

# MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING LIST 2023

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## ALGORITHM & BLUES

- Booked** by Kwame Alexander
- Coding Projects in Python** by DK Publishing
- Freestyle** by Gale Galligan
- Hummingbird** by Natalie Lloyd
- Junk Drawer Geometry** by Bobby Mercer
- Solving for M** by Jennifer Swender
- The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl** by Stacy McAnulty



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## BOND, HYDROGEN BOND

- Agent Most Wanted: The Never-Before-Told Story of the Most Dangerous Spy of World War II** by Sonia Purell
- Crash from Outer Space: Unraveling the Mystery of Flying Saucers, Alien Beings, and Roswell** by Candace Fleming
- Obie is Man Enough** by Schuyler Bailar
- Peace is a Chain Reaction: How WWII Japanese Balloon Bombs Brought People of Two Nations Together** by Tanya Lee Stone
- The First Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill George Washington** by Catherine Frank
- The Neptune Project** by Polly Holyoke
- The Woman Who Split the Atom: Lise Meitner** by Marissa Moss



## THEORY-EYED

- Ellen Outside the Lines** by A.J. Sass
- Hazel's Theory of Evolution** by Lisa Bigelow
- Ikenga** by Nnedi Okorafor
- Queen of the Tiles** by Hanna Alkaf
- The Science and Technology of Leonardo da Vinci** by Elizabeth Pagel-Hogan
- Two Degrees** by Alan Gratz

## MEAN OLD ACIDS

- Ambushed! The Assassination Plot Against President Garfield** by Gail Jarrow
- Drew LeClair Gets a Clue** by Katryn Bury
- The Ogress and the Orphans** by Kelly Regan Barnhill
- Thessaly: Witch for Hire** by Ted Naifeh

## CONTROL LOOPS & GROUPS

- Answers in the Pages** by David Levithan
- Overground Railroad: The Green Book and the Roots of Black Travel in America** by Candacy Taylor
- The First Rule of Climate Club** by Carrie Firestone
- The Insiders** by Mark Oshiro
- The Prettiest** by Bridgit Young
- The Tryout** by Christina Soontornvat
- The Usual Suspects** by Maurice Broaddus



## OXIDANTS HAPPEN

- American Murderer: The Parasite that Haunted the South** by Gail Jarrow
- Piecing Me Together** by Renee Watson
- The Deadliest Series** by Deborah Hopkinson
- Welcome to Feral: Little Town, Big Scares!** by Mark Fearing
- Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story of Brain Science** by John Fleischman

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The titles selected for this recommended summer reading list were chosen specifically for those students leaving grades 6, 7, and 8. Titles included are just a sampling of the books you may enjoy reading during this summer. Many of the authors on this list have written more than one book. Check out some of these titles, too!



## BOOTSTRAPS & LACE

- Anne of West Philly: A Modern Graphic Retelling of Anne of Green Gables** by Ivy Noelle Weir  
**Aviva vs the Dybbuk** by Mari Lowe  
**Fly Girls: The Daring American Women Pilots Who Helped Win WWII** by P. O'Connell Pearson  
**Gamer Girls: 25 Women Who Built the Video Game Industry** by Mary Kenny  
**Ride On** by Faith Hicks  
**The Outlaws Scarlett and Browne** by Jonathan Stroud  
**The Wonders We Seek: Thirty Incredible Muslims Who Helped Shape the World** by Saadia Faruqi



## TRUTH HERTZ

- Allies: Real Talk about Showing Up, Screwing Up and Trying Again** ed. Dana Alison  
**Dream, Annie, Dream** by Waka Brown  
**Falling Short** by Ernesto Cisneros  
**Muhammad Najem, War Reporter** by Muhammad Najem  
**The Woman in the Woods and Other North American Stories (Cautionary Fables And Fairy Tales, Book 5)** ed. Kate Ashwin  
**What the Fact?** by Seema Yasmin  
**Worser** by Jennifer Ziegler

## YOU CONDUIT!

- Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants** by Monique Gray Smith  
**How to Build a Human in Seven Evolutionary Steps** by Pamela S. Turner  
**Needle and Thread** by David Pinkney  
**Piece by Piece: How I Built My Life** by David Aguilar  
**Rethink the Internet: How to Make the Digital World a Lot Less Sucky** by Trisha Prabhu  
**The Henna Wars** by Adiba Jaigirdar  
**The Mars Challenge** by Alison Wilgus  
**The Race of the Century: The Battle to Break the Four Minute Mile** by Neal Bascomb  
**This Book Will (Help) Cool the Climate: 50 Ways to Cut Pollution and Protect our Planet!** by Isabel Thomas

## MEET CUTE

- A Taste for Love** by Jennifer Yen  
**Folding Tech: Using Origami and Nature to Revolutionize Technology** by Karen Latchana Kenney  
**Long Live the Pumpkin Queen** by Shea Ernshaw  
**She Drives Me Crazy** by Kelly Quindlen  
**The Hanmoji Handbook: Your Guide to the Chinese Language Through Emoji** by Jason Li  
**The Silence Between Us** by Alison Gervais



## AU-SOME

- I Am the Night Sky** by Next Wave Muslim Initiative  
**I Rise** by Marie Arnold  
**Inheritance: A Visual Poem** by Elizabeth Acevedo  
**Star Child** by Ibi Aanu Zobi

## BLACK-EYED SUSAN NOMINEES: 6-8

- Attack of the Black Rectangles** by A. S. King  
**The Door of No Return** by Kwame Alexander  
**Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun** by Tola Okogwu  
**Pony** by R. J. Palacio  
**Rivals** by Tommy Greenwald  
**The Secret Battle of Evan Pao** by Wendy Wan-Long Shang  
**Troublemaker** by John Cho  
**Violets Are Blue** by Barbara Dee  
**When the World Was Ours** by Liz Kessler  
**Yonder** by Ali Standish

## BLACK-EYED SUSAN NOMINEES: GN 6-8

- Frieren: Beyond Journey's End, Book 1** by Kanehito Yamada, ill. by Tsukasa Abe  
**Frizzy** by Claribel A. Ortega, ill. by Rose Bousamra  
**The Golden Hour** by Niki Smith  
**Invisible** by Christina Diaz Gonzalez and Gabriela Epstein  
**Isla to Island** by Alexis Castellanos  
**Little Monarchs** by Jonathan Case  
**M is for Monster** by Talia Dutton  
**Treasure in the Lake** by Jason Pamment  
**Victory. Stand!: Raising My Fist for Justice** by Tommie Smith and Derrick Barnes, ill. by Dawud Anyabwile  
**The Well** by Jake Wyatt, ill. by Choo

