

# Summer 2020 Reading List



## 7th & 8th Grade



Looking for some great summer reads? Check out these notable and newer titles for middle school students!

Title	Author	Details
<b>ADVENTURE</b>		
• Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation	<i>Stuart Gibbs*</i>	Action, Albert Einstein, spies
• The Disaster Days	<i>Rebecca Behrens</i>	Survival, natural disasters, thriller
• The Magnolia Sword	<i>Sherry Thomas</i>	Mulan, mythology
• Storm Blown	<i>Nick Courage</i>	Hurricanes, survival
<b>DYSTOPIAN</b>		
• Divergent Series	<i>Veronica Roth*</i>	Futuristic, social classes divided
• Hunger Games Series	<i>Suzanne Collins*</i>	Future, government control, survival
• The Last Voyage of Poe Blythe	<i>Allyson Condie*</i>	Revenge, self-confidence, gold mines
<b>FANTASY</b>		
• The Candle and the Flame	<i>Nafiza Azad</i>	Magic, identity, good and evil
• The Girl King	<i>Mimi Yu</i>	Magic, inheritance, royalty
• Pet	<i>Akwaeke Emezi</i>	Magical realism, monsters, angels
• Stepsister	<i>Jennifer Donnelly</i>	Classic re-telling, fate
• Superman: Dawnbreaker	<i>Matt De La Pena*</i>	Superheroes, action
• The Wren Hunt	<i>Mary Watson</i>	<i>Magic, Ireland, spies</i>
• Wicked Fox	<i>Kat Cho</i>	Animals, supernatural, Korea
<b>GRAPHIC NOVELS</b>		
• The Crossover	<i>Kwame Alexander*</i>	Basketball, realistic fiction
• Fake Blood	<i>Whitney Gardner</i>	Vampires, middle school, paranormal
• The Giver (Graphic novel)	<i>Craig P. Russell</i>	Dystopian, social control, sci-fi
• New Kid	<i>Jerry Craft</i>	New student, middle school
• Pumpkinheads	<i>Rainbow Rowell*</i>	Pumpkin patches, friendship, Autumn
<b>HISTORICAL FICTION</b>		
• The Beloved Wild	<i>Melissa Ostrom</i>	Action, frontier life, siblings
• Someday we Will Fly	<i>Rachel DeWoskin</i>	Shanghai, Sino-Japanese War
• The White Rose	<i>Kip Wilson</i>	Holocaust, novel in verse
• Where the World Ends	<i>Geraldine McCaughrea</i>	Adventure, survival stories
<b>MYSTERY</b>		
• The Lonely Dead	<i>April Henry*</i>	Murder investigation, paranormal
• Scream Site	<i>Justina Ireland*</i>	Detectives, missing children investigation
<b>HORROR/PARANORMAL</b>		
• The Bone Houses	<i>Emily Lloyd Jones</i>	Historical fiction, curses, gravediggers
• City of Ghosts (series)	<i>Victoria Schwab*</i>	Mystery, supernatural, ghost stories
• Out to Get You: 13 Tales of Weirdness and Woe	<i>Josh Allen</i>	Short stories, unusual activity
<b>REALISTIC FICTION</b>		
• Dear Sweetpea	<i>Julie Murphy</i>	Families, self-esteem, divorce
• Field Notes on Love	<i>Jennifer E. Smith</i>	Travel, trains, romance

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• Focused	<i>Alyson Gerber</i>	Special needs, ADHD, chess
• I Wanna be Where You Are	<i>Kristina Forest</i>	Romance, dancers, car trips
• Maybe He Just Likes You	<i>Barbara Dee</i>	Bullying, middle school
• Maybe this Time	<i>Kasie West*</i>	Romance, party planners, relationships
• Other Words for Home	<i>Jasmine Warga</i>	Refugees, immigration, novel in verse
• The Princess and the Fangirl	<i>Ashley Poston</i>	Fairytales adaptation, romance

### SCIENCE FICTION

• Arc of a Scythe (series)	<i>Neal Shusterman*</i>	Futuristic world without death or disease
• Children of Exile (series)	<i>Margaret Haddix*</i>	Children separated from parents, action
• I Am Number Four (series)	<i>Pittacus Lore*</i>	Extraterrestrials, high school, friendship
• Illuminae Files (series)	<i>Amie Kaufman*</i>	Artificial Intelligence, interplanetary travel
• Legend (series)	<i>Marie Lu*</i>	Corruption of power
• Maze Runner (series)	<i>James Dashner*</i>	Adventure, survival
• Project Nemesis (series)	<i>Brendan Reichs*</i>	Asteroids, survival

### SPORTS FICTION

• Strike Zone	<i>Mike Lupica*</i>	Baseball, immigration, families
• Up for Air	<i>Laurie Morrison</i>	Swimming, learning disabilities

### NONFICTION

• Born to Fly: The first women's air race across America	<i>Steve Sheinkin*</i>	U.S. history, aviation, women pilots
• Craig & Fred : A Marine, a stray dog, and how they rescued each other (young readers)	<i>Craig Grossi</i>	Biography/ memoir, military, animals
• Fly girls : How five daring women defied all odds and made aviation history	<i>Keith O'Brien</i>	Biography, U.S. History, aviation
• A Hope More Powerful than the Sea: One teen refugee's incredible story of love, loss, and survival (young readers)	<i>Melissa Fleming</i>	Syrian refugees, Syrian Civil War
• Game on! : Video game history from Pong and Pac-man to Mario, Minecraft, and more	<i>Dustin Hansen</i>	Video game history
• Missing! : Mysterious cases of people gone missing through the centuries	<i>Brenda Guiberson</i>	Investigation into missing people
• Torpedoed: The True Story of the World War II Sinking of The Children's Ship	<i>Deborah Heiligman*</i>	World War II, Naval history

### CLASSICS / OLDER TITLES

• The Giver	<i>Lois Lowry*</i>	Dystopian, social control, sci-fi
• Fahrenheit 451	<i>Ray Bradbury</i>	Censorship
• Hatchet	<i>Gary Paulsen</i>	Wilderness Survival
• The Outsiders	<i>S.E. Hinton</i>	Classics

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