production of *Wicked*.



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THE TENTH MISTAKE OF HANK HOOPERMAN

BY GENNIFER CHOLDENKO

KNOPF, 2024
ISBN: 9781524718923

Left to care for his little sister while facing eviction and an uncertain future after the disappearance of their mother, eleven-year-old Hank reaches out to a stranger on an emergency contact form for help.

UNSINKABLE CAYENNE

BY JESSICA VITALIS

GREENWILLOW, 2024
ISBN: 9780063314450

After being homeschooled by her parents while living out of their van, Cayenne starts seventh grade at a middle school. A fascinating story told in verse.

WE ARE BIG TIME

BY HENA KHAN, ILLUSTRATED
BY SAFIYA ZERROUGUI

KNOPF, 2024
ISBN: 9780593430484

This heartfelt graphic novel follows Aliya as she joins the struggling all-girls basketball team at her new Islamic school.

WEIRDO

BY TONY WEAVER, JR., ILLUSTRATED
BY JES WIBOWO AND CIN WIBOWO

FIRST SECOND, 2024
ISBN: 9781250772879

When relentless bullying at school leads to a mental crisis for seventh-grader Tony, a move to a new school

helps him find his own pack of "nerds" and embrace his own weirdness.

DIGITAL

1 SECOND EVERYDAY APP

<https://1se.co/>

By taking one photo or video each day, young adults will create a visual record of their daily life. Journaling is important for a young adult to do each day, and this app provides a new way to capture a moment from their day. At the end of the year, a highlight reel is created.

EXPLORE: LIVE WEBCAMS

<https://explore.org/livecams>

Explore the world's largest nature live-cam network, providing live views in real time of bears fishing, wildfires in action, eagle eggs hatching, and so much more. Hours of fun and entertainment along with information about the animals, locations, maps, viewing information, and more.

KIDSTHINKDESIGN: A KIDS DESIGN COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

<https://kidsthinkdesign.org/>

This site is dedicated to the inspiration and education of future designers. Activities include access to books on design, a design lab that connects kids with professionals, and a website that showcases kids' original designs and thinking.

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High School Level Books (9-12)

The books below are selections from the Newport News Public Schools' Summer Reading packet.

1984 by George Orwell

It is a dystopian novel that tells the story of Winston Smith and warns of the dangers of a totalitarian government that rules through fear, surveillance, propaganda, and brainwashing.

All Summer Long by Hope Larson

All Summer Long, Hope Larson This graphic novel about summer and friendships tells the story of thirteen-year-old Bina. She has a long summer ahead of her. She and her best friend, Austin, usually do everything together, but he's off to soccer camp for a month, and he's been acting kind of weird lately anyway. So it's up to Bina to see how much fun she can have on her own. At first it's a lot of guitar playing, boredom, and bad TV, but things look up when she finds an unlikely companion in Austin's older sister, who enjoys music just as much as Bina. But then Austin comes home from camp, and he's acting even weirder than when he left. How Bina and Austin rise above their growing pains and reestablish their friendship and respect for their differences makes for a touching and funny coming-of-age story.

Autobiography of a Face, Lucy Grealy

At age nine, Lucy Grealy was diagnosed with a potentially terminal cancer. When she returned to school with a third of her jaw removed, she faced the cruel taunts of classmates. In this strikingly candid memoir, Grealy tells her story of great suffering and remarkable strength without sentimentality and with considerable wit.

Bleachers, John Grisham

Neely Crenshaw returns to his home town awaiting the death of his critically ill high school football coach in a town where football is everything. Former players gather on the bleachers to reflect on past games and the coach they all loved and hated.

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

On June 23, 2018, twelve young players of the Wild Boars soccer team and their coach entered a cave in northern Thailand seeking an afternoon's adventure. But when they turn to leave, rising floodwaters block their path out. The boys are trapped! Before long, news of the missing team spreads, launching a seventeen-day rescue operation involving thousands of rescuers from around the globe. Meticulously researched and generously illustrated with photographs, this page-turner includes an author's note describing her experience meeting the team, detailed source notes, and a bibliography to fully immerse readers in the most ambitious cave rescue in history.

Bluebird by Sharon Cameron (Historical Fiction)

Equal parts enthralling and frightening, *Bluebird* is a fictionalized story based on true events following World War II. German teenager Eva Gerst arrives in New York City in 1946 under the pretense that she is there to start a new life. However, she holds the key to a deadly secret and will stop at nothing to exact revenge against a Nazi in hiding.

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz (Realistic Fiction)

Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has an unusual way of looking at the world. When the two meet at the swimming pool, they seem to have nothing in common. But as the loners start spending time together, they discover that they share a special friendship—the kind that changes lives and lasts a lifetime. And it is through his friendship that Ari and Dante will learn the most important truths about themselves and the kind of people they want to be.

Beauty Queens by Libba Bray (Realistic Fiction/Survival)

Survival of the fittest. The fifty contestants in the Miss Teen Dream Pageant thought this was going to be a fun trip to the beach, where they could parade in their state-appropriate costumes and compete in front of the cameras. But sadly, their airplane had another idea, crashing on a desert island and leaving the survivors stranded with little food, little water, and practically no eyeliner. What's a beauty queen to do?

Fake ID by Lamar Giles (Thriller/Murder Mystery)

Lamar Giles takes readers on a wild and dark ride in this contemporary Witness Protection thriller. Nick Pearson is hiding in plain sight. In fact, his name isn't really Nick Pearson. He shouldn't tell you his real name, his real hometown, or why his family just moved to Stepton, Virginia. He definitely shouldn't tell you about his friend Eli Cruz and the major conspiracy Eli was uncovering when he died. Nick is faced with choosing between solving Eli's murder and "staying low- key" like the Program said to do.

Kindred: The Graphic Novel Adaptation by Octavia Butler (Graphic Novel/Historical Fiction/Sci-Fi)

Butler's most celebrated, critically acclaimed work tells the story of Dana, a young black woman who is suddenly and inexplicably transported from her home in 1970s California to the pre-Civil War South. As she time-travels between worlds, one in which she is a free woman and one where she is part of her own complicated familial history on a southern plantation, she becomes frighteningly entangled in the lives of Rufus, a conflicted white slaveholder and one of Dana's own ancestors, and the many people who are enslaved by him.