

2010 Summer Reading for Grades 7 and 8

All students entering 7th grade are required to read FOUR books of their choice.

All students entering 8th Grade are required to read *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon, as well as THREE other books of their choice.

Below we have listed many titles you might enjoy, and there are additional lists on this site with brief plot summaries to help you choose. Remember that, aside from the one required 8th grade book, all these lists contain only suggestions. You can pick books from these lists, different books by the same authors, or any books that interest you and are somewhat comparable in reading level. (If you are concerned that one book you have is too light or easy, then perhaps pair it with something a bit more challenging.)

Have fun choosing: Talk to your friends, talk to your family, talk to your teachers. Hang out in a bookstore for a while, searching for something that grabs your eye; or spend some time browsing online—whatever it takes to find a book that you like and that will keep you reading. You should be prepared to discuss your choices in the fall.

SUGGESTED READING

Some Recent 7th and 8th Grade Favorites

Monster by Walter Dean Myers
Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom
Elsewhere by Gabrielle Charbonnet
The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
Hunger Games and *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

Action/Adventure

Alexander, *Westmark; The Kestral; The Beggar Queen; The Arkadians*
Carter, *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*
Feintuch, *Midshipman's Hope* (series)
Krakauer, *Into Thin Air*
Lawrence, *The Wreckers*
McKinley, *Outlaws of Sherwood*
Paulsen, *Woodsong; Tracker; Canyons*
Pyle, *The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood; The Story of King Arthur and his Knights*
Scott, *Jemini Game*
Shusterman, *The Dissidents*
Voigt, *Wings of a Falcon; Jackaroo; On Fortunes Wheel*

White, *The Once and Future King*

Animal Stories

Adams, *Watership Down*

Durrell, *A Zoo in My Luggage; My Family and Other Animals*

Gipson, *Old Yeller*

Herriot, *All Creatures Great and Small and other titles*

London, *The Call of the Wild*

Mowat, *Never Cry Wolf; The Dog Who Wouldn't Be; Owls in the Family*

Paulsen, *My Life in Dog Years*

Rawls, *Where the Red Fern Grows*

Classics

Alcott, *Little Women* and other titles

Alain-Fournier, *The Wanderer (Le Grand Meaulnes)*

Carson, *Silent Spring*

Cooper, *The Last of the Mohicans*

Defoe, *Robinson Crusoe*

Dickens, *Oliver Twist; Hard Times*

Dumas, *The Count of Monte Cristo; The Three Musketeers*

DuMaurier, *Rebecca*

Forbes, *Johnny Tremain*

Gogol, *The Overcoat*

Hemingway, *The Old Man and the Sea*

Keyes, *Flowers for Algernon*

Knowles, *A Separate Peace*

Munro, *Short Stories of Saki*

Poe, *Eight Tales of Terror* and other short stories and poetry

Potok, *The Chosen*

Scott, *Ivanhoe*

Smith, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*

Solzhenitsyn, *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*

Stoker, *Dracula*

Steinbeck, *The Pearl; The Red Pony;*

Stevenson, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde; Kidnapped; Treasure Island*

Tolstoy, *Master and Man*

Twain, *The Prince and the Pauper; The Adventures of Tom Sawyer;*

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

Verne, *Around the World in 80 Days; Journey to the Center of the Earth*

Welty, *The Robber Bridegroom;*

The Ponder Heart

Wilder, *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*

Contemporary Life

Avi, *Nothing But the Truth*
Alvarez, *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*
Banks, *One More River*
Bauer, (ed.), *Am I Blue? Coming; Out from the Silence* (stories)
Bauer, *Rules of the Road, Hope Was Here*
Block, *Weetzie Bat* novels; *Girl Goddess #9* (stories); *I Was a Teenage Fairy*
Blume, *Tiger Eyes*
Bode, *Heartbreak and Roses* (stories); *Trust and Betrayal*
Brooks, *Paradise Cafe and Other Stories; Traveling on into the Light*
Bunting, *Jumping the Nail*
Byars, *Cracker Jackson*
Carter, *Dogwolf; Up Country*
Childress, *A Hero Ain't Nothing; But a Sandwich*
Cofer, *An Island Like You*
Cole, *The Goats*
Cormier, *The Chocolate War; Tunes for Bears to Dance To*
Creech, *Walk two Moons; Chasing Redbird*
Crutcher, *Crazy Horse Electric Game; Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes*
Danziger, *The Cat Ate My Gymsuit*
Deaver, *Say Good Night, Gracie*
Feuer, *Paper Doll*
Flanigan, *Alice*
Fox, *Moonlight Man, One-Eyed Cat*
Frosh, ed., *Coming of Age in America*
Gibbons, *Ellen Foster*
Green, *I Never Promised You a Rose Garden*
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Griffin, *The Other Shepards*
Guy, *The Friends*
Hahn, *The Wind Blows Backward, December Stillness*
Hamilton, *Sweet Whispers, Brother Rush; Planet of Junior Brown*
Hentoff, *The Day They Came to Arrest the Book*
Hesser, *Kissing Doorknobs*
Hinojosa, *Crews*
Hinton, *Rumble Fish; Tex; That Was Then, This is Now*
Howe, *The Watcher*
Johnson, *Toning the Sweep*
Johnston, *Adam and Eve and Pinch-Me*
Kaufman, *Up the Down Staircase*
Kerr, *Night Kites; Fell; Fell Back; Deliver Us from Evie*
Kindl, *Woman in the Wall*
Klass, *California Blue*
Koertge, *Arizona Kid; Harmony Arms*
Koller, *A Place to Call Home*
Korman, *Losing Joe's Place*
LeMieux, *The TV Guidance Counselor*
L'Engle, *Meet the Austins; The Young Unicorns; Ring of Endless Light*
Levonkron, *Best Little Girl in the World*
Lipsyte, *One Fat Summer*

