

Required Summer Reading List

All students are required to read the summer reading book. Please read the book that corresponds with your grade level for the 2020-21 school year.

Grade 6: *The Omnivore's Dilemma (Young Readers Edition)* by Michael Pollan
ISBN: 978-1101993835

Grade 7: *A Break with Charity* by Ann Rinaldi
ISBN: 0-15-204682-8

Grade 8: *Tall Story* by Candy Gourlay
ISBN 978-0-385-75233-6

Extended Summer Reading List

In addition to the summer reading book, students are required to read *at least* one extended summer reading book. Please read books that correspond with your grade level for the 2020-21 school year. You may choose to read above your grade level, but you may not read down a grade level. The Hun Middle School encourages you to read as much as possible this summer!

Students will be assessed on their understanding of the summer reading when they arrive at Hun in the fall. Please consider the following questions and how they might apply to your summer reading selections:

1. What connections do you draw between the text and your own life?
2. What ideas presented in the story do you disagree with and why?
3. What concepts or messages from the story are worth remembering and why?
4. Do you recommend this book to other students your age? Why or why not?

Grade 6

Forever, Or a Long, Long Time
by Caela Carter

Flora and her brother, Julian, don't believe they were born. They've lived in so many foster homes, they can't remember where they came from. And even now that they've been adopted, Flora still struggles to believe that they've found their forever home.

So along with their new mother, Flora and Julian begin a journey to go back and discover their past—for only then can they really begin to build their future.

The 47 People You'll Meet in Middle School

by Kristin Mahoney

Discover the ins and outs of middle school in this guide from an older sister to her younger sister. From tackling a new building to meeting new people like the assistant principal, the class pet, the Huggers, the renegade, the tomato kid, your old best friend's new best friend, this is a must-read for everyone starting middle school.

Emily Out of Focus

by Miriam Spitzer Franklin

Twelve-year-old Emily is flying with her parents to China to adopt and bring home a new baby sister. She's excited but nervous to travel across the world and very aware that this trip will change her entire life. And the cracks are already starting to show the moment they reach the hotel--her parents are all about the new baby, and have no interest in exploring.

Throwback

by Peter Lerangis

After 13-year-old Corey discovers that he has inherited the ability to journey into the past and change the future, he sets out on his first mission: saving his grandmother from the tragic events of September 11, 2001. It was not part of his plan, however, to end up stuck in the year 1917.

Ready Player One

by Ernest Kline

In the year 2045, reality is an ugly place. The only time teenage Wade Watts really feels alive is when he's jacked into the virtual utopia known as the OASIS. Wade's devoted his life to studying the puzzles hidden within this world's digital confines—puzzles that are based on their creator's obsession with the pop culture of decades past and that promise massive power and fortune to whoever can unlock them.

But when Wade stumbles upon the first clue, he finds himself beset by players willing to kill to take this ultimate prize. The race is on, and if Wade's going to survive, he'll have to win—and confront the real world he's always been so desperate to escape.

The Skin I'm In

by Sharon Flake

Maleeka suffers every day from the taunts of the other kids in her class. If they're not getting at her about her homemade clothes or her good grades, it's about her dark, black skin.

When a new teacher, whose face is blotched with a startling white patch, starts at their school, Maleeka can see there is bound to be trouble for her too. But the new teacher's attitude surprises Maleeka. Miss Saunders loves the skin she's in. Can Maleeka learn to do the same?

Counting by 7's

by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. It has never been easy for her to connect with anyone other than her adoptive parents, but that hasn't kept her from leading a quietly happy life...until now.

The Secret Sheriff of 6th Grade

by Jordan Sonnenblick

Maverick Falconer is just starting middle school and he wishes he were a hero like his father because maybe then he could deal with his mother's drinking and series of abusive boyfriends, not to mention the kids who bully him in middle school (pretty much the same ones who bullied him in elementary school)--but as the year passes he begins to realize that other kids have problems too, and maybe if they can all survive sixth-grade things will get better.

Fish in a Tree

by Lynda Hunt

Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns not to be so hard on herself and that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of. As her confidence grows, Ally feels free to be herself and the world starts opening up with possibilities. She discovers that there's a lot more to her—and to everyone—than a label, and that great minds don't always think alike.

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

by E.L. Koonigsburg

Claudia feels her parents do not appreciate her and figures out a way to make them see the error of their ways: she will take her little brother and run away from their suburban life in Connecticut and take up residence in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Once there, a strange and beautiful statue pulls Claudia into an obsessive investigation of its mysterious origins.

Summer of the Swans

by Betsy Byars

Sara is not having a good summer. And now the worst possible thing has happened: her mentally handicapped little brother is missing. Can Sara find him before it is too late?

