

10th - 12th Grade

Summer Reading Book Choices

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Book Title & Author	Genre & Description
<p>1. <i>Revolution is not a Dinner Party</i> By Ying Chang Compestine</p> 	<p>This historical fiction follows Ling, a nine-year-old girl who lives in Wuhan, China. In their review, Barnes and Noble explains that Ling “has a very happy life. Her parents are both dedicated surgeons at the best hospital in Wuhan, and her father teaches her English as they listen to Voice of America every evening on the radio. But when one of Mao’s political officers moves into a room in their apartment, Ling begins to witness the gradual disintegration of her world. In an atmosphere of increasing mistrust and hatred, Ling fears for the safety of her neighbors, and soon, for herself and her family...Will she be able to grow and blossom under the oppressive rule of Chairman Mao? Or will fighting to survive destroy her spirit—and end her life?” (Barnes and Noble Review)</p> <p>Review: http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/revolution-is-not-a-dinner-party-ying-chang-compestine/1100355643?ean=9780312581497#productInfoTabs</p>
<p>2. <i>All the Light We Cannot See</i> By Anthony Doerr</p> 	<p>This historical fiction has won many awards, including being a Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, a New York Times Book Review Top Ten Book, a National Book Award finalist, spending more than two and a half years on the New York Times bestseller list. Doerr writes from the perspective of a blind French girl, Marie-Laure, and a German boy “whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II” (Barnes and Noble Review).</p> <p>Review: http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/all-the-light-we-cannot-see-anthony-doerr/1115884714#productInfoTabs</p>
<p>3. <i>One of Us is Lying</i> By Karen McManus</p> 	<p>“Pay close attention and you might solve this. On Monday afternoon, five students at Bayview High walk into detention. Bronwyn, the brain, is Yale-bound and never breaks a rule. Addy, the beauty, is the picture-perfect homecoming princess. Nate, the criminal, is already on probation for dealing. Cooper, the athlete, is the all-star baseball pitcher. And Simon, the outcast, is the creator of Bayview High’s notorious gossip app. Only, Simon never makes it out of that classroom. Before the end of detention Simon’s dead. And according to investigators, his death wasn’t an accident. On Monday, he died. But on Tuesday, he’d planned to post juicy reveals about all four of his high-profile classmates, which makes all four of them suspects in his murder. Or are they the perfect patsies for a killer who’s still on the loose? Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you would go to protect them.” Review:https://librarianwhodoesntsayshh.com/2018/10/04/one-us-lying-karen-m-mcmanus-review/</p>

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<p>4. <i>Bloodline</i> By Joe Jimenez</p> 	<p>In this fictional story, author Joe Jimenez takes inspiration from Shakespeare's "Hamlet." He adds a "Chicano dimension to his story but preserves the conflicted, inner turmoil of the main protagonist to deliver this stunning family drama about the hard lessons of coming into manhood" (Amazon Review). The story takes place when the seventeen-year-old Abraham begins his junior year. So far, "Abraham learns how to drive a stick shift. He falls in love for the first time. And he has been in three fights and suspended twice, all before Thanksgiving. At school, Abraham learns about genetics, and he wonders if people are born bad. Abraham struggles with his family's refusal to talk about the violence that has plagued it and what it means to become a man. Does a boy need a father to become a good man?" (Amazon Review)</p> <p>Review: https://www.amazon.com/Bloodline-Joe-Jimenez/dp/1558858288</p>
<p>5. <i>Orphan Train</i> By Christina Baker Kline</p> 	<p>This historical fiction tells the story of the American "Orphan Train" that carried abandoned children across the country from 1854-1929. Children could either be adopted or "earn their keep" in servitude. Throughout the novel, readers will get to know two young women who face this kind of unsettled life—Vivian, an older Irish immigrant, and Molly, a young Penobscot Indian. The author's website sums up by the book as such: "Moving between contemporary Maine and Depression-era Minnesota, Orphan Train is a powerful tale of upheaval and resilience, second chances, and unexpected friendship."</p> <p>Review: http://christinabakerkline.com/novels/orphan-train/</p>
<p>6. <i>How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child</i> By Sandra Uwiringiyimana</p> 	<p>"Sandra Uwiringiyimana was ten years old when she found herself with a gun pointed at her head. The rebels had come at night—wielding weapons, torches, and machetes. She had watched as her mother and six-year-old sister were gunned down in a refugee camp, far from their home in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The rebels were killing people who weren't from the same tribe. "Good-bye, life," she said to the man ready to shoot her. Remarkably, the rebel didn't pull the trigger, and Sandra escaped into the night. Thus began a new life for her and her surviving family members. With no home and no money, they struggled to stay alive. Eventually, through a United Nations refugee program, they moved to America, only to face yet another ethnic disconnect. Sandra may have crossed an ocean, but there was now a much wider divide she had to overcome. And it started with middle school in New York. In this profoundly moving memoir, Sandra tells the inspiring story of her survival, of finding her place in a new country, and of her hope for the future. How Dare the Sun Rise shows the unrelenting strength of one incredible young woman and her family, unveiling how she found a way to give voice to her people & begin a path to healing through art and activism."</p> <p>Review: https://www.harpercollins.com/9780062470164/how-dare-the-sun-ris</p>

