

WCGS Summer Reading Challenge for Rising 7th and 8th Graders Reading List

Action

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer
The Last Thing I Remember by Andrew Klavan
Stormbreaker (Alex Rider) by Anthony Horowitz

Classics

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
Animal Farm by George Orwell
Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie
Call of the Wild by Jack London
Christy by Catherine Marshall
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
The Hobbit or The Fellowship of the Ring by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Hound of the Baskervilles by Arthur Conan Doyle
The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood by Howard Pyle
Out of the Silent Planet by C.S. Lewis
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
The Story of King Arthur and His Knights by Howard Pyle
The Story of My Life by Helen Keller
The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells

Fantasy/Sci-Fi

The Always War by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Anomaly by Krista McGee
The City of Ember by Jean DuPrau
Dragon's Tooth by N.D. Wilson
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
The Game by Monica Hughes
The Hero and the Crown by Robin McKinley
House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer
Inkheart by Cornelia Funke
Leviathan by Scott Westerfield
Matched by Ally Condie
The Maze Runner by James Dashner
On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness (Wingfeather Saga) by Andrew Peterson
The Outcasts (Brotherband) by John Flanagan
Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes by Jonathan Auxier*
The Ruins of Gorlan (Ranger's Apprentice) by John Flanagan
Sweep by Jonathan Auxier*
The Unwanteds by Lisa McMann

Historical Fiction

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne
Full Cicada Moon by Marilyn Hilton
A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen
Orphan Train Girl (Young Readers' Edition) by Christian Baker Kline*
Resistance by Jennifer Nielsen*

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Modern Classics

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak
Catherine Called Birdy by Karen Cushman
Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson
Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson
The Giver by Lois Lowry
Holes by Louis Sachar
Homecoming by Cynthia Voigt

Mystery

The Case of the Missing Marquess: An Enola Holmes Mystery by Nancy Springer
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling*
Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie

Nonfiction/Biography

Billy Graham by Janet and Geoff Benge
Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Prophet, Martyr, Spy by Eric Metaxas (young readers' edition)
Bomb by Steve Sheinkin (recent Newbery Honor book)
The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible (Schindler's List) by Leon Leyson
The Boys in the Boat by Gregory Mone (young readers' edition)
The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pederson and the Churchill Club by Phillip Hoose
Courage to Soar: A Body in Motion, A Life in Balance by Simone Biles
Grace, Gold, and Glory: My Leap of Faith by Gabby Douglas
Kisses from Katie: A Story of Relentless Love and Redemption by Katie Davis
Titanic: Voices from the Disaster by Deborah Hopkinson
Unbroken: An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive by Laura Hillenbrand (young readers' edition)

Realistic Fiction

The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya*
Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
Restart by Gordon Korman*
The Season of Styx Malone by Kekla Magoon*
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
Summer Promise (Christy Miller) by Robin Jones Gunn
This Journal Belongs to Ratchet by Nancy Cavanaugh*

Recent Award Winners

As Brave as You by Jason Reynolds--Coretta Scott King, Schneider Family Book Award
Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan--Newbery
Enchanted Air by Margarita Engle-Pura Belpre Award (bio/memoir)
Heart of a Samurai by Margi Preus--Newbery
The Inquisitors Tale by Adam Gidwitz—Newbery
The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani—Newbery*
The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley--Newbery
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin--Newbery

Sports

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander (recent Newbery Award winner)
Heat by Mike Lupica
Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery by John Feinstein
The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen
Unstoppable by Tim Green
Ghost by Jason Reynolds

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