Summer Reading Testing Information

All students in entering grades 4th - 12th are required to participate in our summer reading program. Each student will earn a grade in his or her ELA class by taking a test on a choice novel.

Students should explore their three novel choices and choose one to read over the summer. As soon as students finish reading, they should select one of the dates provided below to complete their summer reading test in the **CHS library**.

Students will receive their grades immediately upon completing their tests. If a student is unhappy with his/her grade, he/she is encouraged to read an additional novel from the list provided and return at a later testing date to retest. Teachers will use the student's highest score for his/her first grade in ELA for the quarter. Students may take a test for each novel only once, meaning each student may test up to three times, each time on a different novel.

4th 5th 6th 7th 8th
9th 10th 11th 12th

Testing Dates at a glance…

Dates	Elementary	Middle School	High School
Thursday, June 11	8:00 am	No Tests Offered	No Tests Offered
Tuesday, June 23	8:00 am	No Tests Offered	No Tests Offered
Thursday, June 25	No Tests Offered	10:00 am	12:00 (noon)
Thursday, July 9	8:00 am	10:00 am	12:00 (noon)
Tuesday, July 21	8:00 am	No Tests Offered	No Tests Offered
Tuesday, August 4	8:00 am	10:00 am	12:00 (noon)

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Summer Dates, Times, and Bonus Opportunities...

Students must report **at the start** of their respective testing time. Students who arrive late will not be permitted to take the test and will be required to wait until the next testing date.

June Dates:

Thursday, June 11	Tuesday, June 23	Thursday, June 25
Elementary: 8 am	Elementary: 8 am	Middle School: 10:00 am High School: 12:00 noon

*June testers will receive 3 BONUS points towards their test grade

July Dates:

Thursday, July 9	Tuesday, July 21
Elementary: 8 am Middle School: 10 am High School: 12 noon	Elementary: 8 am

*July testers will receive 2 BONUS points towards their test grade!

August Dates:

Tuesday, August 4
Elementary: 8 am
Middle School: 10 am
High School: 12 noon

*August testers will receive 1 BONUS point towards their test grade!

Last Chance ...

Students who do not test on one of the above dates *will be required* to take a test on their respective orientation days. No bonus points will be added to tests taken on orientation days.

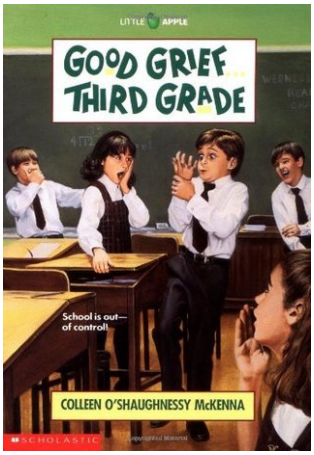
Elementary Orientation Day:
Students who are unable to test over the summer will take their test on Orientation Day during ELA class.

Middle School Orientation Day
Students who are unable to test over the summer will take their test on orientation day, Thursday, August 13, immediately following dismissal in their ELA classrooms.

High School Orientation Day:
Students who are unable to test over the summer will take their test on orientation day, Wednesday, August 12, immediately following dismissal in their English classrooms.

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4TH GRADE CHOICE NOVELS



Good Grief Third Grade by Colleen O'Shaughnessy McKenna

(AR reading level: 3.6)

Marsha Cessano, Collette Murphy's neighbor, promised her parents that third grade will be her best school year ever--no messy desk, no temper, no tricks. But that yucky Roger Friday will do anything to get Marsha in trouble! Now third grade couldn't have been crazier--because Marsha and Roger have to work on a class project together!

