



Recommended Summer Reading List

The following list is provided as a helpful suggestion to guide summer reading at the middle school level. Students are not required to read books from this list. It is not a comprehensive list of all the literature that is available, and some of the titles may not align with every family's approval. The Penn View Christian Middle School English teachers encourage every student to discuss their reading interests with their parents before deciding upon a book to choose for reading assignments.

Classics

Alcott	<i>Little Women</i>
Austen*	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>
Burnett	<i>Little Princess</i>
Defoe	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i>
Lewis*	<i>The Chronicles of Narnia</i>
London	<i>Call of the Wild</i>
Kipling	<i>Captains Courageous</i>
Rawlings	<i>The Yearling</i>
Shelley	<i>Frankenstein</i>
Smith	<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>
Steinbeck	<i>The Pearl</i> <i>Tortilla Flat</i>
Stevenson	<i>The Black Arrow</i> <i>The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll And Mr. Hyde</i>
Stoker	<i>Dracula</i>
Tolkien*	<i>The Hobbit</i>
Twain*	<i>Tom Sawyer</i>
Verne*	<i>Around the World in Eighty Days</i>
Wells*	<i>War of the Worlds</i>

Realistic Fiction

Birdsall	<i>The Penderwicks</i>
Bloor	<i>Tangerine</i>
Blume	<i>Starring Sally J. Freedman</i>
Byars*	<i>Summer of the Swans</i>
Clements	<i>The School Story</i>
Choldenko	<i>Al Capone Does My Shirts</i>
Christopher*	<i>Return of the Homerun Kid</i>
Danziger*	<i>The Cat Ate My Gymsuit</i>
DiCamillo	<i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i>
Dovey	<i>Coe</i>
Dowell	<i>Secret Language of Girls</i>
Giff	<i>The Pictures of Hollis Woods</i>
George*	<i>Julie of the Wolves</i>
Haddix	<i>Running Out of Time</i>
Hiaasen	<i>Hoot</i> <i>Flush</i>
Jennings	<i>The Beastly Arms</i>
Kadohata	<i>Kira-Kira</i>

Realistic Fiction Continued

Konigsburg*	<i>From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i>
Langton	<i>Fledgling</i>
Lipsyte	<i>The Contender</i>
Lord	<i>Rules</i>
Lowry*	<i>Number the Stars</i>
Lupica	<i>Travel Team</i> <i>Heat</i>
Park	<i>The Graduation of Jake Moon</i>
Patron	<i>The Higher Power of Lucky</i>
Peters	<i>Love Me, Love My Broccoli</i>
Sachar*	<i>The Boy Who Lost His Face</i> <i>Dogs Don't Tell Jokes</i> <i>6th Grade Secrets</i>
Spinelli*	<i>Crash</i> <i>Space Station Seventh Grade</i>
Vail*	<i>Wonder</i>
Van Draanen	<i>Flipped</i>
Woodruff	<i>Last Summer With Maizon</i>
Woodson	<i>Hush</i>

Historical Fiction

Avi Crispin	<i>The Cross of Lead</i>
Cushman	<i>Catherine, Called Birdy</i> <i>The Midwife's Apprentice</i>
Fletcher	<i>Shadow Spinner</i>
Grant	<i>Blood Red Horse</i>
Hesse	<i>Letters from Rifka</i>
Lawrence	<i>The Roman Mysteries (series)</i>
Mazer	<i>Goodnight Maman</i>
McLaren	<i>Waiting for Odysseus</i>
Mazer	<i>A Boy No More</i>
Namiootka	<i>Ties That Bind, Ties That Break</i>
Napoli	<i>Stones in Water</i>
Paterson*	<i>Preacher's Boy</i> <i>Lyddie</i>
Paulsen	<i>Soldier's Heart</i> <i>Nightjohn</i> <i>Bread and Roses, Too</i>

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Historical Fiction continued

Ruby	<i>Steal Away Home</i>
Taylor	<i>Mississippi Bridge</i>
Temple	<i>The Ramsay Scallop</i> <i>The Bedouin's Gazelle</i>
Schmidt	<i>Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy</i>
Speare	<i>Witch of Blackbird Pond</i>
Vos	<i>Hide and Seek</i>
Williams	<i>Behind the Bedroom Wall</i>
Yolan, Harris	<i>Odysseus and the Serpent Maze</i>

Multicultural Books

Alvarez	<i>Before We Were Free</i>
Bagdasarian	<i>Forgotten Fire</i>
Cameron	<i>Colibri</i>
Davis	<i>Just Like Martin</i>
D'Adamo	<i>Iqbal</i>
Ellis	<i>The Breadwinner</i> <i>Mud City</i>
Flake	<i>The Skin I'm In</i>
Fogelin	<i>Crossing Jordan</i>
Hesse	<i>Aleutian Sparrow</i>
Jiang	<i>Red Scarf Girl</i>
Matthews	<i>Fish</i>
Mead	<i>Year of No Rain</i>
Meyer	<i>White Lilacs</i>
Napoli	<i>Stones in Water</i>
Nye	<i>Habibi</i>
Ryan	<i>Esperanza Rising</i>
Spinelli	<i>Maniac Magee</i>
Robinet	<i>Walking to the Bus Rider</i> <i>Blues</i>
Salisbury	<i>Under the Blood Red Sun</i>
Taylor*	<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i>
Temple*	<i>Grab Hands and Run</i>
Staples	<i>Shabanu</i>
Wolff	<i>Make Lemonade</i>
Woodson	<i>Locomotion</i>

