

**Summer Reading Recommendations
for Students Entering 7th & 8th Grades
2022-2023 School Year**

**Required reading for students
entering 7th Grade:**

Jack London: *The Call of the Wild*
Two other books from this list

**Required reading for students
entering 8th Grade:**

Gordan Korman: *Linked*
Two other book from this list

Great books for 7th and 8th Graders:

Douglas Adams: *The Hitchhiker's
Guide to the Galaxy*

Tomi Adeyemi: *Children of Blood and
Bone*

Kwame Alexander: *The Crossover,
Booked*

Stephen Ambrose: *Band of Brothers,
Undaunted Courage*

Natalie Babbitt: *Tuck Everlasting*

Julie Berry: *Lovely War*

Ray Bradbury: *Fahrenheit 451, The
Martian Chronicles*

Carmen Bredeson: *After the Last Dog
Died*

Michael Brooke: *The Concrete Wave:
The History of Skateboarding*

Dori Hillestad Butler: *Sliding into
Home*

Lewis Carroll: *Alice's Adventures in
Wonderland*

Tom Clancy: *The Hunt for Red October*

Ernest Cline: *Ready Player One, Ready
Player Two*

Suzanne Collins: *The Hunger Games*
trilogy and prequel *The Ballad of
Songbirds and Snakes*

Sharon Creech: *Walk Two Moons,
Inside Out and Back Again*

Michael Crichton: *Jurassic Park, The
Andromeda Strain, Coma*

Roald Dahl: *Boy: Tales of Childhood*

James Dashner: *The Maze Runner*
series

Dana Davis: *Roman and Jewel*

Sharon Draper: *Out of My Mind,
Blended*

Alexander Dumas: *The Three
Musketeers, The Count of Monte Cristo*

John Ferling: *A Leap in the Dark: The
Struggle to Create the American
Republic*

John Green: *Looking for Alaska, The
Fault in Our Stars*

Robert Heinlein: *Stranger in a Strange
Land*

Ernest Hemingway: *The Old Man and the Sea*

Karen Hesse: *Stowaway*

Monica Hesse: *The Girl in the Blue Coat*

Frank Herbert: *Dune*

Donna Barba Higuera: *The Last Cuenista* (2022 Newbery Award Winner)

S.E. Hinton: *The Outsiders*

Ji-li Jang: *Red Scarf Girl*

Steven L. Lane: *This Side of Paradise*

Harper Lee: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Darci Little Badger: *A Snake Falls to Earth*

Lois Lowry: *The Giver* series

Yann Martell: *Life of Pi*

Julie Murphy: *Dumplin'*

David McCullough: *1776*

Trevor Noah: *It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime* (YA edition)

Chase Owen: *The Wreck of the Whaleship Essex*

Linda Sue Park: *A Single Shard*

Gary Paulsen: *The Transall Saga*

Chaim Potok: *The Chosen, My Name is Asher Lev*

Ellen Raskin: *The Westing Game*

Jason Reynolds: *Long Way Down, All American Boys* (with Brendan Kiely)

Paul Rosenthal: *America at Bat*

Val Ross: *The Road to There:*

Mapmakers and Their Stories

Veronica Roth: *Divergent* series

J.D. Salinger: *The Catcher in the Rye*

John Steinbeck: *Of Mice and Men, Travels with Charley in Search of America*

Bryan Stevenson: *Just Mercy* (YA edition)

Robert Louis Stevenson: *Treasure Island*

Nic Stone: *Dear Martin, Dear Justyce, Jackpot*

Angie Thomas: *The Hate U Give, On the Come Up, Concrete Rose*

J.R.R. Tolkien: *The Hobbit, The Lord of the Rings* trilogy

Mark Twain: *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court, Adv. of Tom Sawyer*

T.H. White: *The Sword in the Stone*

Paul Zindel: *Rats*

Ibi Zoboi: *Pride*

*Nathan Hale will be visiting Good Shepherd this September as a guest speaker. You are encouraged to try out one of his graphic novels as one of your summer reading choices.