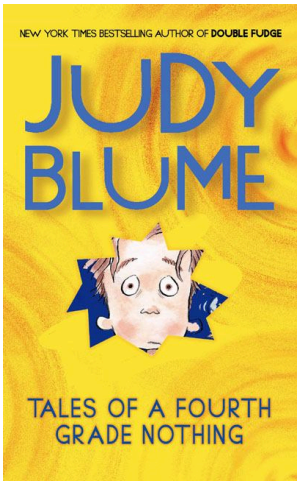
Third Grade Angels by Jerry Spinelli



(AR reading level: 2.9)

George, aka "Suds," has just entered third grade, and he's heard the rhyme about "first grade babies/second grade cats/third grade angels/fourth grade rats," but what does this mean for his school year? It means that his teacher, Mrs. Simms, will hold a competition every month to see which student deserves to be awarded "the halo" - which student is best-behaved, kindest to others, and, in short, perfect. Suds is determined to be the first to earn the halo, but he's finding the challenge of always being good to be more stressful than he had anticipated. Does he have to be good even outside of school? (Does he have to be nice to his annoying little sister?) And if Mrs. Simms doesn't actually see him doing a good deed, does it even count?

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume



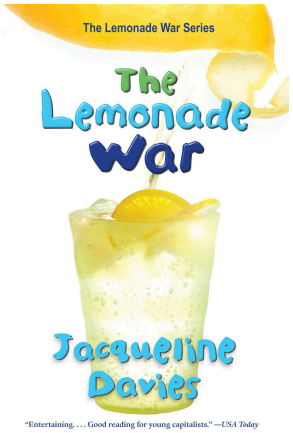
(AR reading level: 3.3)

Life with his little brother, Fudge, makes Peter Hatcher feel like a fourth-grade nothing. Whether Fudge is throwing a temper tantrum in a shoe store, smearing mashed potatoes on the walls at Hamburger Heaven, or trying to fly, he's never far from trouble. He's an almost three-year-old terror who gets away with everything, and Peter's had it up to here! When Fudge walks off with Dribble, Peter's pet turtle, it's the last straw. Peter has put up with Fudge for too long. Way too long! How can he get his parents to pay attention to him for a change?

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5TH GRADE NOVELS

The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies (AR level: 4.0)



> *"For a full hour, he poured lemonade. 'The world is a thirsty place,' he thought as he nearly emptied his fourth pitcher of the day. 'And I am the lemonade king.'"*

Evan Treski is people-smart. He's good at talking with people, even grownups. His younger sister Jessie, on the other hand, is math-smart - but not especially good at understanding people. She knows that feelings are her weakest subject. With just five days left of summer vacation, Evan and Jessie launch an all-out war to see who can sell the most lemonade before school starts. As the battleground heats up, there really is no telling who will win - and even more important, if their fight will ever end.

Trapped in a Video Game by Dustin Brady (AR level: 4.3)



> *"Here lies Jesse Rigsby of Middlefield, Ohio. He was tragically taken from us by a giant praying mantis while trying to save a video game world from fake aliens. He bravely led the resistance, which lasted for all of 10 seconds."*

Jesse hates video games - and for good reason. You see, a video game character is trying to kill him. After getting sucked into the new game Full Blast with his best friend, Eric, Jesse quickly discovers that he's being followed by a mysterious figure. If he doesn't figure out what's going on fast, he'll be trapped for good!

Flying Solo by Ralph Fletcher (AR level: 3.9)



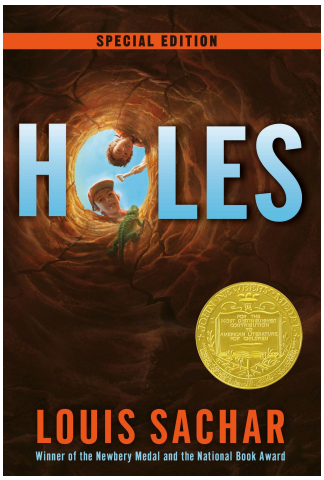
> *"Writing words is like flying, Rachel thought. Words aren't solid. Words are lighter than air. But even so, they can sometimes give you a lift."*