Mystery and Adventure

Alexander*	<i>Book of Three</i>
Avi*	<i>Windcatcher</i>
Bunting	<i>Blackwater</i> <i>The Hideout</i>
Clements	<i>Things Not Seen</i>
Eckert	<i>An Incident at Hawk's Hill</i>
Gardiner	<i>Stone Fox</i>
George	<i>My Side of the Mountain</i>
Hiaasen	<i>Hoot</i>
Horwitz*	<i>Alex Ryder Mysteries</i>
Mikaelson	<i>Touching Spirit Bear</i> <i>Countdown</i>

Mystery and Adventure continued

Napoli	<i>Three Days</i>
Nickerson	<i>How to Disappear Completely and Never Be Found</i>
Paulsen*	<i>Brian's Saga</i>
Sachar*	<i>Holes</i>
Smith	<i>Zach's Lie</i>
Snyder*	<i>Egypt Game</i>
Taylor*	<i>Timothy of the Cay</i>
Roth	<i>The Iceberg Hermit</i>
Ruckman	<i>Night of the Twisters</i>
Snyder	<i>The Egypt Game</i>
VanDraanen*	<i>Sammy Keyes series</i>

Science Fiction and Fantasy

Bruchac	<i>Skeleton Man</i>
Colfer	<i>Artemis Fowl (series)</i> <i>The Supernaturalists</i> <i>Barry Peter and the Starcatchers</i>
Dahl*	<i>The BFG</i>
D'Lacey	<i>Icerefire</i>
DiCamillo	<i>The Tale of Despereaux</i>
Duprau	<i>The City of Ember (series)</i>
Funke	<i>Inkheart (series)</i> <i>The Thief Lord</i>
Hahn	<i>Come to Me By Moonlight</i>
Hesse*	<i>Music of Dolphins</i>
Hoffman	<i>Aquamarine</i>
Jacques*	<i>Martin the Warrior</i>
Juster	<i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i>
L'Engle*	<i>A Wrinkle in Time (series)</i>
Levine*	<i>Ella Enchanted</i>
Lowry*	<i>Gathering Blue</i>
Lubar	<i>Hidden Talents</i>
O'Brien	<i>Z for Zachariah</i>
Paulini	<i>Eragon (series)</i>
Riordan	<i>The Lightning Thief</i>
Sleator	<i>Into The Dream</i>

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Biography, Nonfiction, and Memoir

Ambrose	<i>The Good Fight</i>
Bartoletti	<i>Hitler Youth</i>
Bridges	<i>Through My Eyes</i>
Christopher	<i>On the Mound with Randy Johnson</i>
Farrell	<i>Invisible Enemies</i>
Fleishman	<i>Phineas Gage: A Gruesome But True Story . . .</i>
Freedman	<i>Eleanor Roosevelt</i> <i>Abraham Lincoln</i>
Jeter	<i>The Life You Imagine</i>
Lowry	<i>Looking Back</i>
Lynn	<i>Babe Didrikson Zaharias</i>
McKissack	<i>Ain't I a Woman</i>
Mitchell	<i>A Pocketful of Goobers</i>
Paulsen	<i>Guts</i>
Peck	<i>Anonymously Yours</i>
Reiss	<i>The Upstairs Room</i>
Revkin	<i>The North Pole Was Here</i>
Spinelli	<i>Knots on My Yo-yo String</i>
Stanley	<i>I Am an American</i>
Stanley, Saladin	<i>Noble Prince of Islam</i>
Tygiel	<i>Baseball's Great Experiment: Jackie Robinson and His Legacy</i>

Of Science and Social Studies Interest

Beisty	<i>Egypt in Spectacular Cross Section</i>
Casselli	<i>In Search of Troy</i>
Lister	<i>The Odyssey</i>
Lauber	<i>Tales Mummies Tell</i>
Larson	<i>There's a Hair in My Dirt</i>
McCarty	<i>The Illiad</i>
Murphy	<i>An American Plague</i>
Yolen	<i>Wings</i>

Christian Authors

Blackstock*	<i>Cape Refuge</i> (series)
Dekker* & Bright	<i>Blessed Child</i>
Gunn*	<i>Christy Miller</i> (series)
Henderson*	<i>The Witness</i>
Lewis*	<i>The Covenant</i> (series)
Kingsbury*	<i>Redemption</i> (series)
Peretti*	<i>Hangman's Curse</i>

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Literature That Is Read in Middle School English and Literature Classes

6th

- *Hatchet* - Gary Paulsen
- *Tuck Everlasting* - Natalie Babbitt

7th

- *A Christmas Carol* – Charles Dickens
- *A Midsummer Night's Dream* – William Shakespeare
- *Blink of an Eye* – Ted Dekker
- *The Shunning* – Beverly Lewis
- *Last Light* – Terri Blackstock
- *The Negotiator* – Dee Henderson
- *The Door in the Dragon's Throat* - Frank Peretti
- *Mayday at Two Thousand Five-Hundred* – Frank Peretti

8th

- *The Tempest* – William Shakespeare
- *The Giver* – Lois Lowry
- *The Diary of Anne Frank* – Anne Frank
- *Squashed* – Joan Bauer
- *The Prince and the Pauper* – Mark Twain
- *Jesse* – Gary Soto
- *The Last Battle* – C. S. Lewis

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