



# High School Summer Reading

Book your summer with one of these picks for Summer Reading! We've included something for everyone so who knows, you may find something you actually like!

## FICTION

- 1984 by George Orwell (Dystopian Future/Fight Against Oppression/Classic)
- The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie (YA/Struggle to Fit In/Quick Read)
- An Abundance of Katherines by John Green (YA/Coming of Age/Quick Read)
- Afterworlds by Scott Westerfeld (YA/Sci-Fi Elements/LGBTQ)
- The Age of Miracles by Karen Thompson Walker (Dystopian Future/Coming of Age/Everyday Life)
- Alanna: The First Adventure by Tamora Pierce (YA/Fantasy/Adventure/Quick Read)
- All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely (YA/Prejudice and Racism)
- American Street by Ibi Zoboi (YA/Immigrant Stories/Struggle to Fit In)
- Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz(YA/LGBTQ/Family Issues)
- Beartown by Fredrik Backman (Sports Stories/Small Town Life/Scandal)
- Belzhar by Meg Wolitzer (YA/Magical Elements/Grief/Mental Health Issues)
- Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys (YA/Historical Fiction/WWII/Family Relationships)
- Bone Gap by Laura Ruby (YA/Supernatural Elements/Thriller)
- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak (YA/Historical Fiction/WWII/Everyday Life)
- Carry On by Rainbow Rowell (YA/Fantasy Fiction/LGBTQ)
- The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger (Coming of Age/Classic)
- Challenger Deep by Neal Shusterman (YA/Mental Health Issues)
- Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi (YA/Fantasy Fiction/Fight Against Oppression)

- Cinder by Marissa Meyer (YA/Science Fiction/Fairy Tale Retelling/Romance)
- Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier (Historical Fiction/Civil War/Romance)
- The Cruel Prince by Holly Black (YA/Fantasy Fiction/Royalty/Espionage)
- Dear Martin by Nic Stone (YA/Prejudice and Racism)
- Delirium by Lauren Oliver (YA/Dystopian Future/Sci-fi/Romance)
- Dumplin' by Julie Murphy (YA/Humor/Self Acceptance)
- Eight Girls Taking Pictures by Whitney Otto (Multiple Time Periods/Biographical Fiction/Artists)
- Emmy and Oliver by Robin Benway (YA/Family Issues/Romance)
- Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card (Sci-fi/Alien Invasion/Dystopian Future/Military Fiction)
- Etiquette & Espionage by Gail Carriger (YA/Steampunk/Espionage)
- Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon (YA/Romance)
- The Eye of Minds by James Dashner (YA/Sci-fi/Murder Mystery/Virtual Adventure)
- Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury (Dystopian Future/Sci-fi/Fight Against Oppression/Classic/Quick Read)
- Far Far Away by Tom McNeal (YA/Fairy Tale Retelling/Romance/Horror)
- The Fault in Our Stars by John Green (YA/Romance/Terminal Illness)
- The Female of the Species by Mindy McGinnis (YA/Family Relationships/Revenge)
- Forgive Me, Leonard Peacock by Matthew Quick (YA/Mental Health Issues/Abuse)
- Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver (Environmental Issues/Family Relationships)
- The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue by Mackenzi Lee (YA/Historical Fiction/LGBTQ)
- Girl in Translation by Jean Kwok (Immigrant Stories/Realistic Fiction/Poverty/)

- Glory O'Brien's History of the Future by A.S. King (Supernatural Elements/Dystopian Future/Parental Loss)
- Goodbye Days by Jeff Zentner (YA/Grieving/Guilt)
- The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald (Historical Fiction/Classic/Quick Read)
- The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood (Dystopian Future/Fight Against Oppression)
- The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (YA/Prejudice and Racism/Current Events)
- The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams (Sci-fi/Comedy/Adventure)
- Holding Up the Universe by Jennifer Niven (YA/Romance/Chronic Illness)
- How it Went Down by Kekla Magoon (YA/Prejudice and Racism)
- I Am the Messenger by Markus Zusak (YA/Mystery/Coming of Age)
- I Was Here by Gayle Forman (YA/Suicide/Mystery)
- I'll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson (YA/Family Relationships/LGBTQ)
- Illuminae by Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff (YA/Sci-fi/Adventure)
- The Impossible Knife of Memory by Laurie Halse Anderson (YA/Mental Health Issues/Family Issues)
- The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd (Historical Fiction/Slavery/Fight Against Oppression)
- Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds (YA/Family Relationships/Revenge)
- Lord of the Flies by William Golding (Classic/Survival Stories/Psychological Thriller)
- The Moon and More by Sarah Dessen (YA/Romance)
- More Happy Than Not by Adam Silvera (YA/LGBTQ/Mental Health Issues/Suicide)
- Moxie by Jennifer Mathieu (YA/Feminism/Small Town Life)
- Out of Nowhere by Maria Padian (YA/High School Sports)

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—**Out of the Easy** by **Ruta Sepetys** *(YA/Historical Fiction/Friends as Family)*

—**Picture Me Gone** by **Meg Rosoff** *(YA/Mystery/Quick Read)*

—**Radio Silence** by **Alice Oseman** *(YA/Performing Arts/Friendship)*

—**The Raven Boys** by **Maggie Stiefvater** *(YA/Supernatural Elements/Romance)*

—**Rebecca** by **Daphne du Maurier** *(Historical Fiction/Suspense/Romance)*

—**The Round House** by **Louise Erdrich** *(Native American Life/Mystery/Family Relationships)*