When the substitute for Mr. "Fab" Fabiano never shows up and his sixth-grade students are on their own, they set out to prove that they can run the class by themselves. With a little ingenuity and some careful planning, they might just succeed. But when a fight breaks out between Bastian Fauvell and Rachel White over a classmate, Tommy Feathers, who died six months earlier, everything begins to fall apart. Can Rachel deal with the anxieties that plunged her into silence the day Tommy died? Inventive and uniquely constructed, "Flying Solo" follows Mr. Fab's students hour by hour as they tackle the challenges of an unusual school day.
contains a small theme of alcoholism in one chapter

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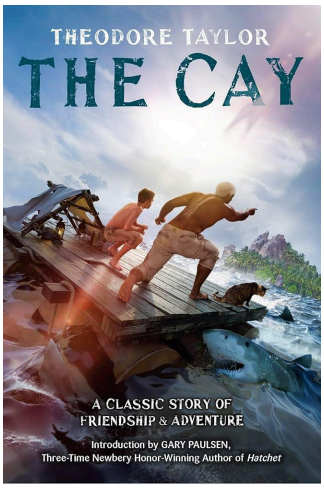
6TH GRADE CHOICE NOVELS

Holes by Louis Sachar



Fourteen-year-old Stanley Yelnats is wrongly accused of stealing and sentenced to a juvenile detention camp, Camp Green Lake, where he and the other boys are forced to dig holes all day. As Stanley digs, he uncovers a hidden history, including a curse placed on his family and the story of a woman known as Kissing Kate Barlow, a notorious outlaw who hid a treasure in the area. Through friendship, perseverance, and the revelation of past events, Stanley and his friend Zero eventually break the curse and find the treasure, leading to their freedom and the closure of Camp Green Lake

The Cay by Theodore Taylor



When 11-year-old Phillip Enright is shipwrecked in the middle of World War II, he finds himself stranded on a remote Caribbean cay with Timothy, an old, wise West Indian man—and Phillip is suddenly blind. At first, Phillip is full of prejudice and fear, but as the two fight to survive brutal storms, hunger, and loneliness, a powerful bond forms between them.

The Cay is a heart-pounding survival story wrapped in a profound journey of growth and trust. It explores themes of racism, resilience, and the incredible strength of the human spirit. Readers will be swept away by the suspense and deeply moved by the transformation of a boy who learns to see the world in a completely new way.

The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau



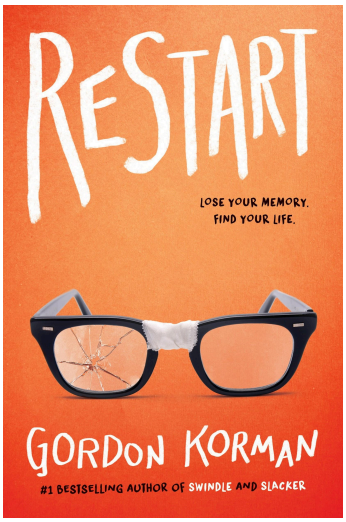
"Pay close attention to everything, notice what no one else notices. Then you'll know what no one else knows, and that's always useful."

The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to dim. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. Now, she and her friend Doon must race to figure out the clues to keep the lights on. If they succeed, they will have to convince everyone to follow them into danger. But if they fail? The lights will burn out and the darkness will close in forever.