The Dark is Rising

by Susan Cooper

On his 11th birthday Will Stanton discovers that he is not an ordinary boy. He is the last of the "Old Ones", destined to battle the powers of darkness; a Newberry honor book.

A Tale Dark and Grimm

by Adam Gidwitz

Join Hansel & Gretel as they walk out of their own story and into eight new stories based on Grimm's fairy tales. These tales are as dark and gruesome as the originals, but very funny, too.

Shug

by Jenny Han

After being rejected by the boy she has a crush on and having a falling out with her best friend, Annemarie Wilcox decides there's nothing worse than being twelve years old.

Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword

by Barry Deutsch

Mirka boldly accepts a challenge from a mysterious witch, a challenge that could bring Mirka her heart's desire: a dragon-slaying sword! All she has to do is find—and outwit—the giant troll who's got it!

Touching Spirit Bear

by Ben Mikaelson

After severely injuring Peter Driscoll in an empty parking lot, mischief-maker Cole Matthews is in major trouble. But instead of jail time, Cole is given another option: attend Circle Justice, an alternative program that sends juvenile offenders to a remote Alaskan Island to focus on changing their ways. Desperate to avoid prison, Cole fakes humility and agrees to go.

All Creatures Great and Small

by James Herriot

For all animal lovers..."One of the funniest and most likeable books around." Herriot discovers the wondrous variety and never-ending challenges of veterinary practice.

Swish: The Quest for Basketball's Perfect Shot

by Mike Kennedy and Mark Stewart

From three-pointers to slam dunks, this book explores all aspects of making a basket, showcasing top male and female players in the pros and at the college level. Includes lots of action photos.

Liberty or Death: The Surprising Story of Runaway Slaves Who Sided with the British During the American Revolution

by Margaret Whitman Blair

In 1775, the royal governor of Virginia offered to free any slaves who fought for the British. Find out what happened to those who accepted in this little-known chapter of American history.

Chew on This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food

by Eric Scholsser

Find out what really goes on at your favorite restaurants—and what lurks between those sesame seed buns. Americans spend more money on fast food than on movies, books, magazines, newspapers, and recorded music combined.

Go: A Kidd's Guide to Graphic Design

by Chip Kidd

Kids love to express themselves, and are designers by nature—whether making posters for school, deciding what to hang in their rooms, or creating personalized notebook covers. *Go*, by the award-winning graphic designer Chip Kidd, is a stunning introduction to the ways in which a designer communicates his or her ideas to the world. It's written and designed just for those curious kids, not to mention their savvy parents, who want to learn the secret of how to make things dynamic and interesting.

Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Birute Galdikas

by Jim Ottaviani

Jim Ottaviani returns with an action-packed account of the three greatest primatologists of the last century: Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas. These three ground-breaking researchers were all students of the great Louis Leakey, and each made profound contributions to primatology—and to our own understanding of ourselves. Tackling Goodall, Fossey, and Galdikas in turn, and covering the highlights of their respective careers, *Primates* is an accessible, entertaining, and informative look at the field of primatology and at the lives of three of the most remarkable women scientists of the twentieth century. Thanks to the charming and inviting illustrations by Maris Wicks, this is a nonfiction graphic novel with broad appeal.

Listen!

by Stephanie S Tolan

Learning to walk again is the easy part. For twelve-year-old Charley, recovering from the accident that shattered her leg is nowhere near as difficult as facing the solitude of a summer without her best friend and with a father who does nothing, now, but work. Solitude means time to think, time to hear for the first time the awful silence left in her world two years ago by her mother's death. But the summer holds a surprise for Charley, in the form of a mysterious dog who appears in the woods across the lake from her home. In order to connect with this wild spirit she names Coyote, Charley will have to do more than just walk. She will have to follow Coyote into the heart of her memories: the woods her mother loved so much. And she will have to learn to listen past the silence.

Grade 7

Backfield Boys

by John Feinstein

Freshman footballers Jason Roddin and Tom Jefferson are a perfect pair: Jason is a blazing-fast wide-receiver, while his best friend Tom has all the skills a standout quarterback needs. After summer football camp at an elite sports-focused boarding school, the boys are thrilled to be invited back with full-ride scholarships.

But on day one of practice, they're shocked when the team's coaching staff makes Tom, a black kid, a receiver and Jason, a white kid, a quarterback. Confronted with mounting evidence of deep-seated racial bias, the boys speak out, risking their scholarships and chances to play. As tensions ratchet up with coaches and other players, Tom and Jason must decide how much they're willing to lose in a conflict with powerful forces that has nothing—and everything—to do with the game they love.