MacLachlan, *Baby, Journey*
McDonald, *Swallowing Stones*
Mahy, *Memory*
Marsden, *Letters from the Inside*
Martinez, *Parrot in the Oven: mi vida*
Mazer, (ed.), *Twelve Shots* (stories)
McClain, *No Big Deal*
Merrill, *The Pushcart War*
Moore, *Under the Mermaid Angel*
Myers, *Young Landlords*
Nelson, *Earthshine*
Neufeld, *Lisa Bright and Dark; Edgar Allan*
Nolan, *Dancing on the Edge*
Nye, *Habibi*
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Nye, *Habibi*
O'Neal, *In Summer Light; The Language of Goldfish*
Orr, *Peeling the Onion*
Peck, *Are You in the House Alone?; Secrets of the Shopping Mall*
Plath, *The Bell Jar*
Potok, *The Chosen*
Pfeffer, *Year Without Michael*
Ryan, *Little Girls in Pretty Boxes*
Rylant, *A Couple of Kooks and Other*
Sachar, *Holes*
Sones, *Stop Pretending*
Soto, *Baseball in April; Local News* (stories)
Springer, *Toughing It*
Thomas, *Rats Saw God*
Voigt, *Izzy, Willy-Nilly; Orfe; Homecoming; Dicey's Song; A Solitary Blue*
Werlin, *The Killer's Cousin*
Wilson, *The Leaving*
Wolff, *Make Lemonade; The Mozart Season*
Woodson, *I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This*
Zindel, *The Pigman*

Fantasy/ Science Fiction

Adams, *A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* and whole series
Asimov, *Great Science Fiction Stories; The Foundation* novels, *Fantastic Voyage; I, Robot*
Barron, *The Lost Years of Merlin* series
Bradbury, *The Martian Chronicles; Dandelion Wine; Fahrenheit 451*
Bull, *Finder*
Butler, *Mind of My Mind; Wild Seed*
Card, *Ender* novels; *Pastwatch*

Chrichton, *Andromeda Strain*
Clarke, *Childhood's End*
Dickinson, *Eva; The Lion Tamer's Daughter and Other Stories*
Eddings, *The Belgeriad and Mallorean series*
Farmar, *The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm*
Finney, *Time and Again*
Goldman, *The Princess Bride*
Goodkind, *Wizard's First Rule series*
Gould, *Jumper; Wildside*
Hahn, *Look for Me by Moonlight*
Heinlein, *Stranger in a Strange Land, Red Planet, Rocket Ship Galileo*
Hesse, *Phoenix Rising*
Hilton, *Lost Horizon*
Huxley, *Brave New World*
Jordan, *Wheel of Time series*
Kindl, *Owl in Love*
Klause, *Silver Kiss; Blood and Chocolate*
LeGuin, *A Wizard of Earthsea; The Tombs of Atuan; The Farthest Shore; Tehanu*
Mahy, *The Changeover*
McKillip, *Winter Rose; The Quest Of the Riddle-Master trilogy*
McKinley, *Beauty; Rose Daughter; The Hero and the Crown; A Knot in the Grain*
Napoli, *Zel; The Magic Circle*
Nix, *Shade's Children*
Norton, *The Elvenbane; Elvenblood*
O'Brien, *Z for Zachariah*
Orwell, *1984; Animal Farm*
Pierce, *Alanna series; Immortals series*
Pullman, *The Golden Compass; The Subtle Knife; The Amber Spyglass*
Rowling, *Harry Potter series*
Salvatore, *Sword of Bedwyr; Luthien's Gamble*
Sheffield, *The Ganymede Club*
Shinn, *The Shape-Changer's Wife*
Tolkien, *The Hobbit; The Lord of the Rings (trilogy)*
Vande Velde, *Companions of the Night; Dragons Bait*
Verne, *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea; Journey to the Center of the Earth*
Wells, *The Time Machine; The Invisible Man; War of the Worlds*
Werber, *Empire of the Ants*
Wrede, *Dealing with Dragons (series)*

Mysteries

Avi, *Wolf Rider*
Carmody, *The Gathering*
Christie, *And Then There Were None* and other titles
Cross, *Pictures in the Dark*

