



## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Assignment

### Memoir Writing

- Please read the memoir *Ugly: A Memoir About Childhood, Deformity, and Learning to Love a Distinctive Face* by Robert Hoge. Please take notes on Post-its, annotating as you read, focusing specifically on the theme of this memoir. This book will be discussed and used for an in-class writing assignment during the first two weeks of school.
- Please select a second novel (one you have not read before) to read this summer as well. The novel you select may be in any genre and should be a reasonable length and should be age-appropriate for content. You do not need to make annotations on this book, but be prepared to share what you read in class as well.

*Ugly: A Memoir About Childhood, Deformity, and Learning to Love a Distinctive Face* by Robert Hoge:

When Robert Hoge was born, he had a tumor the size of a tennis ball in the middle of his face and short, twisted legs. Surgeons removed the tumor and made him a new nose from one of his toes. Amazingly, he survived—with a face that would never be the same.

Strangers stared at him, kids called him names, and adults could be cruel in their own ways. Everybody seemed to agree that Robert was "ugly." But Robert refused to let his face dictate his entire life. Then, when Robert came face to face with the biggest decision of his life, he followed his heart. This poignant memoir about overcoming bullying and thriving with disabilities shows that what makes us "ugly" also makes us who we are (Puffin Books).