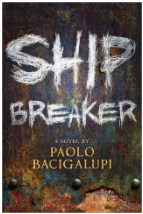


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SUGGESTED SUMMER READING LIST FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 7TH & 8TH GRADES



Bacigalupi, Paolo. **Ship Breaker**

Earth has dramatically changed due to massive global warming. Cities are under water, trading routes cut through the Poles, ice caps are a thing of the past. Nailer works scavenging copper wire and other bits of metal from the carcasses of old abandoned tanker ships off the coast of what was once Louisiana. In this harsh world where survival is far from guaranteed, Nailer has a bit of good fortune when he stumbles across a wrecked clipper ship belonging to a swank girl. But can he trust the girl whose life he saves? Equally important, can she trust Nailer?



Bodeen, S.A. **The Gardner**

Mason's mom works at a nursing home. He discovers that her job does not involve caring for the elderly patients as he imagined, but for several apparently catatonic teenagers. On a visit to the nursing home, one of the teens awakens and begs Mason to help her escape. It turns out the girl is being used for scientific research and Mason finds himself on the run from TroDyn Industries, the scientific corporation that owns most of his town.



Bray, Libba. **Beauty Queens**

A plane full of teenage beauty queens crashes on a deserted island. It is "Lost" crossed with a girls' *Lord of the Flies* and a dash of a James Bond-like arms deal. Warning: some mature content.



Cashore, Kristen. **Graceling**

Only certain people are born with a "grace." Those with graces, special skills in anything from swimming to fighting, can be identified by their different colored eyes. Katsa was born with a killing grace and her uncle, King Randa, makes her use it to his political advantage. Eventually Katsa takes her destiny into her own hands and joins forces with Po, another graceling fighter. If you like *Graceling*, read *Fire*, the prequel (although published later).



Crichton, Michael. **Jurassic Park**

After cloning dinosaurs, bioengineers set them up on an island for tourists to view. A rival company attempts to steal some frozen dinosaur embryos and chaos ensues.



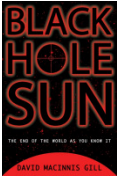
Dessen, Sarah. **What Happened to Goodbye?**

Estranged from her mother and her mother's new family, McClean is now living with her dad. That means following him to a new town every few months—he's a restaurant consultant. Each new place gives her a chance to try out a new persona: from cheerleader to drama diva. But then McClean finds a town where she thinks she might want to stay for awhile. Maybe it has something to do with her neighbor Dave? Any of Dessen's novels are sure to please.



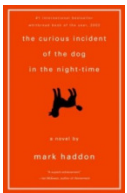
Erskine, Kathryn. **Mockingbird**

Closure, what exactly does the word mean? Caitlin is determined to find out. Maybe it will help her come to terms with the death of her brother, Devon—he was killed in a school shooting. The only thing is, Caitlin has Asperger's syndrome and it was her brother who helped her figure things out.



Gill, David Macinnis. **Black Hole Sun**

Jacob Durango is a Regulator living on Mars. Regulators live by a Code of Tenets, one of which states that they have a duty to protect. That's why, when Durango is asked to protect a group of miners and their children from the cannibalistic Draeu, he feels obligated to accept the hopeless job. Part of Durango's crew includes the beautiful and skillful Vienne, his second in command, as well as Mimi, his Artificial Intelligence brain implant. A page-turner from beginning to end.



Haddon, Mark. **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time**

Christopher John Francis Boone is autistic. He takes everything at face value, and has trouble making sense of the behavior of the people around him. Late one night, he comes across his neighbor's poodle impaled on a garden fork. Christopher is arrested for the dog's murder. After spending a night in jail, he resolves to discover who murdered the dog. He is encouraged by the social worker at his school to write a book about his investigations. This is the book.



Hinton, S. E. **The Outsiders**

Since the death of Ponyboy's parents, his brothers and his gang have been his family. When his best friend kills a member of a rival gang, a violent nightmare begins. Hinton was sixteen when she wrote this—one of the first novels for young adults published.



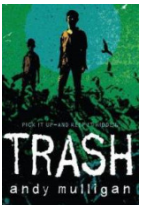
Kantor, Melissa. **The Darlings Are Forever**

Jane, Natalya and Victoria have been best friends for years. Freshman year of high school is going to be really different—all three are going to different schools. Will the friendship survive? If you like this title, try any of Kantor's other books!



