

Summer Reading List

The Alchemist: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel by Michael Scott
Random House/Delacorte, 2007, ISBN: 9780385733571.

Siblings Josh and Sophie discover that the owner of a bookstore is none other than the famous Nicholas Flamel. *First in a series.*

American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang
First Second, 2006, ISBN: 9781596431522 (PB).

In this graphic novel, three linked tales blend traditional Chinese lore with contemporary high-school scenes to create a humorous message about acceptance.

Axe Cop by Malachai Nicolle, illustrated by Ethan Nicolle
Dark Horse Comics, 2011, ISBN: 9781595826817 (PB).

Axe Cop, an axe-wielding police officer, tries to save the world in this humorous graphic novel.

Better Nate than Ever by Tim Federle
Simon & Schuster, 2013, ISBN: 9781442446892.

Nate has a plan that—with a little luck—will take him from his non-fabulous Pennsylvania town to New York City and into *E.T.: The Musical*.

Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin
Roaring Brook Press/Flash Point, 2012, ISBN: 9781596434875.

A gripping account of the development of nuclear weapons and the global fight for control of their power.

Bone: Out from Boneville by Jeff Smith
Scholastic, 2005, ISBN: 9780439706230.

When three intrepid adventurers find themselves lost in an unfamiliar wilderness, they discover that it may be up to them to fight a great darkness threatening the land. *First in a series.*

Close to Famous by Joan Bauer
Viking, 2011, ISBN: 9780670012824.

Foster's determination and her delicious home-baked cupcakes help her fit into her new home in Culpepper, West Virginia.

Does My Head Look Big in This? by Randia Abdel-Fattah
Scholastic/Orchard Books, 2007, ISBN: 9780439922333 (PB).

Outspoken and funny sixteen-year-old Amal, lover of shopping and television, decides to wear the hijab full time and perseveres despite resistance from classmates, townspeople, and even relatives.

by the Capitol to compete in the Hunger Games, a ruthless fight to the death. *First book in a trilogy.*

Life as We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer
Graphia, 2006, ISBN: 9780152058265.

When an asteroid hits the moon and knocks it out of orbit, Earth as we know it is devastated. *First in a series.*

The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine
Putnam, 2012, ISBN: 9780399256448.

In 1958 in Little Rock, Arkansas, painfully shy twelve-year-old Marlee sees her city and family divided over school integration.

Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life by James Patterson and Chris Tebbetts; illustrated by Laura Park
Little, Brown; 2011; ISBN: 9780316101875.

Rafe's plan to break every rule in the school handbook is soon out of his control.

The Mother-Daughter Book Club by Heather Vogel Frederick
Simon & Schuster, 2007, ISBN: 9781416970798 (PB).

When the mothers of four sixth-grade girls with very different personalities pressure them into forming a book club, they find that they have

much more in common than they could have imagined. *First in a series.*

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
Amistad, 2010, ISBN: 9780060760885.

Three girls spend an unforgettable summer in the 1960s with their long-lost mother and learn about Black Power, revolution, and forgiveness.

The Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan
Hyperion, 2010, ISBN: 9781423113386.

Carter and Sadie find themselves thrust into ancient Egyptian lore when their father unleashes five Egyptian gods. *First in a series.*

Smile by Raina Telgemeier
Graphix, 2010, ISBN: 9780545132053.

In this graphic novel, Raina survives middle school after getting her front teeth knocked out in an accident.

Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz
Philomel, 2001, ISBN: 9780399236204.

Fourteen-year-old Alex becomes a spy in order to

prove that his uncle's death was not an accident. *First book in the Alex Rider series.*

Titanic: Voices from the Disaster by Deborah Hopkinson
Scholastic, 2012, ISBN: 9780545116749.

Survivors' accounts bring the Titanic disaster to life.

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead
Random House/Wendy Lamb Books, 2009, ISBN: 9780385737425.

Miranda receives a series of mysterious notes, but will she be too late to stop the tragedy the notes predict?

The Wild Book by Margarita Engle
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2012, ISBN: 9780547581316.

In Cuba in 1912, Feifa struggles with dyslexia but learns to love reading as she writes in her diary. *The Wild Book.*

Wonder by R. J. Palacio
Random House, 2012, ISBN: 9780375869020.

August Pullman, a fifth-grader born with a facial deformity, is about to start mainstream school for the first time in this touching, funny book.