White Fang

by Jack London

White Fang is a novel by American author Jack London and the name of the book's eponymous character, a wild wolfdog. The story takes place in Yukon Territory, Canada, during the 1890s Klondike Gold Rush and details White Fang's journey to domestication.

Much of *White Fang* is written from the viewpoint of the titular canine character, enabling London to explore how animals view their world and how they view humans. *White Fang* examines the violent world of wild animals and the equally violent world of humans. The book also explores complex themes including morality and redemption.

The Downstairs Girl

by Stacey Lee

By day, seventeen-year-old Jo Kuan works as a lady's maid for the cruel daughter of one of the wealthiest men in Atlanta. But by night, Jo moonlights as the pseudonymous author of a newspaper advice column for the genteel Southern lady, "Dear Miss Sweetie." When her column becomes wildly popular, she uses the power of the pen to address some of society's ills, but she's not prepared for the backlash that follows when her column challenges fixed ideas about race and gender.

Killing November

by Adriana Mather

It's a school completely off the grid, hidden by dense forest and surrounded by traps. There's no electricity, no internet, and an eye-for-an-eye punishment system. Classes include everything from Knife-Throwing and Poisons to the Art of Deception and Historical Analysis. And all of the students are children of the world's most elite strategists—training to become assassins,

counselors, spies, and master impersonators. Into this world walks November Adley, who quickly discovers that friends are few in a school where personal revelations are discouraged and competition is everything. When another student is murdered, all eyes turn to November, who must figure out exactly how she fits into the school's bizarre strategy games before she is found guilty of the crime...or becomes the killer's next victim.

Four Dead Queens

by Astrid Scholte

Seventeen-year-old Keralie Corrington may seem harmless, but in fact, she's one of Quadara's most skilled thieves and a liar. Varin, on the other hand, is an honest, upstanding citizen of Quadara's most enlightened region, Eonia. Varin runs afoul of Keralie when she steals a package from him, putting his life in danger. When Varin attempts to retrieve the package, he and Keralie find themselves entangled in a conspiracy that leaves all four of Quadara's queens dead.

With no other choices and on the run from Keralie's former employer, the two decide to join forces, endeavoring to discover who has killed the queens and save their own lives in the process. When their reluctant partnership blooms into a tenuous romance, they must overcome their own dark secrets in hopes of a future together that seemed impossible just days before. But first they have to stay alive and untangle the secrets behind the nation's four dead queens.

Amal Unbound

by Aisha Saeed

Life is quiet and ordinary in Amal's Pakistani village, but she had no complaints, and besides, she's busy pursuing her dream of becoming a teacher one day. Her dreams are temporarily dashed when—as the eldest daughter—she must stay home from school to take care of her siblings. Amal is upset, but she doesn't lose hope and finds ways to continue learning. Then the unimaginable happens—after an accidental run-in with the son of her village's corrupt landlord, Amal must work as his family's servant to pay off her own family's debt.

Ivy Iberdeen's Letter to the World

By E. L. Konigsberg

Two boys find themselves caught up in a story that links a sketch, a young boy's life, an old man's reminiscence, and a painful secret dating back to the outrages of Nazi Germany. Includes revelations about the victimization of artists and homosexuals during the Holocaust.

Ruby Red

by Kerstin Gier

Gwyneth Shepherd's sophisticated, beautiful cousin Charlotte has been prepared her entire life for traveling through time. But unexpectedly, it is Gwyneth, who in the middle of class takes a sudden spin to a different era!

Gwyneth must now unearth the mystery of why her mother would lie about her birth date to ward off suspicion about her ability, brush up on her history, and work with Gideon--the time traveler from a similarly gifted family that passes the gene through its male line, and whose presence becomes, in time, less insufferable and more essential. Together, Gwyneth and Gideon journey through time to discover who, in the 18th century and in contemporary London, they can trust.

Playing for the Commandant

by Suzy Zail

"Look after each other...and get home safe. And when you do, tell everyone what you saw and what they did to us."

These are Hanna's father's parting words to her and her sister when their family is separated at the gates of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. Her father's words—and a black C-sharp piano key hidden away in the folds of her dress—are all that she has left to remind her of life before.

Duels and Deception

by Cindy Anstey

Lydia Whitfield has her future entirely planned out. She will run the family estate until she marries the man of her late father's choosing, and then she will spend the rest of her days as a devoted wife. Confident in those arrangements, Lydia has tasked her young law clerk, Robert Newton, to begin drawing up the marriage contracts. Everything is going according to plan.

Until the day Lydia—and Robert along with her—is kidnapped. Someone is after her fortune and won't hesitate to destroy her reputation to get it. With Robert's help, Lydia strives to keep her family's name unsullied and expose the one behind this devious plot. But as their investigation delves deeper and their affections for each other grow, Lydia starts to wonder whether her carefully planned future is in fact what she wants...

I Become Shadow

by Joe Shine

When Ren Sharpe was fourteen, she was kidnapped by a shadowy organization called FATE and trained to be a human weapon.

Now, four years later, she receives her assignment: protect Gareth Young at all costs. Currently a student at Texas A&M, Gareth will someday change the world. FATE calls people like Gareth "FIPs"—future important people—and they're everywhere, each with a FATE-trained shadow.

But when disaster strikes, Ren will have to turn on her maker. Together with Junie, a fellow abductee and the one person she trusts, Ren takes Gareth on the run.

Endangered

by Eliot Schrefer

Sophie is not happy to be back in the Congo for the summer, but when she rescues an abused baby bonobo she becomes more involved in her mother's sanctuary--and when fighting breaks out and the sanctuary is attacked, it is up to Sophie to rescue the apes and somehow survive in the jungle.

Dry

by Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman

The drought—or the Tap-Out, as everyone calls it—has been going on for a while now. Everyone's lives have become an endless list of don'ts: don't water the lawn, don't fill up your pool, don't take long showers.

Until the taps run dry.

Suddenly, Alyssa's quiet suburban street spirals into a war zone of desperation; neighbors and families turned against each other on the hunt for water.

The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler

by John Hendrix

Adolf Hitler's Nazi party is gaining strength and becoming more menacing every day. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a pastor upset by the complacency of the German church toward the suffering around it, forms a breakaway church to speak out against the established political and religious authorities. When the Nazis outlaw the church, he escapes as a fugitive. Struggling to reconcile his faith and the teachings of the Bible with the Nazi Party's evil agenda, Bonhoeffer decides that Hitler must be stopped by any means possible!

Red Queen

by Victoria Aveyard

Mare Barrow's world is divided by blood—those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities. Mare is a Red, scraping by as a thief in a poor, rural village, until a twist of fate throws her in front of the Silver court. Before the king, princes, and all the nobles, she discovers she has an ability of her own.

The Glass Sword

by Victoria Aveyard

Mare Barrow sets out to find and recruit other Red-and-Silver fighters to join in the struggle against her oppressors. But Mare finds herself on a deadly path, at risk of becoming exactly the kind of monster she is trying to defeat. Will she shatter under the weight of the lives that are the cost of rebellion? Or have treachery and betrayal hardened her forever? *Glass Sword* is the high-stakes follow up to the #1 *New York Times* bestselling *Red Queen*.

The Port Chicago 50

by Steve Sheinkin

On July 17, 1944, a massive explosion rocked the segregated Navy base at Port Chicago, California, killing more than 300 sailors who were at the docks, critically injuring off-duty men in their bunks, and shattering windows up to a mile away. On August 9th, 244 men refused to go back to work until unsafe and unfair conditions at the docks were addressed. When the dust settled, fifty were charged with mutiny, facing decades in jail and even execution.

This is a fascinating story of the prejudice that faced black men and women in America's armed forces during World War II, and a nuanced look at those who gave their lives in service of a country where they lacked the most basic rights.

The Harlem Charade

by Natasha Tarpley

Harlem is home to all kinds of kids. Jin sees life passing her by from the window of her family's bodega. Alex wants to help the needy one shelter at a time, but can't tell anyone who she really is. Elvin's living on Harlem's cold, lonely streets, surviving on his own after his grandfather was mysteriously attacked.

The Martian Chronicles

by Ray Bradbury

After escaping a dying planet Earth, humans land on Mars to find a peaceful society of Martians. Attempts to recreate planet Earth are met with opposition from Martians with unearthly powers.

A Mango Shaped Space

by Wendy Mass

Mia Winchell has synesthesia, the mingling of perceptions whereby a person can see sounds, smell colors, or taste shapes. Afraid that she's crazy, she keeps this a secret until she becomes overwhelmed by school, changing relationships and the loss of something important to her.

Trash

by Andy Mulligan

In a Third World country, a "dumpsite boy" finds something so mysterious that he decides to keep it. When the city police offer a handsome reward for its return, the dumpsite boys - boys with no education, parents, homes, or money - must use their cunning to solve the mystery and right a terrible wrong.

Flygirl

by Sherri L. Smith

As a young black woman in 1940s Louisiana, Ida Mae knows the sky is off limits to her, until World War II, and the Women Air force Service Pilots. If she's willing to use her light skin to pass as a white girl, she can fulfill her dream...

The Last Unicorn

by Peter S. Beagle

Having heard she is the last unicorn in the world, the unicorn leaves the safety of her enchanted forest to embark on an epic journey in search of other unicorns only to find that a terrible evil is behind their disappearance.

