



Imagine Your Story

Middle School Summer Reading List 2020



Stronger Together

Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind an American Friendship	Freedman, Russell
Dear Sweet Pea	Murphy, Julie
The Stonewall Riots: Coming Out in the Streets	Pitman, Gayle E.
Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks	Reynolds, Jason
Stone River Crossing	Tingle, Tim
Stargazing	Wang, Jen

Sage Advice

Between The Lines	Grimes, Nikki
Dissenter on the Bench: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Life and Work	Ortiz, Victoria
A Velocity of Being: Letters to a Young Reader	Popova, Maria and Bedrick, Claudia
Survivors of the Holocaust: True Stories of Six Extraordinary Children	Whittingham, Zane

Worldbuilders

The Frame-Up	Macknight, Wendy McLeod
Akata Witch	Okorafor, Nnedi
Fighting for the Forest: How FDR's Civilian Conservation Corps Helped Save America	Pearson, P. O'Connell
The Moon Within	Salazar, Aida

Thud and Thunder

Bringing Down a President: The Watergate Scandal	Balis, Andrea
Begone the Raggedy Witches	Kiernan, Celine
The Perfect Horse: The Daring Rescue of Horses Kidnapped by Hitler	Letts, Elizabeth
Rules for Vanishing	Marshall, Kate Alice
Scarlett Hart: Monster Hunter	Sedgwick, Marcus

Personal Journey

The Line Tender	Allen, Kate
Becoming Emily: The Life of Emily Dickinson	Goddu, Krystyna
Wild Blues	Kephart, Beth
Komi Can't Communicate, vol. 1	Oda, Tomohito
Genesis Begins Again	Williams, Alicia

Developed by Howard County Public School Library Media Specialists and Children's Instruction and Research Staff from the Howard County Library System.

Between Worlds

Count Me In	Bajaj, Varsha
I Was Their American Dream	Gharib, Malaka
Indian No More	McManis, Charlene Willing
It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime: Stories From a South African Childhood; Adapted For Young Readers	Noah, Trevor

Weird and Wonderful

The Class	Dowell, Frances O'Roark
Sal & Gabi Break the Universe	Hernandez, Carlos
The Book of Boy	Murdock, Catherine Gilbert
The Okay Witch	Steinkellner, Emma
Guts	Telgemeier, Raina

Quests and Crossings

The Crossover: Graphic novel	Alexander, Kwame and Dawud Anyabwile
A Place to Belong	Kadohata, Cynthia
The Magnificent Migration: On Safari with Africa's Last Great Herds	Montgomery, Sy
Martin and Bobby: A Journey Toward Justice	Murphy, Claire Rudolf
Other Words for Home	Warga, Jasmine

Trolls and Troublemakers

Caught!: Nabbing History's Most Wanted	Bragg, Georgia
Trouble Maker for Justice: The Story of Bayard Rustin The Man Behind the March on Washington	Houtman, Jacqueline
Loki: Where Mischief Lies	Lee, Mackenzi
A Good Kind of Trouble	Ramee, Lisa Moore
Hector: A Boy, a Protest, and the Photograph that Changed Apartheid	Wright, Adrienne

Forged and Fabricated

The Complete Cookbook for Young Chefs	America's Test Kitchen
The Book of Ingeniously Daring Chemistry: 24 Experiments for Young Scientists	Connolly, Sean
Maker Comics series	Macmillan Publishing
Save the Crash-test Dummies	Swanson, Jennifer
The Renaissance Artists: With History Projects for Kids	Taylor, Diane C.

Heroes and Hiccups

Each Tiny Spark	Cartaya, Pablo
Training Camp	King, Wesley
Undaunted: The Wild Life of Birute Mary Galdikas and Her Fearless Quest to Save Orangutans	Silvey, Anita
Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles: America's First Black Paratroopers	Stone, Tanya Lee

Secrets Revealed

The Poison Eaters: Fighting Danger and Fraud in our Food and Drugs	Jarrow, Gail
Crossing on Time: Steam Engines, Fast Ships, and a Journey to the New World	Macaulay, David
Killer Style: How Fashion Has Injured, Maimed, & Murdered through History	McMahon, Serah-Marie
Fakers: An Insiders Guide to Cons, Hoaxes, and Scams	Wood, H.P.

Black-eyed Susan Nominees Grades 6-9

The Missing Piece of Charlie O'Reilly	Ansari, Rebecca
Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish	Cartaya, Pablo
Maybe He Just Likes You	Dee, Barbara
Journey of the Pale Bear	Fletcher, Susan
The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise	Gemeinhart, Dan
Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation	Gibbs, Stuart
Allies	Gratz, Alan
The Dollar Kids	Jacobson, Jennifer
All the Impossible Things	Lackey, Lindsay
It Wasn't Me	Levy, Dana Alison



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!

Monsters and Minions

A Royal Guide to Monster Slaying	Armstrong, Kelley
Monstrous: The Lore, Gore, and Science Behind Your Favorite Monsters	Beccia, Carlyn
Mummies Exposed!	Hollihan, Kerrie Logan
The Big Book of Monsters: The Creepiest Creatures from Classic Literature	Johnson, Hal
The Owls Have Come to Take Us Away	Smith, Ronald L.

Sword and Scandal

Beware the Night	Fleck, Jessika
Pirate Queen: The Legend of Grace O'Malley	Lee, Tony
Dragon Pearl	Lee, Yoon Ha
Queen of the Sea	Meconis, Dylan

The Gauntlet

New Kid	Craft, Jerry
Torpedoed: The True Story of the World War II Sinking of 'The Children's Ship'	Heiligman, Deborah
The Year I Didn't Eat	Pollen, Samuel
Born to Fly: The First Women's Air Race Across America	Sheinkin, Steve
Deadly Aim: The Civil War Story of Michigan's Anishinaabe Sharpshooters	Walker, Sally M.

Black-eyed Susan Graphic Novels Grades 6-9

Teen Titans: Raven	Garcia, Kami
Grimoire Noir	Greentea, Vera
Almost American Girl	Ha, Robin
Persephone	Locatelli-Kournwsky, Loic
Operatic	Macleary, Kyo
White Bird: A Wonder Story	Palacio, R. J.
Animus	Revoy, Antoine
Witch Hat Atelier, volume 1	Shirahama, Kamome
Sleepless, volume 1	Vaughn, Sarah
Mooncakes	Walker, Suzanne

All images are copyrighted
<http://www.hcpss.org/adademics/library-media>