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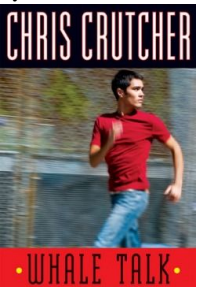
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<p>7. <i>Tattoos on the Heart</i> By Fr. Greg Boyle</p> 	<p><i>Tattoos on the Heart</i> is a nonfiction text that presents a compelling account of a Catholic priest and his experiences in the ministry in the “gang capital” of Los Angeles. Father Boyle’s collection offers insight into kinship and the sacredness of life during his time working with gangs.</p> <p>Review: http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/tattoos-on-the-heart-gregory-boyle/1102042026</p>
<p>8. <i>I'm Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter</i> By Erika L. Sanchez</p> 	<p>“Perfect Mexican daughters do not go away to college. And they do not move out of their parents’ house after high school graduation. Perfect Mexican daughters never abandon their family. But Julia is not your perfect Mexican daughter. That was Olga’s role.</p> <p>Then a tragic accident on the busiest street in Chicago leaves Olga dead and Julia left behind to reassemble the shattered pieces of her family. And no one seems to acknowledge that Julia is broken, too. Instead, her mother seems to channel her grief into pointing out every possible way Julia has failed.</p> <p>But it’s not long before Julia discovers that Olga might not have been as perfect as everyone thought. With the help of her best friend, Lorena, and her first love (first everything), Connor, Julia is determined to find out. Was Olga really what she seemed? Or was there more to her sister’s story? And either way, how can Julia even attempt to live up to a seemingly impossible ideal?”</p> <p>Review: https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/erika-l-sanchez/i-am-not-your-perfect-mexican-daughter/</p>
<p>9. <i>The Girl with Seven Names</i> By Hyeonseo Lee</p> 	<p>“An extraordinary insight into life under one of the world’s most ruthless and secretive dictatorships – and the story of one woman’s terrifying struggle to avoid capture/repatriation and guide her family to freedom.</p> <p>As a child growing up in North Korea, Hyeonseo Lee was one of millions trapped by a secretive and brutal communist regime. Her home on the border with China gave her some exposure to the world beyond the confines of the Hermit Kingdom and, as the famine of the 1990’s struck, she began to wonder, question and to realise that she had been brainwashed her entire life. Given the repression, poverty and starvation she witnessed surely her country could not be, as she had been told “the best on the planet”?</p> <p>Aged seventeen, she decided to escape North Korea. She could not have imagined that it would be twelve years before she was reunited with her family.”</p> <p>Review: https://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/29/books/review/fleeing-north-korea.html</p>

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<p>11. <i>The Boy in the Black Suit</i> By Jason Reynolds</p> 	<p>“Just when 17 year-old Matt thinks he can’t handle one more piece of terrible news, he meets a girl who’s dealt with a lot more—and who just might be able to clue him in on how to rise up when life keeps knocking him down. Matt wears a black suit every day. No, not because his mom died—although she did, and it sucks. But he wears the suit for his gig at the local funeral home, which pays way better than the Cluck Bucket, and he needs the income since his dad can’t handle the bills (or anything, really) on his own. So while Dad’s snagging bottles of whiskey, Matt’s snagging fifteen bucks an hour. Not bad. But everything else? Not good. Then Matt meets Lovey. She’s been through more crazy stuff than he can imagine. Yet Lovey never cries. She’s tough. Really tough. Tough in the way Matt wishes he could be. Which is maybe why he’s drawn to her, and definitely why he can’t seem to shake her. Because there’s nothing more hopeful than finding a person who understands your loneliness—and who can maybe even help take it away.” Review: https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/jason-reynolds/the-boy-in-the-black-suit/</p>
<p>12. <i>Whale Talk</i> by Chris Crutcher</p> 	<p>Whale Talk is a fictional narrative about a boy who has never been interested in organized sports, but decides to swim for his school swim team anyway. Its main character has a cynical and sarcastic sense of humor, which is fitting, because his swim team has no pool, and only the team captain actually knows how to swim. It is a story of acceptance, teamwork, and learning from failures. Review: https://www.harpercollins.com/9780061968532/whale-talk</p>