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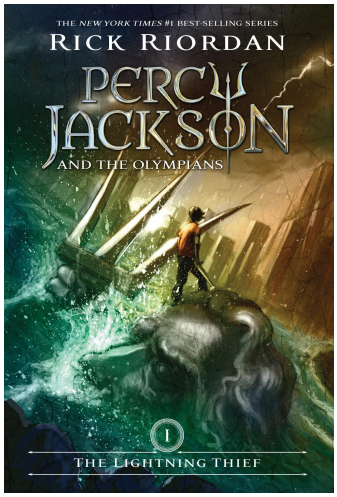
7TH GRADE CHOICE NOVELS

Restart by Gordan Korman



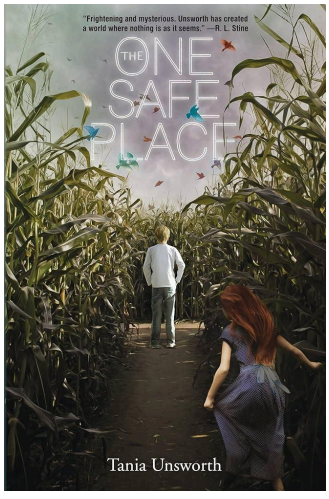
Restart is a gripping and heartwarming story about second chances and discovering who you really are. It follows Chase Ambrose, a star athlete and school bully, who wakes up from a fall with no memory of who he used to be. As he returns to middle school, Chase must navigate a world where some people admire him—and others fear him. With no memory to guide him, he starts to see life, friendship, and his own identity in a whole new light. This thought-provoking and often funny novel explores whether a person can truly change, and what it means to make things right. Perfect for fans of character-driven stories with heart and humor.

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan



The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan is a fast-paced, witty adventure that follows twelve-year-old Percy Jackson, a boy who discovers he's no ordinary kid—he's a demigod, the son of a Greek god. When Zeus's lightning bolt is stolen, Percy is thrust into a quest across the United States to prevent a war among the gods. Along the way, he battles mythological monsters, unravels ancient secrets, and learns the truth about his past. Blending Greek mythology with modern life, this book is packed with humor, action, and heart—perfect for readers who love epic quests and unlikely heroes.

The One Safe Place by Tania Unsworth



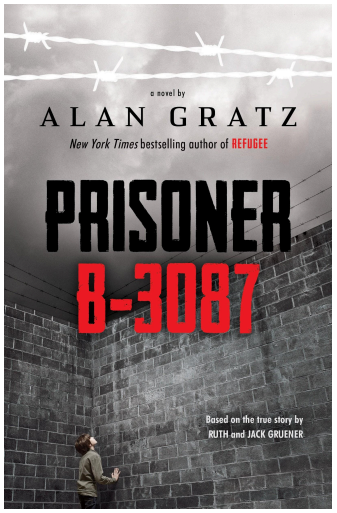
In a drought-stricken world, Devin and his grandfather have barely scraped out a living on their isolated farm. When his grandfather dies, Devin knows he can't manage alone and heads for the nearest city to find help. But in the city he finds only children alone like him, living on the streets. Then a small act of kindness earns Devin an invitation to the Gabriel H. Penn Home for Childhood - a place with unlimited food and toys and the hope of finding a new home.

But Devin soon finds out that the Gabriel Penn Home is no paradise. A zombie-like sickness afflicts many of the children who live there - and it will claim Devin, too, unless he can become the first to find a way out of this dystopian nightmare.

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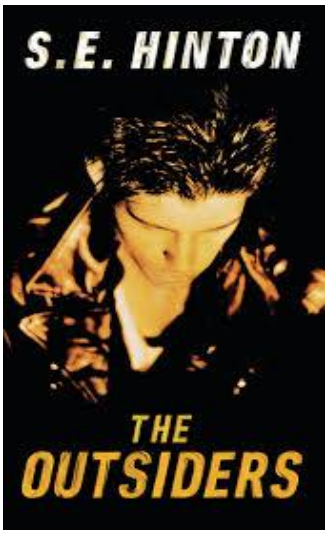
8TH GRADE CHOICE NOVELS

Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gratz



Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gratz is a powerful and gripping novel based on the true story of a Jewish boy named Yanek Gruener, who survives against all odds during the Holocaust. At just ten years old, Yanek's life is shattered when the Nazis invade Poland. As he is torn from his home and thrust into a world of fear, loss, and brutality, Yanek must rely on his courage, determination, and hope to endure. From one concentration camp to another, his will to live is tested again and again. This unforgettable story of survival and resilience will stay with readers long after the final page.