The House of the Scorpion

by Nancy Farmer

In a possible future-Earth, the United States and Mexico have decided to create a 3rd party nation to deal with their border and drug war disputes: a place called “Opium” where drug lords control drug production and the labor force—the brainwashed, barely human “eejits”. A Sci-fi adventure that will have you on the edge of your seat.

Denied, Detained, Deported: Stories from the Dark Side of American Immigration

by Ann Bausum

This historical look at American immigration focuses on lesser known stories of immigrants who faced prejudice and persecution along their journey to seek freedom and acceptance in American society.

Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice

by Phillip M. Hoose

Everyone has heard about Rosa Parks, but not many know of Claudette Colvin, the Alabama teenager who refused to give up her seat and went on to play an important role in the landmark civil rights case against the Montgomery bus company.

Facing the Lion: Growing Up Massai on the African Savanna

by Joseph Lemasolai Lekuton

Joseph Lekuton grew up a member of the Maasai tribe in Africa walking for days, sometimes weeks, to and from a missionary boarding school. He lived a double life: sometimes a student, sometimes a tribal herdsman. One day he went from guarding his family’s herd against lions to America and a radically different life.

Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream

by Tanya Lee Stone

In the early 1960’s, a group of women aviators known as the “Mercury 13” fought to prove that they were brave, strong and smart enough to get into NASA’s astronaut program.

After Gandhi: One Hundred Years of Nonviolent Resistance

by Anne Sibley O'Brien

The modern history of peaceful, civil protest began with Gandhi in India a century ago. His act of defiance in the name of human rights was hugely influential, inspiring Martin Luther King, Jr., Nelson Mandela and Rosa Parks, to name a few.

A Life in the Wild: George Schaller's Struggle to Save the Last Great Beasts

by Pamela S. Turner

George Schaller's work as a zoologist took him to India and Africa to live amongst gorillas and tigers, and to China to study Giant Pandas. Amazing discoveries, photographs and drawings abound.

The Forgetting

by Sharon Cameron

What isn't written, isn't remembered. Even your crimes. Nadia lives in the city of Canaan, where life is safe and structured, hemmed in by white stone walls and no memory of what came before. But every twelve years the city descends into the bloody chaos of the Forgetting, a day of no remorse, when each person's memories — of parents, children, love, life, and self — are lost. Unless they have been written. In Canaan, your book is your truth and your identity, and Nadia knows exactly who hasn't written the truth. Because Nadia is the only person in Canaan who has never forgotten.

Grade 8

Under the Mesquite

by Guadalupe Garcia-McCall

Lupita, a budding actor and poet in a close-knit Mexican American immigrant family, comes of age as she struggles with adult responsibilities during her mother's battle with cancer in this young adult novel in verse.

When Lupita learns Mami has cancer, she is terrified by the possibility of losing her mother, the anchor of her close-knit family. Suddenly, being a high school student, starring in a play, and dealing with friends who don't always understand, become less important than doing whatever she can to save Mami's life.

So Hard To Say

By Alex Sanchez

The bubbly Latina, Xio, and the new boy in school, Frederick, become friends who try to navigate the confusing social and emotional terrain of 8th grade.

Roam

By C.H. Armstrong

Seventeen year-old Abby Lunde and her family are living on the streets. They had a normal life back in Omaha, but thanks to her mother's awful mistake, they had to leave what little they had behind for a new start in Rochester. Abby tries to be an average teenager—fitting into school, buoyed by dreams of a boyfriend, college, and a career in music. But Minnesota winters are unforgiving, and so are many teenagers.

Her stepdad promises to put a roof over their heads, but times are tough for everyone and Abby is doing everything she can to keep her shameful secret from her new friends. The divide between rich and poor in high school is painfully obvious, and the stress of never knowing where they're sleeping or where they'll find their next meal is taking its toll on the whole family.

As secrets are exposed and the hope for a home fades, Abby knows she must trust those around her to help. But will her friends let her down the same way they did back home, or will they rise to the challenge to help them find a normal life?

The Liar's Daughter

by Megan Cooley Peterson

Piper was raised in a cult. She just doesn't know it.

Seventeen-year-old Piper knows that Father is a Prophet. Infallible. The chosen one.

She would do anything for Father. That's why she takes care of all her little sisters. That's why she runs end-of-the-world drills. That's why she never asks questions. Because Father knows best.

Until the day he doesn't. Until the day the government raids the compound and separates Piper from her siblings, from Mother, from the Aunts, from all of Father's followers--even from Caspian, the boy she loves.

Now Piper is living Outside. Among Them.

With a woman They claim is her real mother--a woman They say Father *stole* her from.

But Piper knows better. And Piper is going to escape.