—**Saint Anything** by **Sarah Dessen** *(YA/Family Relationships)*

—**Salt to the Sea** by **Ruta Sepetys** *(YA/WWII/Refugees)*

--**Scythe** by **Neal Shusterman** *(YA/Sci-fi/Dystopian Future)*

—**The Shadow of the Wind** by **Carlos Ruiz Zafón** *(Historical Fiction/Mystery/Adventure)*

—**Shiver** by **Maggie Stiefvater** *(YA/Supernatural Elements/Romance)*

—**Six of Crows** by **Leigh Bardugo** *(YA/Fantasy Fiction/Heist Novel/Friends as Family)*

—**Station Eleven** by **Emily St. John Mandel** *(Dystopian Future/Performing Arts/Friends as Family)*

—**A Step Toward Falling** by **Cammie McGovern** *(YA/Dealing with Guilt/Disabled Characters)*

—**Their Eyes Were Watching God** by **Zora Neale Hurston** *(Historical Fiction/Prejudice and Racism/Quick Read)*

—**Things Fall Apart** by **Chinua Achebe** *(Historical Fiction/Life in Africa/Family Relationships/Quick Read)*

—**This is Where it Ends** by **Marieke Nijkamp** *(YA/School Shooting/Bullying)*

—**The Serpent King** by **Jeff Zentner** *(YA/Small Town Life/Friendship)*

—**This Song Will Save Your Life** by **Leila Sales** *(YA/Struggle to Fit In/Performing Arts)*

—**Strange the Dreamer** by **Laini Taylor** *(YA/Fantasy Fiction/Friends as Family/Romance)*

—**This is Our Story** by **Ashley Elston** *(YA/Mystery)*

—**Vivian Apple at the End of the World** by **Katie Coyle** *(YA/Road Trip Adventure/End of the World)*

—**What We Saw** by **Aaron Hartzler** *(YA/Sexual Assault)*

—**Will Grayson, Will Grayson** by **John Green and David Levithan** *(YA/Performing Arts/LGBTQ)*

—**Winger** by **Andrew Smith** *(YA/Romance/Humor/High School Sports)*

—**Wolf By Wolf** by **Ryan Gaudin** *(YA/Alternative History/Sci-fi Elements/Quest for Revenge)*

**GRAPHIC NOVELS**

—**Boxers** by **Gene Luen Yang** *(YA/Historical Fiction/Life in China)*

—**Drowned City** by **Don Brown** *(Nonfiction/Natural Disasters/Racism and Prejudice/Quick Read)*

—**Friends with Boys** by **Faith Erin Hicks** *(YA/Supernatural Elements/Struggle to Fit In/Quick Read)*

—**Ghost World** by **Daniel Clowes** *(Coming of Age/Friendship/Quick Read)*

—**The Influencing Machine** by **Brooke Gladstone, illustrated by Josh Neufeld** *(Nonfiction/History of the News/Understanding the Media/Quick Read)*

—**March** by **John Lewis and Andrew Aydin** **illustrated by Nate Powell** *(Biography/Civil Rights Movement/Quick Read)*

—**Nimona** by **Noelle Stevenson** *(YA/Fantasy Ficiton/Humor/Quick Read)*

—**Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong** by **Prudence Shen and Faith Erin Hicks** *(YA/Friendship/High School Sports)*

—**The Silence of Our Friends** by **Mark Long and Jim Demonakos** **illustrated by Nate Powell** *(YA/Historical Fiction/Racism and Prejudice/Quick Read)*

—**This One Summer** by **Jillian and Mariko Tamaki** *(YA/Friendship/Family Issues)*

**Nonfiction**

—**Bomb** by **Steve Sheinkin** *(WWII/Science and Technology/Espionage)*

—**The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind** by **William Kamkwamba & Bryan Mealer** *(Science and Technology/Life in Africa/Teenage Inventors)*

—**Dear Bully** edited by **Megan Kelley Hall and Carrie Jones** *(Autobiographical/Multiple Authors/Bullying)*

—**The Devil in the White City** by **Erik Larson** *(True Crime/Serial Killers/19<sup>th</sup> Century)*

—**Eyes Wide Open** by **Paul Fleischman** *(Environmental Issues/Evaluating Information/Quick Read)*

—**Half the Sky** by **Nicholas D. Kristof** *(Fight Against Oppression/Life in Africa/Life in Asia)*

—**In Cold Blood** by **Truman Capote** *(True Crime/Murder/Classic)*

—**Into Thin Air** by **Jon Krakauer** *(Surviving Disaster/Extreme Mountain Climbing/Biography)*

—**The Perfect Storm** by **Sebastian Junger** *(Surviving Disaster/Natural Disasters)*

—**Shadow Divers** by **Robert Kurson** *(Histories Mysteries/WWII/Deep Wreck Scuba Diving)*

—**Smarter Than You Think** by **Clive Thompson** *(Science and Technology/History/Psychology)*

—**Symphony for the City of the Dead** by **M. T. Anderson** *(YA/WWII/Performing Arts/Biographical)*

**BIOGRAPHY / MEMOIR**

—**I Am Malala** by **Malala Yousafzai** *(Fight Against Oppression/Famous Figures)*

—**Mountains Beyond Mountains** adapted by **Michael French** *(Medicine/Humanitarian Aid/Global Poverty)*

—**The Family Romanov** by **Candace Fleming** *(YA/History/Political Upheaval/Lives of Royalty)*

—**Hidden Figures** by **Margot Lee Shetterly** *(History/Fight Against Oppression/Science and Technology)*

—**Just Mercy** by **Bryan Stevenson** *(Criminal Justice/Fight Against Oppression/Prejudice and Racism)*

—**Me Talk Pretty One Day** by **David Sedaris** *(Humor/Essays/Language)*

—**The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace** by **Jeff Hobbs** *(Struggle to Fit In/Prejudice and Racism/Higher Education)*



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