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton



No one ever said life was easy. But Ponyboy is pretty sure that he's got things figured out. He knows that he can count on his brothers, Darry and Sodapop. And he knows that he can count on his friends - true friends who would do anything for him, like Johnny and Two-Bit. But not on much else besides trouble with the Socs, a vicious gang of rich kids whose idea of a good time is beating up on "greasers" like Ponyboy. At least he knows what to expect - until the night someone takes things too far.

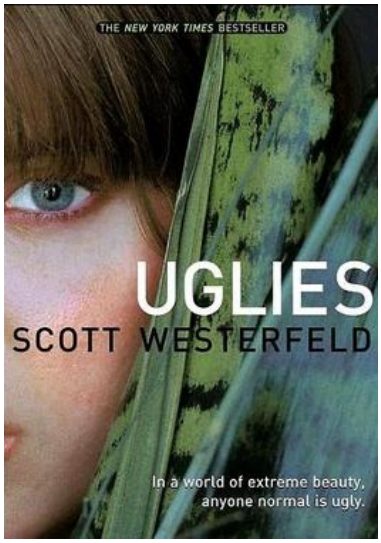
The Schwa Was Here by Neal Shusterman



The Schwa Was Here by Neal Shusterman is a clever and touching story about friendship, invisibility, and finding your place in the world. It follows Antsy Bonano, a Brooklyn teen who notices something strange about his classmate Calvin Schwa—no one seems to notice him at all. They call it the "Schwa Effect," and together, the boys set out to test just how invisible Calvin really is. But what starts as a quirky experiment turns into a deeper journey as they uncover the truth behind Calvin's life. With humor, heart, and a dash of mystery, this book will make you laugh, think, and see the world a little differently.

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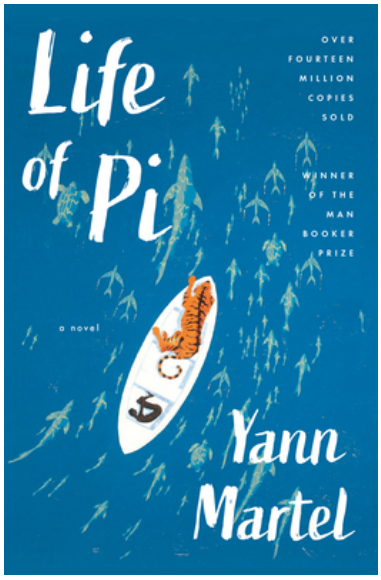
9TH GRADE CHOICE NOVELS



The Uglies by Scott Westerfield

Tally is about to turn sixteen, and she can't wait. In just a few weeks she'll have the operation that will turn her from a repellent ugly into a stunningly attractive pretty. And as a pretty, she'll be catapulted into a high-tech paradise where her only job is to have fun.

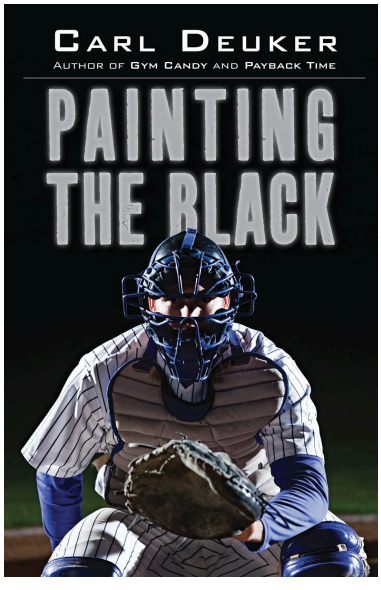
But Tally's new friend Shay isn't sure she wants to become a pretty. When Shay runs away, Tally learns about a whole new side of the pretty world—and it isn't very pretty. The authorities offer Tally a choice: find her friend and turn her in, or never turn pretty at all. Tally's choice will change her world forever.



