

**CASEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
SUGGESTED
SUMMER READING LIST
2021**

5TH GRADE: Authors of wonderful fiction books for summer reading:

Tom Angleberger
Katherine Applegate
Pseudonymous Bosch
Michael Buckley
Matt Christopher
Andrew Clements
Chris Colfer
Roald Dahl
Cynthia DeFelice
Kate DiCamillo
Mary Downing Hahn
Kathleen Duey
Chris Grabenstein
Dan Gutman
Carl Hiaasen
Erin Hunt

Liz Kessler
Gordon Korman
Sarah Mlynowski
Lynda Mullaly Hunt
R. J. Palacio
James Patterson
Ridley Pearson
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Rick Riordan
J. K. Rowling
Louis Sachar
Brandon Sanderson
Brian Selznick
Lauren Tarshis
Sheila Turnage
Sarah Weeks

6TH GRADE: Authors of wonderful fiction books for summer reading:

Joan Bauer
Meg Cabot
Gail Carson Levine
Kiera Cass
Eoin Colfer
Suzanne Collins
Jean Craighead George
Sharon Creech
Karen Cushman
Margaret Dilloway
Chris D'Lacey
Jeanne DuPrau
John Flanagan
Stuart Gibbs
Alan Gratz
Tim Green
Jennifer Holm
K. A. Holt
James Howe
Erin Hunter
Derek Jeter

Trenton Lee Stewart
Lois Lowry
Mike Lupica
Wendy Mass
Lisa McMann
Kirsten Miller
Kate O'Hearn
Christopher Paolini
Linda Sue Park
Gary Paulsen
Ridley Pearson
Margaret Peterson Haddix
Rick Riordan
J. K. Rowling
Pam Munoz Ryan
Holly Goldberg Sloan
Roland Smith
Rebecca Stead
Mark Walden
Sarah Weeks

Suggested Non-Fiction Titles for Middle School Students (5th - 8th Grade):

The following list contains suggested non-fiction titles for middle school students. Please keep in mind that parents are best to judge a book's suitability for their child.

Who Was Series - Biographies - various authors

What Was Series - Exploring places around the world - various authors

I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives - Caitlin Alifirenka

Harriet Tubman, Secret Agent - Thomas Allen

The Skull in the Rock - Marc Aronson

If Stones Could Speak: Unlocking the Secrets of Stonehenge - Marc Aronson

Terrible Typhoid Mary - Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Spies of the Mississippi - Rick Bowers

The Boys in the Boat - Adapted for Young Readers - Daniel James Brown

Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam and the Science of Ocean Motion - Loree Griffin Burns

Gettysburg: The Graphic Novel - C. M. Butzer

The Story of Seeds: From Mendel's Garden to Your Plate - Nancy Castaldo

Pure Grit - Mary Cronk Farrell

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science - John Fleischman

Titanic: Voices from the Disaster - Deborah Hopkinson

To Hope and Back - Kathy Kacer

Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter - Adeline Yen Mah

The Soul of an Octopus - Sy Montgomery

Normal: One Kid's Extraordinary Journey - Magdalena Newman

Ten Days a Mad Woman - Deborah Noyes

Free Lunch - Rex Ogle

Witches: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem - Rosalyn Schanzer

The Notorious Benedict Arnold - Steve Sheinkin

Almost Astronauts - Tanya Lee Stone

Secrets of a Civil War Submarine - Sally Walker

Brown Girl Dreaming - Jacqueline Woodson

Big Top Burning - Laura A. Woollett

I Am Malala - Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb

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7th, 8th and 9R Summer Reading Assignments See your grade level below:

English 7 Author/Genre Study: Incoming seventh graders must choose one of the genres and authors below. If you see an author on the list whose work you enjoy, do not choose a novel you've already read. We expect you to select another one. The first week of school will center on classroom activities based on students' summer reading. All students must also complete the story guide that was given to them in June. This letter and the story guide may also be viewed on WITS.

English 8 Author/Genre Study: Incoming eighth graders must choose one of the genres and authors below. If you see an author on the list whose work you enjoy, do not choose a novel you've already read. We expect you to select another one. The first week of school will center on classroom activities based on students' summer reading. All students must also complete the story guide that was given to them in June. This letter and the story guide may also be viewed on WITS.

Incoming 7th and 8th graders:

Adventure

Joelle Charbonneau
Suzanne Collins
Sharon Creech
James Dashner
Anthony Horowitz
Margaret Peterson Haddix
Jennifer Neilsen
Veronica Roth

Science Fiction/Fantasy

Ally Condie
James Dashner
Catherine Fisher
Michael Grant
Pittacus Lore
Jennifer Nielsen
James Patterson
Scott Westerfeld
Gabrielle Zevin

Contemporary Realistic Fiction

Walter Dean Meyers
Sarah Dessen
Carl Deuker
Natasha Friend
Laurie Halse Anderson
K. A. Holt
Mike Lupica
Todd Strasser

Historical Fiction

Laurie Halse Anderson

Alan Gratz

Jennifer Nielsen

Linda Sue Park

Margaret Peterson Haddix

Ruta Sepetys

Markus Zusak

English 9R: Incoming eighth graders taking the advanced English course must read one of the books listed below. If you see a book on the list that you've already read, we expect you to select another one. The first week of school will center on classroom activities based on students' summer reading. All students must also complete the story guide that was given to them in June. This letter and the story guide may also be viewed on WITS.

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle

The Watsons Go To Birmingham, 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis

The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling

All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith