

**Summer Reading List
Entering Grade 7
2018 (Nevins/Rivard)**

Keep cool this summer and choose TWO summer reading books from the list below.

Realistic Fiction:

The Honest Truth by Dan Gemeinhart - In all the ways that matter, Mark is a normal kid. But in one important way, Mark is not like other kids at all. Mark is sick. The kind of sick some people never get better from. So Mark runs away. He leaves home with his camera, his notebook, his dog, and a plan to reach the top of Mount Rainier--even if it's the last thing he ever does. *The Honest Truth* is a rare and extraordinary novel about big questions, small moments, and the incredible journey of the human Spirit. (Lexile 550)

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt- Ally is great at math, and her ability to visualize moving pictures makes her an amazing artist, but she has a terrible secret: reading is almost impossible for her. By using her wits and adopting a troublemaking persona, she's been able to avoid anyone finding out a truth she is deeply ashamed of, but a new teacher at school seems to see right through the defenses she's built. (Lexile 550)

Ungifted by Gordon Korman - Ungifted is an entertaining story about a struggling troublemaker who is accidentally transferred to a school for highly-gifted genius-level students. To say he doesn't fit in would be an understatement. But while Donovan Curtis in no way belongs, he does find things he can contribute. How long will it take for the school to realize their mistake? (Lexile 730)

****The Young Man and the Sea*** by Rodman Philbrick - Twelve-year-old Skiff Beaman's mom just died, and his fisherman dad is too depressed to drag himself off the couch and go to work. So these days Skiff has to take care of everything himself. But when his dad's boat sinks, Skiff discovers it will cost thousands to buy a new engine. Skiff's lobster traps won't earn him enough, but there are bigger fish in the sea -- bluefin tuna. If he can catch one of those monster fish, Skiff just might save the boat -- and his family. (Lexile 800)

****Moo*** by Sharon Creech - When Reena, 12, and her brother Luke move with their parents to Maine from the noisy bustle of New York City, lots of adjustments are required. The family is thrust into small-town life, and things get awkward when Reena's parents force her and Luke to help out a neighbor, Mrs. Falala, tend to her very stubborn cow. As Reena and Luke learn about farm life, they also discover more about Mrs. Falala, who impacts the lives of the family in unexpected ways. (Lexile 790)

The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen -- The story's main character, Jessica, thinks her life is over when she loses a leg in a car accident. She's not comforted by the news that she'll be able to walk with the help of a prosthetic leg. Who cares about walking when you live to run? As she struggles to cope with crutches and prosthetic, people who don't know what to say, act like she's not there. She could handle her situation better if she weren't so aware of how she has done the same thing to a girl with cerebral palsy named Rosa who is now going to tutor her through all the math she's missed. (Lexile 650)

Historical Fiction:

The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley- Ada isn't exactly sure how old she is; for as long as she can remember, she's been a prisoner in her mother's third floor one-room apartment. She was born with a clubfoot and her mother uses her disability as an excuse to abuse her both emotionally and physically. When her mother prepares to ship her brother Jamie out to the countryside with other children being evacuated from London, Ada escapes with him. When the two fail to be chosen by any villagers, the woman in charge forces Susan Smith, a recluse, to take them in. (Lexile 580)

Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk – Eleven-year-old Annabelle lives in a rural Pennsylvania community in 1943. The continued fighting of World War II haunts everyone, but life is mostly peaceful – until Betty Glengarry's arrival. Betty is cruel and threatening and thrives on inflicting pain. At first, Annabelle is slightly comforted to know that Toby is watching out for her. Toby is a local vagabond, a World War I veteran of few words who has become something like a friend of Annabelle's family. Meanwhile, Betty's violent malice only grows, until one day she goes missing. Toby immediately becomes the prime suspect in Betty's disappearance. Annabelle is sure of Toby's innocence and is determined to prove it. (Lexile 800)

Science Fiction:

Michael Vey-Prisoner of Cell 25 by Richard Paul Evans - To everyone at Meridian High School, fourteen-year-old Michael Vey is nothing special, just the kid who has Tourette's syndrome. But in truth, Michael is extremely special—he has electric powers. Michael thinks he is unique until he discovers that a cheerleader named Taylor has the same mysterious powers. Their investigation into their powers soon brings them to the attention of a powerful group who wants to control the electric teens—and through them, the world. (Lexile 500)

The Eleventh Plague by Jeff Hirsch - In the aftermath of a war, America's landscape has been ravaged and two-thirds of the population left dead from a vicious strain of influenza. Fifteen-year-old Stephen Quinn and his family were among the few that survived and became salvagers, roaming the country in search of material to trade. But when Stephen's grandfather dies and his father falls into a coma after an accident, Stephen finds his way to Settler's Landing, a community that seems too good to be true. (Lexile 790)

The Forest of Hands and Teeth by Carrie Ryan-In Mary's world there are three simple truths. The Guardians will protect and serve. The Unconsecrated will never relent. And you must always mind the fence that surrounds the village, the fence that protects the village from the Forest of Hands and Teeth. When the fence is breached and her world is thrown into chaos, she must choose between her village and her future—between the one she loves and the one who loves her. (Lexile 900)

Nonfiction:

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson - A riveting account of the chase for Abraham Lincoln's assassin. *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* is a fast-paced thriller about the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth: a wild twelve-day chase through the streets of Washington, D.C., across the swamps of Maryland, and into the forests of Virginia. (Lexile 980)

"The President Has Been Shot!": The Assassination of John F. Kennedy by James L. Swanson- A riveting account of the Kennedy assassination. Readers are transported back to one of the most shocking, sad, and terrifying events in American history to experience the story of the JFK assassination as it has never been told before. (Lexile 1080)

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Setting (Where?):	Setting (When?)		LIKE OR DISLIKE (Circle one)
Interests of main character:			
Friends (name three):	#1	#2	#3
What lesson is learned?			
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