Three Dark Crowns

by Kendare Blake

In every generation on the island of Fennbirn, a set of triplets is born—three queens, all equal heirs to the crown and each possessor of a coveted magic. Mirabella is a fierce elemental, able to spark hungry flames or vicious storms at the snap of her fingers. Katharine is a poisoner, one who can ingest the deadliest poisons without so much as a stomachache. Arsinoe, a naturalist, is said to have the ability to bloom the reddest rose and control the fiercest of lions.

But becoming the Queen Crowned isn't solely a matter of royal birth. Each sister has to fight for it. And it's not just a game of win or lose...it's life or death. The night the sisters turn sixteen, the battle begins.

The last queen standing gets the crown.

Ink and Bone (The Great Library)

by Rachel Caine

Ruthless and supremely powerful, the Great Library is now a presence in every major city, governing the flow of knowledge to the masses. Alchemy allows the Library to deliver the content of the greatest works of history instantly—but the personal ownership of books is expressly forbidden.

Jess Brightwell believes in the value of the Library, but the majority of his knowledge comes from illegal books obtained by his family, who are involved in the thriving black market. Jess has been sent to be his family's spy, but his loyalties are tested in the final months of his training to enter the Library's service.

Heartwood Box

by Ann Aguirre

In this tiny, terrifying town, the lost are never found.

When Araceli Flores Harper is sent to stay with her great-aunt Otilie in her ramshackle Victorian home, the plan is simple. She'll buckle down and get ready for college. Life won't be exciting, but she'll cope, right?

Wrong. From the start, things are very, very wrong. Her great-aunt still leaves food for the husband who went missing twenty years ago, and local businesses are plastered with MISSING posters. There are unexplained lights in the woods and a mysterious lab just beyond the city limits that the locals don't talk about. Ever. When she starts receiving mysterious letters that seem to be coming from the *past*, she suspects someone of pranking her or trying to drive her out of her mind.

To solve these riddles and bring the lost home again, Araceli must delve into a truly diabolical conspiracy, but some secrets fight to stay buried...

Two Can Keep A Secret

by Karen M McManus

Echo Ridge is small-town America. Ellery's never been there, but she's heard all about it. Her aunt went missing there at age seventeen. And only five years ago, a homecoming queen put the town on the map when she was killed. Now Ellery has to move there to live with a grandmother she barely knows.

The town is picture-perfect, but it's hiding secrets. And before school even begins for Ellery, someone's declared open season on homecoming, promising to make it as dangerous as it was five years ago. Then, almost as if to prove it, another girl goes missing.

Ellery knows all about secrets. Her mother has them; her grandmother does too. And the longer she's in Echo Ridge, the clearer it becomes that everyone there is hiding something. The thing is, secrets are dangerous--and most people aren't good at keeping them. Which is why in Echo Ridge, it's safest to keep your secrets to yourself.

How Dare the Sun Rise

by Sandra Uwiringiyimana

This profoundly moving memoir is the remarkable and inspiring true story of Sandra Uwiringiyimana, a girl from the Democratic Republic of the Congo who tells the tale of how she survived a massacre, immigrated to America, and overcame her trauma through art and activism.

Sandra was just ten years old when she found herself with a gun pointed at her head. She had watched as rebels gunned down her mother and six-year-old sister in a refugee camp. Remarkably, the rebel didn't pull the trigger, and Sandra escaped. Thus began a new life for her and her surviving family members. With no home and no money, they struggled to stay alive. Eventually, through a United Nations refugee program, they moved to America, only to face yet another ethnic disconnect. Sandra may have crossed an ocean, but there was now a much wider divide she had to overcome. And it started with middle school in New York.

One of Us is Lying

by Karen M. McManus

Pay close attention and you might solve this. On Monday afternoon, five students at Bayview High walk into detention. Bronwyn, the brain, is Yale-bound and never breaks a rule. Addy, the beauty, is the picture-perfect homecoming princess. Nate, the criminal, is already on probation for dealing. Cooper, the athlete, is the all-star baseball pitcher. And Simon, the outcast, is the creator of Bayview High's notorious gossip app. Only, Simon never makes it out of that classroom. Before the end of detention Simon's dead. And according to investigators, his death wasn't an accident. On Monday, he died. But on Tuesday, he'd planned to post juicy reveals about all four of his high-profile classmates, which makes all four of them suspects in his murder. Or are they the perfect patsies for a killer who's still on the loose?

Internment

by Samira Ahmed

Set in a horrifying near-future United States, seventeen-year-old Layla Amin and her parents are forced into an internment camp for Muslim-American citizens. With the help of newly made friends also trapped within the internment camp, her boyfriend on the outside, and an unexpected alliance, Layla begins a journey to fight for freedom, leading a revolution against the internment camp's Director and his guards.

