

Summer Reading Book Suggestions

Fiction

Classics

- *Black Beauty* (Unabridged) Anna Sewell (7.7) (horse tale, first point of view, classic)
- *Harriet the Spy* by Louise Fitzhugh (4.5) (espionage, family, community life)
- *Little Women* (Unabridged) Louisa May Alcott (7.9) (sisters, family tale, classic)
- *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis (5.0) (civil rights movement, racial segregation, family tale)
- *A Wrinkle in Time* Madeleine L'Engle (4.7) (coming of age, family tale, fantasy) <Also available in a graphic novel format (which is excellent) by Madeleine L'Engle and Hope Larson (2.7)>

Fantasy/Fairy Tales/Myths

- *Cardboard* by Doug Tenapal (2.2) (graphic novel, adventure, fantasy)
- *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer (5.8) (steampunk, Cinderella)
- *Echo* by Pam Munoz (4.9) (music, fairytales, 3 mysterious tales that interconnect)
- *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini (5.6) (Fantasy/Imagination)
- *King of Shadows* by Susan Cooper (7.5) (time travel, Shakespeare)
- *Red Queen* by Victoria Aveyard (5.2) (fantasy, mystery, class warfare)
- *Shadow and Bone* by Leigh Bardugo (5.3) (fantasy, magic, next great trilogy)
- *The Uglies* by Scott Westerfield (5.1) (Adventure, Family Life, Growing Up)

Historical Fiction

- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak (5.1) (Family Life and Death) (Historical Fiction/ Holocaust)
- *Boxers/Saints* by Gene Leun Yang (2.9/3.0) (companion graphic novels telling tale of The Boxer Rebellion from Western/Eastern viewpoints)
- *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan (5.3) (Historical Fiction/Mexican American)
- *Shooting Kabul* by N.H. Senzai (5.0) (Afghanistan, Refugees)

Mystery/ Suspense/Thriller/Horror

- *Anya's Ghost* by Vera Brosgol (2.3) (graphic novel/mystery)
- *Coldest Girl in Coldtown* by Holly Black (6.0) (horror, thriller)
- *First Shot* by Walter Sorrels (3.9) (Murder /Mystery)
- *Gone* by Michael Grant (4.3) (Good and Evil – Mysteries/Supernatural)
- *Witch & Wizard* by James Paterson (4.9) (Family Life, Mysteries/Supernatural)

- *Cirque du Freak: A Living Nightmare* by Darren Shan (4.8) (horror/thriller, vampires) <Also available in a graphic novel>
- *Full Tilt* by Neal Shusterman (5.0) (circus, family illness, horror/thriller)

Realistic Fiction

- *A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story* by Linda Sue Park (5.0) (war tale, adventure survival, Sudan)
- *Eleanor & Park* by Rainbow Rowell (3.8) (misfits, first love)
- *Lock and Key* by Sarah Dessen (5.3) (Child Abuse, Family, Relationships)
- *Rain Reign* by Ann Martin (4.3) (autism, abuse, OCD, being different)

Science Fiction

- *Bad Island* by Doug Tennapel (2.3) (graphic novel, disasters/science fiction)
- *Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment* by James Paterson (4.6) (Science Fiction, Genetics)
- *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* (5.7) (Science Fiction/ Time Travel)

Sports Fiction

- *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander (4.3) (a novel in verse, basketball)
- *Heat* by Mike Lupica (5.3) (orphan tale, baseball)
- *Football Genius* by Tim Green (4.8) (football, preternatural talent, single parent)
- *The Million Dollar Putt* by Dan Gutman (3.8) (golf, visual impairment)
- *Promises to Keep* by Sharon Robinson (7.0) (biography, baseball, African-American sports figure)

Non Fiction

Autobiography

- *Katie.com/A Girl's Life Online* by Katherine Tarbox (6.1) (Autobiography/Internet Safety)
- *Soul Surfer* by Bethany Hamilton (6.0) (Autobiography, Physical disability)
- *Through My Eyes: A Quarterback's Journey (Young Reader's Edition)* by Tim Tebow (6.2) (Autobiography, Sports)
- *Throw Like a Girl: How to Dream Big and Believe in Yourself* by Jennie Finch (6.3) (autobiography, softball, self-confidence)
- *We Beat the Streets: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success* by Sampson Davis (5.8) (Family Life/Growing Up)

Biography

- ***Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini*** by Sid Fleischmann (6.6) (biography/Entertainers)
- ***Unbroken: An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive*** by Laura Hillenbrand (YA adaptation) (6.4) (adventure, survival, WW II, sports, Olympics)

Memoir

- ***All But My Life*** by Gerda Weissman Klein (5.9) –Holocaust
- ***El Deafo*** by Cece Bell (2.7) (autobiographical graphic novel, disability-hearing impairment)
- ***Farewell to Manzanar*** by Jeanne Houston (6.7) (*World War II, Japanese Americans*)
- ***Lost Boy, Lost Girl*** by John Bul Dau (5.6) (War in Sudan)
- ***Persepolis: the Story of a Childhood*** by Marjorie Satrapi (3.3) (graphic novel/Autobiography)
- ***When I Was a Soldier*** by Valerie Zenatti (6.4) (Israeli/Palestinian Conflict, Military)

Informational

- ***Letters to a Young Brother: MANifest Your Destiny*** by Hill Harper (7.0) (*Diaries/Journals – Motivational - African American/Hispanic*)
- ***The Great American Dust Bowl*** by Dan Brown (5.1) (graphic novel, disasters/storms)
- ***The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights*** by Steve Sheinkin (6.7) (race relations, 1944)
- ***They Called Themselves the K.K.K.: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group*** by Susan Campbell Bartoletti (9.2) (American History, Terrorism)
- ***The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi*** by Neal Bascomb (7.4) (Holocaust, Nazis)