

**Springfield Public Schools
Recommended Reading Literature List
2023-2024
Grade 7**



**Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School
Springfield, New Jersey**

Genre: Contemporary Fiction¹

Among Friends

Cages

Catalyst

Contender, The

Fallen Angels

Fifteen

Flipped

Girl Called Boy

Home of the Braves

Ironman

My Perfect Life

Red Kayak

Seek

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, The

Someone Like You

Wednesday Wars, The

West Side Story

Whale Talk

When Pigs Fly

Where the Red Fern Grows

Zipped

Cooney, Caroline

Kehret, Peg

Anderson, Laurie Halse

Lipsyte, Robert

Myers, Walter Dean

Cleary, Beverly

Van Draanen, Wendelin

Humence, Belinda

Klass, David

Crutcher, Chris

Sheldon, Dyan

Cummings, Pricilla

Fleischman, Paul

Brasheres, Ann

Dressen, Sarah

Schmidt, Gary D.

Shulman, Irving

Crutcher, Chris

Wood, June Rae

Rawls, Wilson

McNeal, Laura and Tom

Genre: Historical Fiction and Nonfiction²

A Boy No More

Across Five Aprils

Anne Frank and Me

Bird In A Box

Fighting Ground, The

Girl In A Cage

Hang A Thousand Trees With Ribbons

Hero On A Bicycle

Heroes

Mazer, Harry

Hunt, Irene

Bennett, Cherie

Pinkney, Andrea Davis

Avi

Yolen, Jane and R. Harris

Rinaldi, Ann

Hughes, Shirley

Cormier, Robert

¹ Summaries of each of these books can be found here:

<http://booksource.com>

² Summaries of each of these books can be found here:

<http://booksource.com> or www.barnesandnoble.com

In My Father's House
Light In The Forest
Nerdlandia
One Crazy Summer
Red Badge of Courage
Upstairs Room, The
What Have You Lost?
(A Collection of Young Adult Poems)
Where the Broken Heart Still Beats
Year of the Hangman, The
Esperanza Rising

Rinaldi, Ann
Richter, Conrad
Soto, Gary
Garcia, Rita Williams
Crane, Stephen
Reiss, Johanna

Nye, Naomi Shihbab, Ed.
Meyer, Carolyn
Blackwood, Gary
Ryan, Pam Munoz

Genres: Motivational/Autobiography/Memoir³

A Child Called "It": One Child's Courage to Survive
(Book One of a Trilogy)
An Invisible Thread
Anne Frank, Beyond the Diary
Battlescars: An Inspirational Story of Triumph Over Adversity and Tragedy¹
Blind Side, The
Clara's War
Don't Sweat the Small Stuff For Teens
Eleanor's Story: An American Girl In Hitler's Germany
Fault In Our Stars, The
Great Episodes Series
I Hate Myselfie⁴
I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up In The Holocaust
Jacob Have I Loved
Legit: The Rise of a Cyber Athlete
Kids On Strike!
Nerdlandia
No Body's Perfect: Stories By Teens About Body Image, Self-Acceptance, and The Search for Identity
Now Is Your Time! The African American Struggle For Freedom
Pursuit of Happyness, The
Short-Handed: A Young Boy's Triumph Over Adversity¹

Pelzer, Dave
Schroff, Laura
Van Der Rol, Ruud

Greene, Tracy
Lewis, Michael
Kramer, Clara
Carlson, Richard
Garner, Eleanor Ramrath
Green, John
Reit, Seymour
Dawson, Shane

Bitton-Jackson, Livia
Paterson, Katherine
Berman, Ron
Bartoletti, Susan Campbell
Soto, Gary

Kirberger, Kimberly, Ed.

Myers, Walter Dean
Gardner, Chris
Schultz, Bill

³ Summaries of each of these books can be found here:
<http://booksource.com>

⁴ Summary and excerpt available on:
www.barnesandnoble.com

Soldier Athletes
*Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and
Fighting To Get Back On the Board*
Spare Parts
Teens With the Courage to Give
Three Cups of Tea (Young Adult Adaptation)
*Unbroken (Young Adult Adaptation): An Olympian's
Journey From Airman to Castaway to Captive*

Stout, Glenn

Hamilton, Bethany
Davis, Joshua
Waldman, Jackie
Mortenson, Greg

Hillenbrand, Laura

Genres: Science Fiction and Young Adult Novels⁵

Science Fiction:

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
Amber Spyglass, The
Artemis Fowl
City of Ember, The
Freaky Friday
Golden Compass, The
i, Robot
Maze Runner, The (Series)
Neverending Story, The
Paint By Magic
Uglies

Carroll, Lewis
Pullman, Philip
Colfer, Eoin
Jane DuPrau
Rodgers, Mary
Pullman, Philip
Asimov, Isaac
Dasher, James
Ende, Michael
Reiss, Kathryn
Westerfeld, Scott

Young Adult Novels:

If I Stay
Let The Circle Be Unbroken
Out of My Mind
My Sister's Keeper
*Who Do You Think You Are? Stories of Friends
And Enemies*

Forman, Gayle
Taylor, Mildred D.
Draper, Sharon
Piccolt, Jodi

Rochman, Hazel, Ed.

⁵ Summaries of each of these books can be found here:
<http://booksource.com>