Ashfall

by Mike Mullin

Many visitors to Yellowstone National Park don't realize that the boiling hot springs and spraying geysers are caused by an underlying supervolcano, so large that the caldera can only be seen by plane or satellite. And by some scientific measurements, it could be overdue for an eruption.

For Alex, being left alone for the weekend means having the freedom to play computer games and hang out with his friends without hassle from his mother. Then the Yellowstone supervolcano erupts, plunging his hometown into a nightmare of darkness, ash, and violence.

Nora and Kettle

by Lauren Nicole Taylor

After World War II, orphaned Kettle faces prejudice as a Japanese American but manages to scrape by and care for his makeshift family of homeless children. When he crosses paths with the privileged but traumatized Nora, both of their lives are forever changed...

Children of Blood and Bone

by Tomi Adeyemi

Seventeen-year-old Zélie, her older brother Tzain, and rogue princess Amari fight to restore magic to the land and activate a new generation of magi, but they are ruthlessly pursued by the crown prince, who believes the return of magic will mean the end of the monarchy.

The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives

by Dashka Slater

One teenager in a skirt.
One teenager with a lighter.
One moment that changes both of their lives forever.

If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes. But one afternoon on the bus ride home from school, a single reckless act left Sasha severely burned, and Richard charged with two hate crimes and facing life imprisonment. The case garnered international attention, thrusting both teenagers into the spotlight.

A Very Large Expanse of Sea

by Tahereh Mafi

It's 2002, a year after 9/11, and Shirin has just started at yet another school. It's an extremely turbulent time for the world, but also for someone like Shirin, a sixteen-year-old Muslim girl who's tired of being stereotyped.

Shirin is never surprised by how horrible people can be. But she's tired of the rude stares, the degrading comments—even the physical violence—she endures as a result of her race, her religion, and the hijab she wears every day. She decided long ago not to trust anyone anymore, and she doesn't expect or even try, to fit in anywhere or let anyone close enough to hurt her. Instead, she drowns her frustrations in music and spends her afternoons breakdancing with her brother.

But then she meets Ocean James. He's the first person in forever who really seems to want to get to know Shirin. It terrifies her—they seem to come from two irreconcilable worlds—and Shirin has had her guard up for so long that she's not sure she'll ever be able to let it down.

The Edge of Everything

by Jeff Giles

Seventeen-year-old Zoe Bissell has had a rough year. She hasn't been able to find closure following her father's unexpected death in a caving accident and the disappearance of two beloved neighbors. Then, during a harsh winter storm, she and her eight-year-old brother, Jonah, are attacked. X, a handsome and mysterious stranger, comes to their rescue. Unbeknownst to Zoe, X is actually a bounty hunter from a dark, unique area of Hell known as the Lowlands, and he was sent after Zoe's attacker's soul. Despite X's hellacious origins, he and Zoe form an intense connection, and X learns empathy for humans.

Dear Martin

by Nic Stone

Justyce McAllister is top of his class and set for the Ivy League—but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs. And despite leaving his rough neighborhood behind, he can't escape the scorn of his former peers or the ridicule of his new classmates.

Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a journal to Dr. King to find out.

Not If I Save You First

by Ally Carter

Maddie thought she and Logan would be friends forever. But when your dad is a Secret Service agent and your best friend is the president's son, sometimes life has other plans. Before she knows it, Maddie's dad is dragging her to a cabin in the middle of the Alaskan wilderness and into a totally different life.

Double Exposure

by Bridget Birdsall

Fifteen-year-old Alyx Atlas was raised as a boy, yet she knows something others don't. She's a girl. And after her dad dies, it becomes painfully obvious that she must prove it now—to herself and to the world. Born with ambiguous genitalia, Alyx has always felt a little different. But it's after she sustains a terrible beating behind a 7-Eleven that she and her mother pack up their belongings and move from California to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to start a new life—and Alyx begins over again, this time as a girl.

Scythe

by Neal Shusterman

A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery: humanity has conquered all those things, and has even conquered death. Now Scythes are the only ones who can end life—and they are commanded to do so, in order to keep the size of the population under control.

Citra and Rowan are chosen to apprentice to a scythe—a role that neither wants. These teens must master the “art” of taking life, knowing that the consequence of failure could mean losing their own...

Thunderhead

by Neal Shusterman

In the sequel to *Scythe*, Rowan has gone rogue and has taken it upon himself to put the Scythedom through a trial by fire. Literally. In the year since Winter Conclave, he has gone off-grid and has been striking out against corrupt scythes—not only in MidMerica, but across the entire continent. He is a dark folk hero now—“Scythe Lucifer”—a vigilante taking down corrupt scythes in flames.