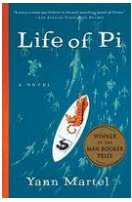
Karp, Jesse. **Those That Wake**

Mal discovers that his estranged brother has disappeared and Laura learns that her parents have forgotten her. Someone or something has wiped the teenagers from the memories of everyone they know. Corporate monopolies, conspiracy theories—what kind of a New York is this?



Mulligan, Andy. **Trash**

Raphael, Gardo and Rat are trash pickers—every day they comb through the massive city dump looking for items to scavenge, re-purpose or sell. When Raphael finds a small leather bag and the police come looking for it, he knows that it must be important. Soon the boys are running for their lives and embroiled in the mystery of a dead man and his fatal fight to right a terrible injustice. Filled with intrigue and excitement as well as a larger commentary about the devastating dichotomy between rich and poor. *Slumdog Millionaire* for the younger crowd.



Martel, Yann. **The Life of Pi**

Pi Patel is the son of a zookeeper. The family decides to move to Canada and his father packs up the family and the animals and they all hitch a ride on an enormous freighter. After a harrowing shipwreck, Pi finds himself adrift in the Pacific Ocean, trapped on a 26-foot lifeboat with a wounded zebra, a spotted hyena, a seasick orangutan, and a 450-pound Bengal tiger named Richard Parker. Follow Pi as he struggles to survive. Adult book! It starts off REALLY slow—but stick with it because it is worth it!



O'Brien, Caragh M. **Birthmarked**

Gaia is a midwife's apprentice and works with her mother delivering babies in Western Sector Three. Every month they have to hand over three newborns to the Enclave. The babies have been chosen to live a better life inside the city. But when Gaia's parents are mysteriously arrested she begins to question the Enclave and their ideas about creating an exclusive gene pool. *Prized* is the second in the planned trilogy.



Reichs, Kathy. **Virals**

Tory lives on an island off the coast of South Carolina with her marine-biologist father. She and three science geek friends discover a supposedly deserted lab. The lab turns out not to be deserted and in their attempt to rescue a dog slated for experimentation, they get exposed to Parvovirus, stumble upon an unsolved murder mystery and generally get into a lot of trouble.



Schmidt, Gary. **Okay for Now**

Doug Swietek moves to upstate New York in 1968 with his dad, one brother who has been accused of robbery, and another brother who has just returned from the Vietnam War. No one in the town thinks much of Doug until he meets Lil Spicer. A library, John James Audubon's birds, and a hilarious adventure on a Broadway stage—somehow Doug is going to make sense of this crazy thing called life. This is the stand-alone sequel to the hilarious *The Wednesday Wars*.



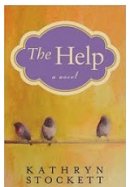
Sloan, Holly Goldberg. **I'll Be There**

Sam and Riddle were kidnapped by their crook of a father more than a decade ago. On the run for most of his life, Sam never even went to school past second grade. The days of the week don't mean much to him—except for Sunday when he goes to any church he can find to listen to the music. There's where he meets Emily. Needless to say, their lives will never be the same.



Smith, Sherri L. **Flygirl**

All Ida Mae Jones wants to do is fly. Her dad was a pilot, and years after his death she feels closest to him when she's in the air. But as a young black woman in 1940s Louisiana, she knows the sky is off limits to her. Then America enters World War II, and the army forms the WASP - Women Airforce Service Pilots. Unfortunately, Ida has to pass for white in order to realize her dream.



Stockett, Kathryn. **The Help**

This is an adult book—but try it, you might like it! A page-turner with a lot of suspense and humor, *The Help* tells the story of the relationship between white women and their black maids in Jackson, Mississippi in the 1960s. Yes, there is even a good poop joke.



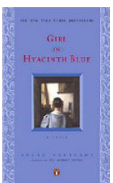
Stork, Francisco X. **Marcelo in the Real World**

Marcelo has Asperger’s syndrome and plans to spend the summer before his senior year training the therapeutic-riding ponies at Paterson, his special education school. Marcelo’s father, however, has other plans for him and insists that Marcelo spend the summer in the *real world*, working in the mail room of his law firm. Mystery, romance, friendship—this book has it all.



