

## Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Summer Reading Novels (Read BOTH Novels And Complete One Project)

### *Stella by Starlight* by Sharon Draper

When the Ku Klux Klan's unwelcome reappearance rattles Stella's segregated southern town, bravery battles prejudice in this Depression-era tour de force from Sharon Draper, the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Out of My Mind*.

Stella lives in the segregated South—in Bumblebee, North Carolina, to be exact about it. Some stores she can go into. Some stores she can't. Some folks are right pleasant. Others are a lot less so. To Stella, it sort of evens out, and heck, the Klan hasn't bothered them for years. But one late night, later than she should ever be up, much less wandering around outside, Stella and her little brother see something they're never supposed to see, something that is the first flicker of change to come, unwelcome change by any stretch of the imagination. As Stella's community—her world—is upended, she decides to fight fire with fire. And she learns that ashes don't necessarily signify an end.



### *The Diary of Anne Frank* by Anne Frank (Make sure you get the one that's 280+ pages)

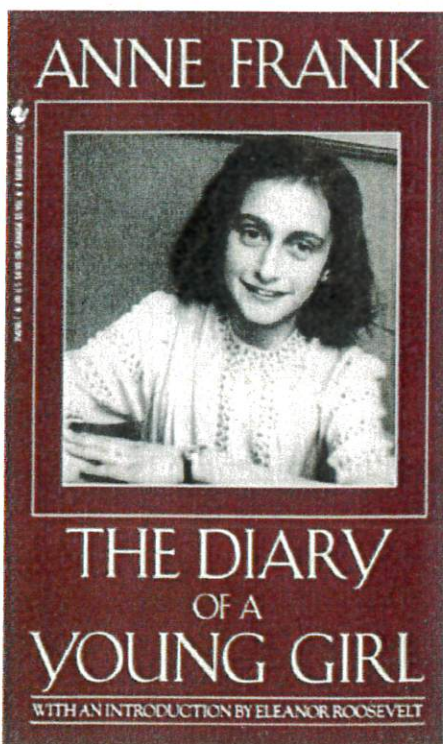
Discovered in the attic in which she spent the last years of her life, Anne Frank's remarkable diary has become a world classic—a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament to the human spirit.

In 1942, with the Nazis occupying Holland, a thirteen-year-old Jewish girl and her family fled their home in Amsterdam and went into hiding. For the next two years, until their whereabouts were betrayed to the Gestapo, the Franks and another family lived cloistered in the "Secret Annexe" of an old office building. Cut off from the outside world, they faced hunger, boredom, the constant cruelties of living in confined quarters, and the ever-present threat of discovery and death. In her diary Anne Frank recorded vivid impressions of her experiences during this period. By turns

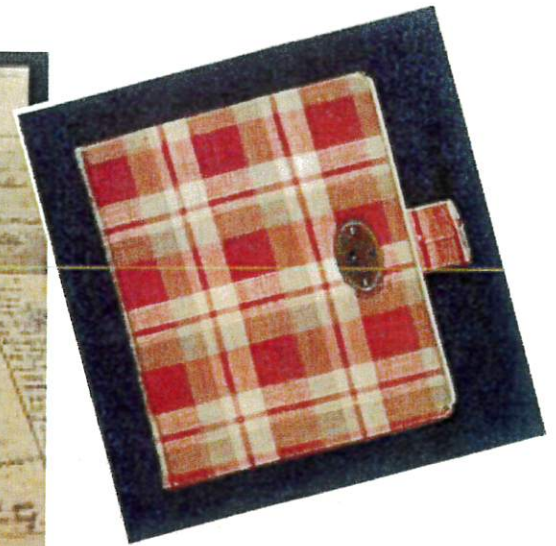
thoughtful, moving, and surprisingly humorous, her account offers a fascinating commentary on human courage and frailty and a compelling self-portrait of a sensitive and spirited young woman whose promise was tragically cut short.

### PROJECT ON NEXT PAGE...

While I have only assigned two novels, summer is a perfect time to read, keeping your brain busy as you enjoy a break. If you have any questions about summer reading, please do not hesitate to email me at [teresa.strait@sdsgriffin.org](mailto:teresa.strait@sdsgriffin.org). I would love to recommend additional books for your reading pleasure!



## Anne and Stella: Budding Journalists, Diarists



### Your Project:

Create a diary like Anne's/Stella's about your summer and your life. You can use any kind of computer/construction/scrapbooking paper as the cover, and you can just hole punch and use string or you can staple or put it in some fancy folder--totally up to you.

### Cover

- Must be decorated by you (patterns, colors, stickers, pictures, etc.)
- Must have a name. Anne named her diary "Kitty."

### Diary Entries

- Each must be handwritten, unless you have a typing accommodation. Length is one page single spaced.
- Must have the date of the entry.
- Must include one photo per entry.
- Must have five entries, chosen from this list:

Celebrations (birthdays, births, weddings, deaths, milestones, rites of passage)

Arguments and Relationships (with family, friends, more than friends, etc.)

Vacations (self explanatory)

Discrimination (Stella felt the wrath of the KKK while Anne was hunted by the Nazis)

House Rules (They had lots of rules in hiding. What are the rules of your house?)

Pets (Even in hiding, they had a cat.)

Books and Media (What are you reading? Watching?)

Dreams and Daydreams (you tell me!)