Doyle, *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*
Duncan, *Killing Mr. Griffin; A Gift of Magic; Locked in Time*
Hambly, *A Free Man of Color*
Hamilton, *House of Dies Drear; Mystery of Drear House*
Hammett, *The Maltese Falcon; The Thin Man; The Glass Key*
King, *The Beekeeper's Apprentice; A Monstrous Regiment of Women;*
A Letter of Mary
Nixon, *Whispers from the Dead*
Pullman, *The Ruby in the Smoke; A Shadow in the North; The Tiger in the Well*
Stout, Nero Wolfe mysteries (various titles)
Voigt, *Callender Papers*

Poetry

Angelou, *And Still I Rise*
Dickinson, *Selected Poems of Emily Dickinson*
Dunning, (ed.) *Reflections on a Gift of Watermelon Pickle . . .*
And Other Modern Verse
Eliot, *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*
Fletcher, *Room Enough for Love*
Frost, *You Come Too*
Giovanni, *My House*
Gordon, ed., *Pierced by a Ray of Sun*
Hollander, *Committed to Memory*
Hughes, *Dreamkeeper and Other Poems*
Masters, *Spoon River Anthology*
Millay, *Collected Poems*
Nye & Janeczko, *I Feel A Little Jumpy*
Poe, any collection

Remarkable People

Atkinson, *In Kindling Flame*
Baker, *Growing Up*
Cary, *Black Ice*
Cleary, *A Girl from Yamhill; My Own Two Feet*
Dahl, *Going Solo*
De Trevino, *I, Juan de Pareja*
Frank, *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*
Fritz, *China Homecoming*
Gies, *Anne Frank Remembered*
Grealey, *Autobiography of a Face*
Haley, *Roots; The Autobiography of Malcolm X*
Hautzig, *The Endless Steppe*
Hickham, *October Sky*
Jimenez, *The Circuit*
Johnston, *Louisa May*
Keller, *The Story of My Life*
Lerner (ed.), *Black Women in White America*
Lyons, *Sorrow's Kitchen: The Life and Folklore of Zora Neale Hurston*

Matthews, *Escalante*
Meigs, *Invincible Louisa*
Merriam, *Growing Up Female in America*
Salzman, *Lost in Place*
Santiago, *When I was Puerto Rican*
Siegal, *Upon the Head of a Goat; Grace in the Wilderness*
Simon, *Bronx Primitive*
Sobel, *Longitude*
Spinelli, *Knots in My Yo-Yo String*
Thurber, *My Life and Hard Times*
Toth, *Blooming: A Small-Town Girlhood*
Vergheze, *My Own Country*
Watkins, *Stand Before Your God*
Zindel, *The Pigman and Me*

Sports

Blais, *In These Girls, Hope is a Muscle*
Brancato, *Winning*
Brooks, *The Moves Make the Man*
Crutcher, *Stotan!; Ironman; Running Loose; Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes*
Deuker, *On the Devil's Court; Painting the Black; Heart of a Champion*
Duder, *In Lane Three, Alex Archer*
Dygaard, *Infield Hit*
Halberstam, *Summer of '49*
Hersey, *Blues*
Lee, *Necessary Roughness*
Lewis, (ed.) *The Best American Sports Writing 2007*
Lipsyte, *The Contender; The Brave; The Chief*
Lynch, *Iceman*
Malamud, *The Natural*
Rivers, *Those Who Love the Game*
Ryan, *Little Girls in Pretty Boxes*
Tygiel, *Baseball's Great Experiment*
Voigt, *The Runner*
Wallace, *Wrestling Sturbridge; Shots on Goal*
Weaver, *Hard Ball; Striking Out*

World Cultures, Fiction and Nonfiction

Chevalier, *Girl with a Pearl Earring*
Clavell, *Tai-Pan, Shogun*
Craven, *I Heard the Owl Call My Name*
Cushman, *Catherine called Birdy*
Dorris, *A Yellow Raft in Blue Water* (Native American Women)
Forbes, *Johnny Tremain*
Fox, *The Slave Dancer, Lily and the Lost Boy* (Greece)
Franklin, *The Autobiography and Other Writings*

Garcia Marquez, *The Story of a Shipwrecked Sailor* (Latin America)
Hamilton, *The Magical Adventures of Pretty Pearl*
Lord, *Spring Moon* (China, 20th century)
Lyons, *Letters from a Slave Girl*
Napoli, *Song of the Magdalene* (New Testament)
Paterson, *The Sign of the Chrysanthemum* (Japan, 12th Century)
Spiegelman, *Maus*
Renault, *The King Must Die; The Bull from the Sea* (Ancient Greece)
Rinaldi, *A Break with Charity* (Salem Witch Trials)
Sutcliffe, *Tristan and Iseult* (Celtic Britain)
Taylor, *Let the Circle be Unbroken; Roll of Thunder Hear Me Cry*
Temple, *Ramsey Scallop* (Medieval Pilgrimage)
Uris, *Exodus; Mila 18; QB VII*
Wilson, *I Rode a Horse of Milk White Jade* (14th century China)
Yoshimura, *Shipwrecks* (Japan)