Citra, now a junior scythe under Scythe Curie, sees the corruption and wants to help change it from the inside out, but is thwarted at every turn, and threatened by the “new order” scythes. Realizing she cannot do this alone—or even with the help of Scythe Curie and Faraday, she does the unthinkable, and risks being “deadish” so she can communicate with the Thunderhead—the only being on earth wise enough to solve the dire problems of a perfect world. But will it help solve those problems, or simply watch as perfection goes into decline?

How to Hang a Witch

by Adriana Mather

Salem, Massachusetts is the site of the infamous witch trials and the new home of Samantha Mather. Recently transplanted from New York City, Sam and her stepmother are not exactly welcomed with open arms. Sam is the descendant of Cotton Mather, one of the men responsible for those trials and almost immediately she becomes the enemy of a group of girls who call themselves The Descendants. And guess who their ancestors were?

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian

by Sherman Alexie.

The odds are stacked against Junior. He’s growing up poor and living on the “Rez” belonging to his tribe—a place of broken dreams. Plus, he was born with “water on the brain” making his abilities different and a favorite target for bullies. So, Junior must be down and out, right? --Not in the least!

Unplugged

by Donna Freitas

Humanity is split into the App World and the Real World—an extravagant virtual world for the wealthy and a dying physical world for the poor. Years ago, Skylar Cruz’s family sent her to the

App World for a chance at a better life.

Now Skye is a nobody, a virtual sixteen-year-old girl without any glamorous effects or expensive downloads to make her stand out in the App World. Yet none of that matters to Skye. All she wants is a chance to unplug and see her mother and sister again.

But when the borders between worlds suddenly close, Skye loses that chance. Desperate to reach her family, Skye risks everything to get back to the physical world. Once she arrives, however, she discovers a much larger, darker reality than the one she remembers

The Outsiders

by S.E. Hinton.

Three brothers from “the wrong side of the tracks” clash with the privileged teens in their town. Bonds of family and society are stretched and tested; very gritty and powerful.

Salt to the Sea

by Ruta Sepetys

Winter, 1945. Four teenagers. Four secrets. Each one born of a different homeland: each one hunted, and haunted, by tragedy, lies...and war. As thousands of desperate refugees flock to the coast in the midst of a Soviet advance, four paths converge, vying for passage aboard the *Wilhelm Gustloff*, a ship that promises safety and freedom. Yet not all promises can be kept.

Mercury

by Hope Larson

After losing everything in a fire that destroys their house, Tara’s mother must travel far away for a new job leaving Tara to stay with relatives. After hearing about an ancestor who is believed to have hidden gold on the family property, Tara goes in search of the mysterious riches.

I Am a Genius of Unspeakable Evil and I Want to Be Your Class President

by Josh Lieb

Oliver’s classmates consider him one of the biggest losers in school. Little do they know the power and dark intelligence he possesses give him control over more than they could ever fathom. A hilarious tale of dastardly deeds and foul smells.

Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida

by Victor Martinez

Manny—a Mexican American teen—struggles with growing up poor and stifled by prejudice in California. Searching for a way to find respect and power he agrees to be initiated into a local gang.

Warriors Don't Cry

by Melba Patillo Beals

Melba Beals was one of the Little Rock 9: 9 Black Students who were the first to be integrated into an all-white Arkansas school (1957). She and fellow black classmates faced persecution and obstacles from segregationists. Here, she draws from journals from that time to tell her story of courage and commitment to the fight for equality.

Fatty Legs: A True Story

by Christy Jordan-Fenton

The memoir of Margaret, a young Inuvialuit girl growing up near the Arctic Circle, whose strength and determination to attend a church-run school (the only “western-style” school in her region), are inspiring. Take a rare glimpse into the culture of a Native American tribe that few know anything about.

The Good, the Bad and the Barbie: A Doll's History and Her Impact on Us

by Tanya Lee Stone

Barbie was introduced in 1959. Since then, she's had a unique role in American culture, a huge influence in art and, some would argue, a huge (and not always positive) influence on her adoring fans—young girls. A fascinating look at the doll and her maker.

Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom (With a Few Flat Tires Along the Way)

by Sue Macy

How were the early women's rights movement of the late 1800's in America and the rise of the cycling as a mode of transport and popular form of exercise connected? This quick read filled with old advertisements, photographs and newspaper clippings will fascinate you!

Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery

by Steve Sheinkin

This is the suspenseful tale of the rise and hard fall of the notorious traitor to the American Revolution, Benedict Arnold. Little is written in standard history books about his heroic daring and tactical genius as a revolutionary general or the flaws that led to his ultimate demise resulting in political exile.