

Suggested Summer Reading for Middle School Students

Adventure

THE DEERSLAYER by James Fenimore Cooper
THE TIGER RISING by Kate DiCamillo
THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO by Alexandre Dumas
THREE MUSKETEERS by Alexandre Dumas
SHIPWRECKED! THE TRUE ADVENTURES OF A JAPANESE BOY
by Rhoda Blumberg
DOWN THE YUKON by Will Hobbs

Around the World

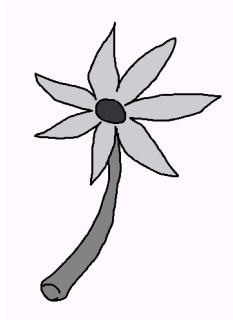
THE BREADWINNER by Deborah Ellis
THE JACOB LADDER by Gerald Hausman & Uton Hinds
TIES THAT BIND, TIES THAT BREAK by Lensey Namioka
ESPERANZA RISING by Pam Ryan
TASTE OF SALT by Francis Temple
HOMELESS BIRD by Gloria Whelan
CHINESE CINDERELLA by Adeline Yen Mah

Award Winners

THE LAND by Mildred D. Taylor
MONEY HUNGRY by Sharon G. Flake
THE ROPEMAKER by Peter Dickinson
TRUE BELIEVER by Virginia Euwer Wolff
BLACK POTATOES: THE STORY OF THE GREAT IRISH FAMINE,
1845-1850 by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
EVERYTHING ON A WAFFLE by Polly Horvath
A SINGLE SHARD by Linda Sue Park

Black-Eyed Susan Nominees

ARTEMIS FOWL by Eoin Colfer
REWIND by William Sleator
THE GHOST IN THE TOKAIDO INN
by Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler
NO MORE DEAD DOGS
by Gordon Korman
HIDDEN TALENTS by David Lubar
SOLDIER MOM by Alice Mead
GUTS by Gary Paulsen
DEFINE NORMAL by Julie Ann Peters
MIRACLE'S BOYS by Jacqueline Woodson
A BOY AT WAR: A NOVEL OF PEARL HARBOR
by Harry Mazer



Fantasy

MIRROR OF MERLIN
by T. A. Barron
THE POWER OF UN
by Nancy Etchemendy
DIAL-A-GHOST by Eva Ibbotson
TAGGERUNG: A TALE FROM
REDWALL by Brian Jacques
BEAST by Donna Jo Napoli
TWO STONES ARE HATCHING
by Geraldine McCaughrean
TWO PRINCESSES OF BAMARRE by Gail Carson Levine



Horror

AMONG THE IMPOSTORS by Margaret Peterson Haddix
JADE GREEN: A GHOST STORY by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
FOR MIKE by Shelley Sykes
CLOCKWORK OR ALL WOUND UP by Philip Pullman
THE SILVER KISS by Annette Curtis Klause

Humor

BO & MZZZ MAD by Sid Fleischman
THE MISFITS by James Howe
IN NED'S HEAD by Anders Jacobsson & Shoren Olsson
FROG FACE & THE THREE BOYS by Don Trembath
ISLAND OF THE AUNTS by Eva Ibbotson

In Their Shoes

I'M NOT WHO YOU THINK I AM
by Peg Kehret (Mental illness)
JOEY PIGZA SWALLOWED THE KEY
by Jack Gantos (Attention Deficit
Hyperactivity Disorder)
OF SOUND MIND by Jean Ferris
(Deafness)
KISSING DOORKNOBS by Terry Hesser
(Obsessive-compulsive disorder)
PROBABLY STILL NICK SWANSEN
by Virginia Wolff (Learning disabilities)
ALL THE WAY HOME by Patricia Reilly Giff (Polio)



Mystery

FOLLOWING FAKE MAN
by Barbara Holmes
THE STAR SPANGLED
SECRET by K. M Kimball
PLAYING FOR KEEPS
by Joan Lowery Nixon
SAMMY KEYES & THE
HOLLYWOOD MUMMY
by Wendelin Van
Draanen
THERE'S A DEAD PERSON FOLLOWING MY SISTER AROUND
by Vivian Van de Velde

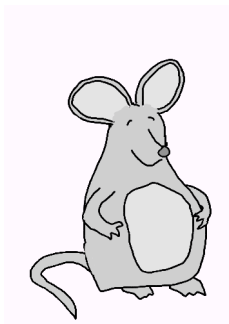


NonFiction

DEAR MOTHER, DEAR DAUGHTER: POEMS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
by Jane Yolen
TWIN TALES by Donna Jackson
STAY STRONG: SIMPLE LIFE LESSONS FOR TEENS
by Terrie Williams
MORE TASTE BERRIES FOR TEENS by Bettie Youngs
THE GREAT FIRE by Jim Murphy
THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO SURVIVAL HANDBOOK
by Josh Piven & David Borgenicht
SHE SAID YES by Misty Bernall
SURVIVING HITLER by Andrea Warren

Rats!

I WAS A RAT! By Philip Pullman
THE TRUTH ABOUT RATS, RULES
AND SEVENTH GRADE
by Linda Zinnen
DARK PORTAL by Robin Jarvis
WATER RAT by Marnie Laird
RIVER RATS by Caroline Stevermer

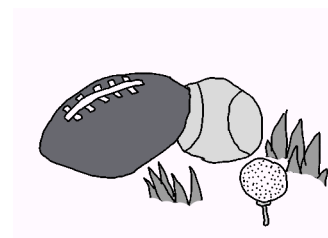


Realistic

A DOOR NEAR HERE by Heather Quarles
WHAT EVERY GIRL (EXCEPT ME) KNOWS by Nora Baskin
PRINCESS IN THE SPOTLIGHT by Meg Cabot
P.S. LONGER LETTER LATER
by Paula Danziger & Ann M. Martin
SNAIL MAIL NO MORE
by Paula Danziger & Ann M. Martin
LOVE THAT DOG by Sharon Creech
BACKWATER by Joan Bauer

Sports

TOP WING
by Matt Christopher
ON THE DEVIL'S COURT
by Carl Deuker
CRASH by Jerry Spinelli
RACING THE PAST
by Sis Deans
BABE & ME: A BASEBALL CARD ADVENTURE
by Dan Gutman
The GREATEST: MUHAMMED ALI by Walter Dean Myers



Travel Back in Time

THE RANSOM OF MERCY CARTER by Caroline Cooney
WALK ACROSS THE SEA by Susan Fletcher
DAVE AT NIGHT by Gail Carson Levine
FAIR WEATHER by Richard Peck
THE ORPHAN OF ELLIS ISLAND by Elvira Woodruff

The titles on this list are just some of the books you might want to read this summer. Most of these authors have written other books you might also enjoy. Check out these titles or ask your librarian for additional suggestions. Howard County's Middle School Media Specialists and Librarians from the Howard County Library prepared this list for you. We hope you enjoy reading some of these selections.

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