

Summer 2019

Suggested Reading List for Rising 7th Graders



FOR: Future Golden Eagles

WHY: Get ready for middle school English... and for fun!

WHAT: Read **at least 3 books** this summer (FCPS requires 1)

ASSIGNMENT: Come prepared to discuss what you read & do a summer reading activity during the first few weeks of school... be prepared!

ABOUT THE LIST

This list includes a wide variety of books to appeal to the interests and reading levels of many students, recommended by current 7th grade English and other staff members.

Parents are encouraged to review book selections with their children in order to help them make appropriate choices.

Students may select books ***they have not read before*** from this list, or they may read comparable age & grade level books that are approved by their parents.

Additional suggestions can also be found in reading lists developed by the FCPS Middle School Language Arts “What to Read Next” website: <http://bit.ly/WhatToReadNext> (middle school books grades 6 and up are in **gray**), Fairfax County Public Library for their Summer Reading Adventure program (read 5 books from June 13-August 31 to win prizes, attend special events, and enter contests): <https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/summer-reading>, and Read Virginia/Virginia Readers’ Choice at: <http://readvirginia.org>.

FICTION

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds
American Street by Ibi Zoboi
A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova [graphic novel]
Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac
Distant Waves by Suzanne Weyn
Drama by Reina Telgemeier [graphic novel]
Endangered by Eliot Schrefer
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
Geekerella by Ashley Poston
House Arrest by K.A. Holt
I Am the Cheese by Robert Cormier
I Am Princess X by Cherie Priest
Lawn Boy by Gary Paulsen
Lucky Broken Girl by Ruth Behar
Miles Morales by Jason Reynolds
Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine
Monster by Walter Dean Myers
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gratz
Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys
Stanford Wong Flunks Big Time by Lisa Yee
Sunny Side Up by Jennifer Holm [graphic novel]
The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
The Jason Reynolds Track Series:
 Ghost, Patina, Sunny, Lu
The Hound of the Baskervilles by Arthur C. Doyle
The Pigman by Paul Zindel
Schooled by Gordon Korman
The Selection Series by Kiera Cass
The Seventh Most Important Thing by
 Shelley Pearsall
The Testing series by Joelle Charbonneau
The Time Machine by H.G. Wells
The War that Saved My Life by
 Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
The View from Saturday by E.L. Konigsberg
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
Uglies by Scott Westerfeld
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
Wild Bird by Wendelin Van Draanen
Wishtree by Katherine Applegate
Witness by Karen Hesse

NONFICTION

Bomb by Steve Sheinkin
Bombs Over Bikini by Connie Goldsmith
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James Swanson
Drowned City by Don Brown
How Angel Peterson Got His Name by
 Gary Paulsen
How I Discovered Poetry by Marilyn Nelson
I Will Always Write Back by Martin Ganda
 & Liz Welch
March series by John Lewis [graphic novels]
Most Dangerous by Steve Sheinkin
*Popular: A Memoir - Vintage Wisdom for a
 Modern Geek* by Maya Van Wagenen
The Boy on the Wooden Box by Leon Leyson
The Boys Who Challenged Hitler by
 Phillip Hoose
The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank
The Plot to Kill Hitler by Patricia McCormick
*The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle
 for Freedom* by Margarita Engle

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