Vizzini, Ned. **It’s Kind of a Funny Story**

When the pressure of going to an elite New York prep school gets to be too much for Craig, he gets admitted to a psych ward. The only thing is, the teen section is being renovated so he is placed in the adult ward where he meets a cast of crazy characters. After you read the book, watch the movie.



Vreeland, Susan. **Girl in Hyacinth Blue**

A Dutch painting of a young girl, possibly a Vermeer, survives three and a half centuries through loss, floods, secrecy, theft, and even the Holocaust. This is the story of the painting’s desperate owners whose lives are profoundly influenced by its mystery and beauty. Adult book.



Zadoff, Allen. **Food, Girls and Other Things I Can’t Have**

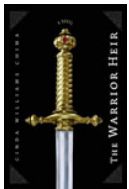
Andy is a 306.4-pound sophomore. It’s hard being large—clothes never fit and he worries about squeezing into the new small desks at school. To top it off the school bully makes fun of him, because, despite being large, Andy is kind of wimpy. But then he meets April and for some bizarre reason he tells her he is a jock. He is so *not* a jock. But why not? Football, anyone? Thus begins Andy’s journey. This is not your typical story, but then again Andy is not your typical main character.

Series (Find a good series and you are all set for summer!)



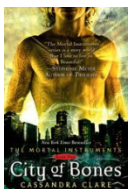
Dashner, James. **The Maze Runner**

Thomas wakes up in an elevator with no memory of how he got there. When the doors open he finds himself in a place called the Glade. He joins a gang of boys who spend their days trying to figure out a way to escape the maze which surrounds them. Every thirty days a new boy arrives. However, the day after Thomas gets there, a girl arrives, the only girl in the Glade. Perhaps the message she carries is the answer to their escape. **The Series:** *The Maze Runner*, *The Scorch Trials*, *The Death Cure* (coming out in the fall)



Chima, Cinda Williams. **The Heir Chronicles**

Jack is not an ordinary teenager from Ohio. When he forgets to take his medicine one day, his Warrior Heir powers begin to emerge and wreak havoc at his high school. It turns out he’s destined to fight in a death tournament for supremacy. Jack, however, has other ideas and struggles to remain true to himself. **The Series:** *The Warrior Heir*, *The Wizard Heir*, *The Dragon Heir*



Clare, Cassandra. **The Mortal Instruments**

Humans who hunt and kill demons? Those would be Shadowhunters and Clary can see them, even though she isn’t supposed to be able to. When her mom gets kidnapped and Clary discovers her mother has some connection to the Shadowhunters, the excitement begins. **The Series:** *City of Bones*, *City of Ashes*, *City of Glass*, *City of Fallen Angels*



Collins, Suzanne. **The Hunger Games**

Quick, make sure you've read the series before the movie comes out! In the country of Panem, two children between the ages of 12 and 18 are chosen from each district every year to compete in the Hunger Games, a fight to the death with only one victor. Katniss is chosen to represent District 12. Needless to say, this is not a game that most want to play. **The Series:** *The Hunger Games, Catching Fire, Mockingjay*



Feinstein, John. **Last Shot Series**

Feinstein is a master at sports mysteries. In *Cover-up: Mystery at the Super Bowl*, steroids and drug testing loom large in this behind-the-scenes look at the Super Bowl where big money and even bigger egos are the driving force behind pro football. **The Series:** *Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery, Vanishing Act, Cover-up: Mystery at the Super Bowl, Change-Up: Mystery at the World Series, The Rivalry: Mystery at the Army-Navy Game*



Herbert, Frank. **The Dune Chronicles**

Dune is one of the grandest epics in the science fiction genre. Set on the desert planet called Arrakis, a boy named Paul Atreides is left to die. The story entails interstellar travel, super-human genetic experiments, emperors, vendettas, and a heck of a lot more. **The Series:** *Dune, Dune Messiah, Children of Dune, God Emperor of Dune, Heretics of Dune, Chapterhouse Dune*



Horowitz, Anthony. **Alex Rider**

Scorpius Rising—the final book in the series is out! Alex Rider is a teenage British spy. In this last book, Alex faces Scorpius, the terrorist organization that has been dogging him his whole life. **The Series:** *Stormbreaker, Point Blank, Skeleton Key, Eagle Strike, Scorpius, Ark Angel, Snakehead, Crocodile Tears, Scorpius Rising*



