

**CASEY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SUGGESTED  
SUMMER READING LIST  
2022**

**5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: Authors of wonderful fiction books for summer reading:**

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

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  
Brian Selznick  
Lauren Tarshis  
Sheila Turnage  
Sarah Weeks

**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: Authors of wonderful fiction books for summer reading:**

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 Nonfiction Titles for Middle School Students (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade):**

The following list contains suggested nonfiction 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

## Casey Middle School - 2022

### 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> 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 the 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