Life of Pi by Yann Martel

The son of a zookeeper, Pi Patel has an encyclopedic knowledge of animal behavior and a fervent love of stories. When Pi is sixteen, his family emigrates from India to North America aboard a Japanese cargo ship, along with their zoo animals bound for new homes.

The ship sinks. Pi finds himself alone in a lifeboat, his only companions a hyena, an orangutan, a wounded zebra, and Richard Parker, a 450-pound Bengal tiger. Soon the tiger has dispatched all but Pi, whose fear, knowledge, and cunning allow him to coexist with Richard Parker for 227 days while lost at sea. When they finally reach the coast of Mexico, Richard Parker flees to the jungle, never to be seen again. The Japanese authorities who interrogate Pi refuse to believe his story and press him to tell them "the truth." After hours of coercion, Pi tells a second story, a story much less fantastical, much more conventional--but is it more true?

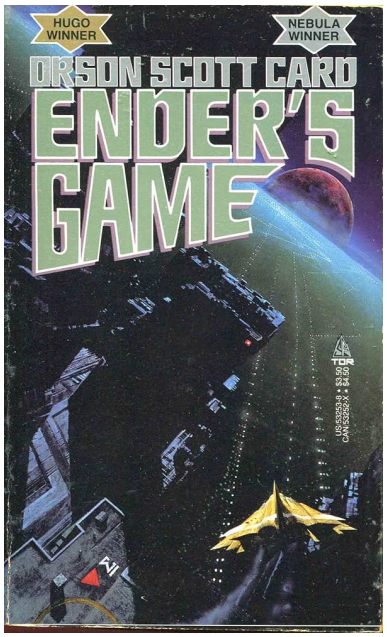


Painting the Black by Carl Deuker

In his senior year of high school, late-bloomer Ryan Ward has just begun to feel the magic of baseball: the magic of catching a wicked slider, of throwing a runner out, of training hard and pushing limits. But when one of his teammates clearly pushes the limits too far, Ryan is faced with a heartbreaking dilemma: he must choose between his love for the game and his integrity.

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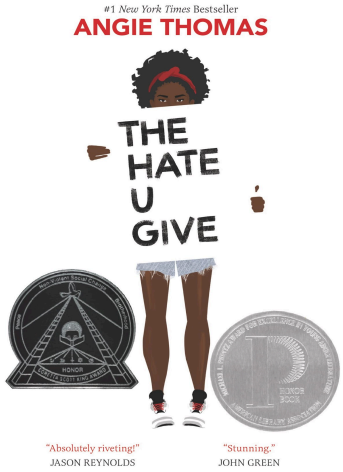
10TH GRADE CHOICE NOVELS



Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

In order to develop a secure defense against a hostile alien race's next attack, government agencies breed child geniuses and train them as soldiers. A brilliant young boy, Andrew "Ender" Wiggin lives with his kind but distant parents, his sadistic brother Peter, and the person he loves more than anyone else, his sister Valentine. Peter and Valentine were candidates for the soldier-training program but didn't make the cut--young Ender is the Wiggin drafted to the orbiting Battle School for rigorous military training.

Ender's skills make him a leader in school and respected in the Battle Room, where children play at mock battles in zero gravity. Is Ender the general Earth needs? But Ender is not the only result of the genetic experiments. The war with the Buggers has been raging for a hundred years, and the quest for the perfect general has been underway for almost as long. Ender's two older siblings are every bit as unusual as he is, but in very different ways. Between the three of them lie the abilities to remake a world. If the world survives, that is.

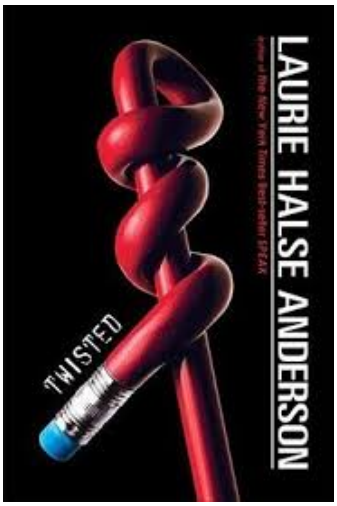


The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed.

Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil's name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr.

But what Starr does—or does not—say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life.

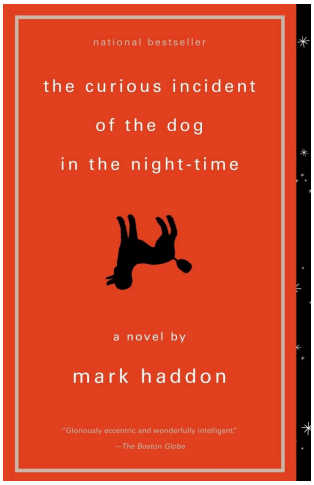


Twisted by Laurie Halse Anderson

High school senior Tyler Miller used to be the kind of guy who faded into the background. But since he got busted for doing graffiti on the school, and spent the summer doing outdoor work to pay for it, he stands out like you wouldn't believe. His new physique attracts the attention of queen bee Bethany Milbury, who just so happens to be his father's boss's daughter, the sister of his biggest enemy, and Tyler's secret crush. And that sets off a string of events and changes that have Tyler questioning his place in school, in his family, and in the world.

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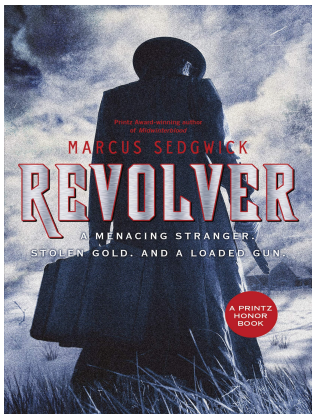
11TH GRADE CHOICE NOVELS



The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime by Mark Haddon

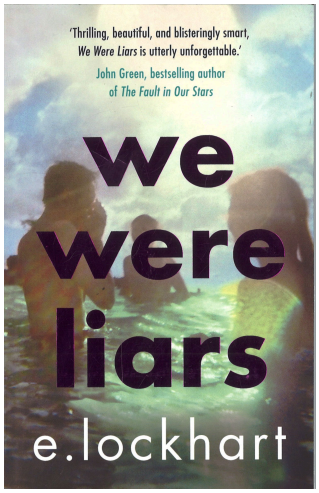
In Mark Haddon's *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, 15-year-old Christopher Boone, who is autistic, investigates the death of his neighbor's dog, Wellington, believing he was murdered. This investigation leads him on a journey that uncovers family secrets and forces him to confront his own limitations and the world around him. Christopher's journey is a Bildungsroman, exploring his growth, independence, and the challenges of navigating the world with autism.

Revolver by Marcus Sedgwick



In *Revolver* by Marcus Sedgwick, 14-year-old Sig finds his father's frozen body in their remote Alaskan cabin and is subsequently confronted by a man, Gunther Wolff, who claims his father owes him gold from ten years prior. The story unfolds in a tense, psychological thriller as Sig, faced with a dilemma, must decide whether to use his father's revolver to defend himself and his sister or trust the teachings of his parents. The narrative alternates between the present and flashbacks, revealing Sig's father's role in the Alaska Gold Rush and his dealings with Wolf.

We Were Liars by E. Lockhart



We Were Liars by E. Lockhart, follows Cadence Sinclair Eastman, a wealthy girl who spends her summers on her family's private island. She is part of a group called "The Liars," including her cousins Johnny and Mirren, and their friend Gat. During the summer she is fifteen, Cadence suffers a mysterious accident and loses her memory. Two years later, she returns to the island and tries to piece together what happened during that fateful summer, uncovering family secrets and dark truths.