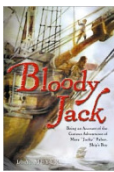
Kate, Lauren. **Fallen**

Need a change from vampires? Try fallen angels. Luce gets sent to boarding school after a boy she likes dies in a mysterious fire. At boarding school she meets Cam and Daniel. Cam is safe and charming while Dan is more aloof. However, it is Dan that Luce can't stay away from. Luce feels like she has met him before...**The Series:** *Fallen, Torment, Passion* (coming out this summer)



Lockhart, E. **Ruby Oliver**

Life is not easy for Ruby. She lives on a houseboat and attends a fancy boarding school on scholarship. In a period of just ten days, Ruby loses her best friends, her boyfriend, her dignity, and the respect of her classmates. Her shrink convinces her to make a list of boyfriends past and present. What a hilarious list it is! **The Series:** *The Boyfriend List, The Treasure Map of Boys, Real Live Boyfriends*



Meyer, L.A. **Bloody Jack Adventures**

A penniless orphan at the end of the 18th century in London, Mary joins a gang of street kids in order to survive. When the leader of her gang is killed, she takes his clothes, changes her name and heads out to sea as a ship's boy. Pretending to be a boy aboard a ship for two years is no easy feat, but "Jacky" manages quite skillfully. **The Series:** *Bloody Jack, Curse of the Blue Tattoo, Under the Jolly Roger, In the Belly of the Bloodhound, Mississippi Jack, My Bonny Light Horseman*



Ness, Patrick. **Chaos Walking**

Todd Hewitt lives on a planet where war with the natives has killed all of the women and infected the men with a germ that broadcasts their thoughts aloud for all to hear. These thoughts are known as *Noise*. With his dog, Manchee, Todd discovers a silence in the noise. There is more to Todd's world than he has been led to believe. He is woefully unprepared when he is forced to flee his settlement; running for his life. **The Series:** *The Knife of Never Letting Go, The Ask and the Answer, Monsters of Men*



Runholt, Susan. **Kari and Lucas Mysteries**

Best friends Kari and Lucas seem to find intrigue wherever they go. In *The Mystery of the Third Lucretia*, the girls uncover an international art forgery scam! **The Series:** *The Mystery of the Third Lucretia, Rescuing Seneca Crane, The Adventure at Simba Hall*



Wasserman, Robin. **Skinned Trilogy**

Lia Kahn had the perfect life until she was in a horrible car accident. Her parents couldn't let her die so they had her downloaded into a new body that only looks human. Lia will never feel pain again, she will never age, and she can't ever truly die. But she is also rejected by her friends, betrayed by her boyfriend, and alienated from her old life. Who is she? **The Series:** *Skinned, Crashed, Wired*

Nonfiction



Angel, Ann. **Janis Joplin: Rise Up Singing**

It was 40 years ago that Janis Joplin, an unforgettable singer, died from an overdose of alcohol and drugs at the age of 27. Full-color and black-and-white photos, excerpts from interviews and letters that Janis wrote, help tell the story of Janis's life. Brought up in a conservative, small Texas town, she became known for singing the blues with her distinctive husky, passionate voice.



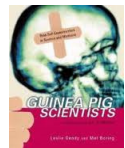
Birbiglia, Mike. **Sleepwalk with Me**

Mike, whom you might recognize from *Comedy Central* and *This American Life*, writes about growing up. It's pretty hilarious—and yes, he does sleepwalk!



Bowers, Rick. **Spies of the Mississippi. The True Story of the Spy Network that Tried to Destroy the Civil Rights Movement**

A spy network where neighbors spied on neighbors, teachers spied on students, ministers spied on church-goers, and spies even spied on spies? That's what the Mississippi Sovereignty Commission, formed in 1956, ended up being. The goal was to stop integration and crush the Civil Rights Movement in the state. Using primary-source materials and interviews with surviving activists, Bowers has shed new light on a familiar topic.



Dendy, Leslie & Mel Boring

Guinea Pig Scientists: Bold Self-Experimenters in Science and Medicine

Ten fascinating—and sometimes disgusting—stories of scientists who advanced knowledge by experimenting on themselves.



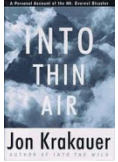
Gilbreth, Frank & Ernestine. **Cheaper By the Dozen**

Laugh out loud hilarious! This is the incredible true story of the eccentric Gilbreth family of fourteen in the early 1900s.



