

MPH Middle School Summer Reading List 2020

Happy Summer, Middle Schoolers!

This year the English Department is taking a slightly different approach to summer reading than we have in the past. Rather than assigning one book to each class, we're offering you the opportunity to choose your own adventures in reading. In the list below, we've recommended a number of books in different genres that your teachers and librarian love, but feel free to choose whatever strikes your fancy. Search your family's book shelves, your public library's online offerings, online vendors like www.bookshop.org, or your local bookstore. **Plan to read at least one or two books, or challenge yourself to read five or more!**

When we gather for our first classes in September, we'll spend some time sharing our thoughts and reactions on the books we have read this summer. It might help to keep a reading log as you go: record your thoughts, impressions, favorite passages, and whatever else you like. Reading logs are not required and will not be collected or graded.

Can't wait to see you in September!

Mrs. Hogan (6th & 7th) and Ms. Bentley Hoke (8th)

Realistic Fiction

[*One Crazy Summer*](#) by Rita Williams-Garcia
[*The View From Saturday*](#) by el koningsburg
[*Absolutely Normal Chaos*](#) by Sharon Creech
[*Walk Two Moons*](#) by Sharon Creech
[*The Season of Styx Malone*](#) by Kekla Magoon
[*Dogsong*](#) by Gary Paulson
[*Hatchet*](#) by Gary Paulson
[*Out of My Mind*](#) by Sharon Draper
[*An Abundance of Katherines*](#) by John Greene
[*Rules*](#) by Cynthia Lord
[*The Jacket*](#) by Andrew Clements
[*The Hate U Give*](#) by Angie Thomas
[*When You Reach Me*](#) by Rebecca Stead
[*Every Day*](#) by David Levithan
[*The One and Only Ivan*](#) by Katherine Applegate
[*Look Both Ways*](#) by Jason Reynolds

Mystery

[*Cat Among the Pigeons*](#) by Agatha Christie
[*The Mysterious Benedict Society*](#) by Trenton Lee Stewart
[*The Westing Game*](#) by Ellen Raskin
[*Greenglass House*](#) by Kate Milford
[*Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus*](#) by Dusti Bowling

Fantasy and Science Fiction

[*A Monster Calls*](#) by Patrick Ness, inspired by Siobhan Dowd, illustrated by Jim Kay
[*A Wrinkle in Time*](#) by Madeleine L'Engle
[*Fablehaven*](#) by Brandon Mull
[*Eragon*](#) by Christopher Paolini

Historical Fiction

[*When the Emperor Was Divine*](#) by Julie Otsuka

[*Fever 1793*](#) by Laurie Halse Anderson

[*Chains*](#) by Laurie Halse Anderson

[*The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*](#) by Jacqueline Kelly

[*The Watsons Go To Birmingham- 1963*](#) by Christopher Paul Curtis

[*Revolution is Not a Dinner Party*](#) by Ying Chang Compestine

[*The Birchbark House*](#) by Louise Erdrich

Non-Fiction

[*Brown Girl Dreaming*](#) by Jacqueline Woodson

[*Bomb: The Race to Build - and Steal - the World's Most Dangerous Weapon*](#) by Steve Sheinkin

[*Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*](#) by Anne Frank

[*Funny in Farsi*](#) by Firoozeh Dumas

[*My Life In Dog Years*](#) by Gary Paulson

Challenging Reads!

[*The Book Thief*](#) by Markus Zusak

[*The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing: Traitor to the Nation, vol. 1 The Pox Party*](#)
by MT Anderson

[*The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*](#) by Arthur Conan Doyle

[*Little Women*](#) by Louisa May Alcott

[*A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*](#) by Mark Twain

[*The Call of the Wild*](#) by Jack London

[*The Martian Chronicles*](#) by Ray Bradbury

[*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*](#) by Maya Angelou

[*Animal Farm*](#) by George Orwell

[*The Secret Garden*](#) by Frances Hodgson Burnett

[*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*](#) by Betty Smith

So you say you want to write for fun?

If you have some time this summer and would like to do some writing, here are some possible starters:

[Fun Writing Prompts](#)