

7th GRADE SUMMER READING LIST 2018

Incoming 7th graders should choose books from the lists below to read over the summer. They will be assessed on these books when they return to school in September.

English 7 Honors: CHOOSE TWO FROM THE LIST BELOW

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Titles:	Author(s):	Summary (courtesy of Amazon and others):
<i>Who Dared</i> (historical fiction)	Susan Campbell Bartoletti	When 16-year-old Helmuth Hübener listens to the BBC news on an illegal short-wave radio, he quickly discovers Germany is lying to the people. But when he tries to expose the truth with leaflets, he's tried for treason. Sentenced to death and waiting in a jail, Helmuth's story emerges in a series of flashbacks. (Based upon the true story of Helmuth Hübener)
<i>Flipped</i> (historical fiction)	Jerry Spinelli	He's a boy called a Jew. Gypsy. Stopthief. He's a boy who lives in the streets of Warsaw. He's a boy who steals food for himself and the other orphans. He's a boy who wants to be a Nazi, with tall, shiny jackboots of his own - until one day that suddenly makes him change his mind. And when the train comes to empty the Jews from the ghetto, he realizes it's safest of all to be nobody.
<i>Upstairs Room</i> (historical fiction)	Johanna Reiss	A Dutch Jewish girl describes the 2 1/2 years she spent in hiding in the upstairs bedroom of a farmer's house during World War II.

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED READING FOR ALL INCOMING 7th GRADERS - EVERYONE SHOULD CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

<i>Boy, Girls, & Dangerous Pie</i> (realistic fiction)	Jordan Sonnenblick	Thirteen-year-old Steven has a totally normal life: he plays drums in the All-Star band, has a crush on the hottest girl in the school, and is constantly annoyed by his 11-year-old brother, Jeffrey. But when Jeffrey is diagnosed with leukemia, Steven's world is turned upside down.
<i>Flipped</i> (realistic fiction)	Wendelin Van Draanen	The first time Juli Baker saw Bryce Loski, she flipped. The first time he saw her, he flipped. That was the second grade, but in the eighth grade, everything gets turned upside down. And just as he's thinking there's more to her than meets the eye, she's thinking there's more to him than all he seemed.
<i>Maths, Lies, and Algebra</i> (realistic fiction/mystery)	Wendy Lichtman	Tess loves math because it's the one subject she can trust. But then she starts algebra and is introduced to those pesky and mysterious variables, which seem to be everywhere in 8th grade. When even your friends and parents can be variables, how in the world can you find out the right answers to the really important questions?
<i>Hunger for Memory</i>	Edward Bloor	Paul Fisher sees the world from behind thick glasses. But he's not so blind that he can't see the world from behind thick glasses.

mystery/suspense)		see there are some very unusual things about his new home in Tangerine County, The chaos increases with harassment from his football–star brother. After he joins middle school soccer team though, he begins to discover what lies beneath the surface of his strange new hometown and gains the courage to face up to some secrets his father has been keeping from him.
<i>Heat</i> (sports)	Mike Lupica	Michael Arroyo lives in the shadow of Yankee Stadium and has a pitching arm that can throw serious heat. But his firepower is nothing compared to the heat Michael faces in his day-to-day life. Newly orphaned after his father led the family’s escape from Cuba, his only family is his brother Carlos.
<i>Girl Who Threw Butterflies</i> (sports)	Mick Cochrane	Molly William's recently deceased father once taught her how to throw a knuckleball. In an attempt to come to peace with her father's death, Molly joins the boys' baseball team at school, hoping to impress the coaches and her new teammates.
<i>Chompy</i> (comedy/adventure)	Carl Hiaasen	Wahoo's dad, Mickey, is an animal wrangler, and the backyard of their Everglades home is crawling with gators, snakes, monkeys, and other wild creatures. Unfortunately Mickey hasn't been able to work since he was injured after a freak accident (a dead alligator fell on his head), and money has been a little tight. Mickey decides to take on a reality TV show called Expedition Survival and needs Wahoo's help. Between the deadly animals and the bizarre antics of the show, can anyone survive?
<i>Seven Talents</i> (science fiction)	David Lubar	Martin Anderson and his friends don't like being called losers. They've been called losers for so long even they start to believe it, until Martin makes an incredible discovery, and his friends each have a special hidden talent.
<i>Iron Trial (Book of the Magisterium)</i> (fantasy)	Holly Black, Cassandra Clare	Most kids would do anything to pass the Iron Trial. Not Callum Hunt. All his life, Callum has been warned by his father to stay away from magic. If he succeeds at the Iron Trial, he is admitted into the Magisterium, he is sure it can only mean bad things for him. So he tries his best to do his worst - and fails at failing. Now the Magisterium awaits him in a place with dark ties to his past and a twisted path to his future.
<i>And Dark and Dangerous</i> (mystery/thriller/horror)	Mary Downing Hahn	A chilling supernatural tale! Just before summer begins, thirteen-year-old Ali finds a photograph. She recognizes the two children. One's her mother, the other her aunt Dulcie,...but who is the third person, the one who's been torn out of the picture?
<i>Following Lincoln's</i> (nonfiction)	James L. Swanson	Based on rare archival material, obscure trial manuscripts, and interviews with relatives of the conspirators and the manhunters, this story is a fast-paced thriller about the hunt 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.