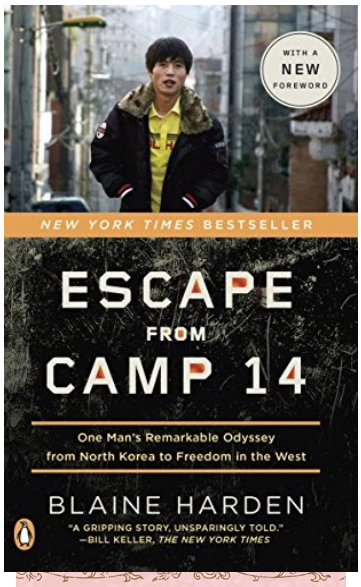
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Escape from Camp 14 by Blaine Harden

The heartwrenching *New York Times* bestseller about the only known person born inside a North Korean prison camp to have escaped. North Korea's political prison camps have existed twice as long as Stalin's Soviet gulags and twelve times as long as the Nazi concentration camps. No one born and raised in these camps is known to have escaped. No one, that is, except Shin Dong-hyuk.

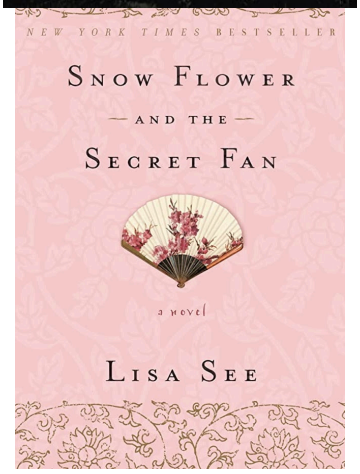
In *Escape From Camp 14*, Blaine Harden unlocks the secrets of the world's most repressive totalitarian state through the story of Shin's shocking imprisonment and his astounding getaway. Harden's harrowing narrative exposes this hidden dystopia, focusing on an extraordinary young man who came of age inside the highest security prison in the highest security state. *Escape from Camp 14* offers an unequalled inside account of one of the world's darkest nations. It is a tale of endurance and courage, survival, and hope.



Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See

In nineteenth-century China, when wives and daughters were foot-bound and lived in almost total seclusion, the women in one remote Hunan county developed their own secret code for communication: nu shu ("women's writing"). Some girls were paired with laotongs, "old sames," in emotional matches that lasted throughout their lives. They painted letters on fans, embroidered messages on handkerchiefs, and composed stories, thereby reaching out of their isolation to share their hopes, dreams, and accomplishments.

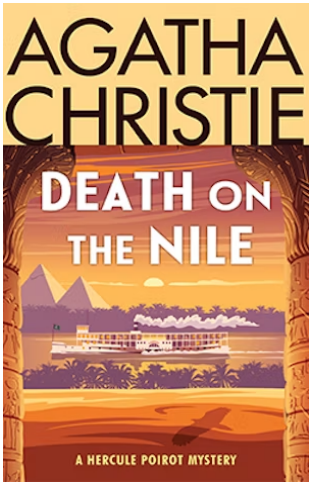
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan is a brilliantly realistic journey back to an era of Chinese history that is as deeply moving as it is sorrowful. With the period detail and deep resonance of *Memoirs of a Geisha*, this lyrical and emotionally charged novel delves into one of the most mysterious of human relationships: female friendship.



Death on the Nile by Agatha Christie

Agatha Christie's most daring travel mystery.

The tranquillity of a cruise along the Nile is shattered by the discovery that Linnet Ridgeway has been shot through the head. She was young, stylish and beautiful, a girl who had everything – until she lost her life.
Hercule Poirot recalls an earlier outburst by a fellow passenger: 'I'd like to put my dear little pistol against her head and just press the trigger.' Yet in this exotic setting' nothing is ever quite what it seems



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