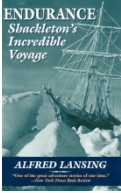
Kahn, Roger. **The Boys of Summer**

A classic sports book. Kahn, an award-winning sports writer, tells the story of the Brooklyn Dodgers—the team that broke the color barrier with Jackie Robinson.



Krakauer, Jon. **Into Thin Air**

A first-hand account of a catastrophic expedition up Mount Everest. In March 1996, Outside magazine sent veteran journalist and seasoned climber Jon Krakauer on an expedition led by celebrated Everest guide Rob Hall. Despite the expertise of Hall and the other leaders, by the end of summit day eight people were dead.



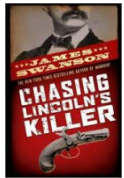
Lansing, Alfred. **Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage**

A true adventure book! In 1914 Ernest Shackleton and a crew of 27 men sailed for the South Atlantic on the *Endurance* with the object of crossing the Antarctic. They didn't get very far -- still half a continent away from their intended base, the ship was trapped and then crushed in ice. It took them 17 months, but they made it back. This is a gripping, first-hand account of their trials and tribulations.



Li, Moying. **Snow Falling in Spring: Coming of Age in China During the Cultural Revolution**

When the Cultural Revolution swept through China, Moying Li was just twelve years old. Studying at a prestigious private school, her world turned topsy-turvy. Her school headmaster is beaten, her grandmother humiliated, and her father and all his books are taken away. Follow Moying Li as she tries to make sense of her new world.



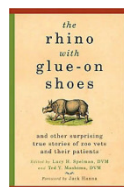
Swanson, James L. **Chasing Lincoln's Killer**

An historical thriller recounting the 12-day search for Lincoln's assassin. This young adult version of Swanson's bestselling *Manhunt*, is chock full of period photographs and dialogue that is said to come from original sources.



Sedaris, David. **Me Talk Pretty Some Day**

These are scathing, hilarious vignettes of Sedaris' life. Written in a dead-pan tone, his observations of his wacky family, friends and acquaintances are very entertaining. All of Sedaris' books are worth reading!



Spelman, Lucy H. & Ted Y. Mashima (editors). **The Rhino with Glue-On Shoes**

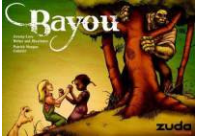
Zoo veterinarians write about their patients. A goldfish who receives cancer treatment, dung beetles with mites, a giraffe with an injured leg and a homesick eel are just a few examples. Prepare to be charmed.

Graphic Novels and Hands-On



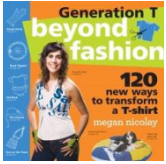
Abadzis, Nick. **Laika**

Laika is no ordinary dog—she started out as an abandoned puppy who grew up to become Earth's first space traveler. This is her journey. Warning: a little sad.



Love, Jeremy. **Bayou**

Bayou is a benevolent, blues singing, swamp monster who helps Lee Wagstaff as she tries to save her dad, a black sharecropper in the depression-era town of Charon, Mississippi who is accused of kidnapping Lily Westmoreland, Lee's white playmate. There is now a *Bayou* Vol. 2 out!



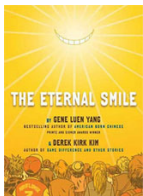
Nicolay, Megan. **Generation T: Beyond Fashion: 120 New Ways to Transform a T-Shirt**

Have some old T-shirts sitting in your drawer? Make something new and cool out of them!



Wood, Don. **Into the Volcano**

Sumno and Duffy have to go help their aunt who lives on a volcanic island. Soon they find themselves on an expedition which just happens to be in the direct path of an erupting volcano!



Yang, Gene Luen & Derek Kirk Kim. **The Eternal Smile: Three Stories**

Story #1: A prince who defeats his greatest enemy only to discover that maybe his world is not what it had seemed. Story #2: A frog who finds that just being a frog might be the way to go. Story #3: A woman who receives an email from Prince Henry of Nigeria asking for a loan to help save his family.

Classics

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

The Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas

The Hunchback of Notre Dame by Victor Hugo

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson

The Lord of the Rings series by J.R.R. Tolkien

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne

War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells

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LOVE, RAGAN, DENISE, MARIA AND EVA