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)
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— 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)
— The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins (YA/Dystopian Future/Fight Against Oppression)

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--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)
--How it Went Down by Kekla Magoon (YA/Romance/Chronic Illness)
--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)
--Illyminae 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)
—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/Relationships)
—The Raven Boys by Maggie Stiefvater (YA/Supernatural Elements/Romance)
—Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier (Historical Fiction/Spice/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/Mythology/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 Graudin (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 Fiction/Humor/Quick Read)
—Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong by Prudence Shen and Faith Erin Hicks (YA/Supernatural Elements/Quick Read)
—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 Relationships)

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/19th 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 (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)