

FLHS Summer Reading 2016

Summer is a great time to relax with a new book. While we know that you will read many books this summer, you are required to read at least one book from the list below. These titles are student and staff favorites, and reflect a wide range of topics and interests. AP students may fulfill the summer reading requirement with their assigned AP book.

Stop by the FLHS library to check out books before vacation and return them in September. You may also download e-books and audiobooks any time at <http://overdrive.fairfieldschools.org/>.

The Fairfield Public Library supports our summer reading programs. They have many titles available and are open all summer for easy access. Check their OverDrive collection for titles as well!

When you return to school in the fall, you will participate in an activity that will allow you to share one of the books that you read with your peers. Your teacher will share the details with you in the first few days of school.

Happy Reading – Enjoy your summer!

Title	Author	Genre	Description
<i>100 Sideways Miles</i>	Smith, Andrew	Realistic Fiction	Finn Easton sees the world through miles instead of minutes. It's how he makes sense of the world, and how he tries to convince himself that he's a real boy and not just a character in his father's bestselling cult-classic book. Finn has two things going for him: his best friend, the possibly-insane-but-definitely-excellent Cade Hernandez, and Julia Bishop, the first girl he's ever loved.
<i>5th Wave, The (Series)</i>	Yancey, Rick	Science Fiction	Cassie Sullivan, the survivor of an alien invasion, must rescue her young brother from the enemy with help from a boy who may be one of them.
<i>A Time to Dance, A</i>	Venkatraman, Padma	Realistic Fiction	In India, a girl who excels at Bharatanatyam dance refuses to give up after losing a leg in an accident.
<i>All American Boys</i>	Kiely, Brendan	Realistic Fiction	When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend.
<i>All The Light We Cannot See</i>	Doerr, Anthony	Historical Fiction	A blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.
<i>All the Truth that's in Me</i>	Berry, Julie	Historical Fiction	Judith can't speak. But when her close-knit community of Roswell Station is attacked by enemies, Judith is forced to choose: continue to live in silence, or recover her voice.
<i>Americanah</i>	Adichie, Chimamanda	Realistic Fiction	A young woman from Nigeria leaves behind her home and her first love to start a new life in America, only to find her dreams are not all she expected.

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<i>And the Mountains Echoed</i>	Hosseni, Khaled	Realistic Fiction	In 1952 Afghanistan, Abdullah and his sister Pari live with their father and step-mother in the small village of Shadbagh. Their father, Saboor, is constantly in search of work and they struggle together through poverty and brutal winters.
<i>Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe</i>	Saenz, Benjamin Alire	Realistic Fiction	Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before.
<i>Becoming Maria</i>	Manzano, Sonia	Non-Fiction	Set in the 1950s in the Bronx, this is the story of a girl with a dream. Emmy award-winning actress and writer Sonia Manzano plunges us into the daily lives of a Latino family that is loving--and troubled.
<i>Behind the Beautiful Forevers</i>	Boo, Katherine	Non-Fiction	Examines and provides real-life accounts of urban poor families living in Bombay, India.
<i>Being Henry David</i>	Armistead, Cal	Realistic Fiction	Seventeen-year-old 'Hank,' who can't remember his identity, finds himself in Penn Station with a copy of Thoreau's Walden as his only possession and must figure out where he's from and why he ran away.
<i>Beyond Magenta Transgender Teens Speak Out</i>	Kuklin, Susan	Non-Fiction	Author and photographer Susan Kuklin met and interviewed six transgender or gender-neutral young adults and used her considerable skills to represent them thoughtfully and respectfully before, during, and after their personal acknowledgment of gender preference.
<i>Bone Gap</i>	Ruby, Laura	Fantasy	Eighteen-year-old Finn, an outsider in his quiet Midwestern town, is the only witness to the abduction of town favorite Roza, but his inability to distinguish between faces makes it difficult for him to help with the investigation, and subjects him to even more ridicule and bullying.
<i>Boy 21</i>	Quick, Matthew	Realistic Fiction	Finley, an unnaturally quiet boy who is the only white player on his high school's varsity basketball team, lives in a dismal Pennsylvania town that is ruled by the Irish mob. When his coach asks him to mentor a troubled African American student who has transferred there from an elite private school in California, he finds that they have a lot in common in spite of their apparent differences.
<i>Boys in the Boat, The (Adult and YA version)</i>	Brown, Daniel	Non-Fiction	Out of the depths of the Great Depression comes the astonishing tale of nine working-class boys from the American West who at the 1936 Olympics showed the world what true grit really meant. With rowers who were the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew was never expected to defeat the elite East Coast teams, yet they did, going on to shock the world by challenging the German boat rowing for Adolf Hitler.
<i>Counting By Sevens</i>	Sloan, Holly Goldberg	Realistic Fiction	Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family after her parents are killed in a car accident.
<i>Crossover, The</i>	Alexander Kwame	Realistic Fiction	Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.
<i>Cuckoo's Calling, The</i>	Galbraith, Robert	Mystery	After losing his leg to a land mine in Afghanistan, Cormoran Strike is barely scraping by as a private investigator. Strike is down to one client, and creditors are calling. He has also just broken up with his longtime girlfriend and is living in his office.
<i>Death-Struck Year, A</i>	Lucier Makiia	Historical Fiction	When the Spanish influenza epidemic reaches Portland, Oregon, in 1918, seventeen-year-old Cleo leaves behind the comfort of her boarding school to work for the Red Cross.
<i>Deep Down Dark</i>	Tobar, Hector	Non-Fiction	Presents a firsthand, official account of the 2010 survival story involving thirty-three miners who were trapped for a record sixty-nine days in a Chilean mine.

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<i>Devil in the White City, The</i>	Larson, Erik	Non-Fiction	Tells the parallel stories of Daniel Burnham, the main architect of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, and serial killer Henry H. Holmes, discussing the challenges Burnham faced in creating the hugely successful White City, and looking at how Holmes used the opportunities afforded by the fair to lure victims to their deaths.
<i>Doubt Factory, The</i>	Bacigalupi, Paolo	Mystery	Moses Cruz, leader of a diverse group of orphan teens, stalks then kidnaps Alix Banks in hopes that she'll help expose her father's corrupt PR firm. At times, this conspiracy thriller veers away from the action and toward moralism, but Bacigalupi excels at the fully rounded characterization of his two narrators.
<i>Eleanor and Park</i>	Rowell, Rainbow	Contemporary Fiction	Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits--smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.
<i>Family Romanov, The</i>	Fleming, Candace	Non-Fiction	For readers who regard history as dull, Fleming's extraordinary book is proof positive that, on the contrary, it is endlessly fascinating, absorbing as any novel, and the stuff of an altogether memorable reading experience.
<i>Forgive Me, Leonard Peacock</i>	Quick, Matthew	Realistic Fiction	A day in the life of a suicidal teen boy saying good-bye to the four people who matter most to him.
<i>Gabi, a Girl in Pieces</i>	Quintero, Isabel	Realistic Fiction	Sixteen-year-old Gabi Hernandez chronicles her senior year in high school as she copes with her friend Cindy's pregnancy, her friend Sebastian's coming out, her father's meth habit, her own cravings for food and cute boys, and especially, the poetry that helps forge her identity.
<i>How It Went Down</i>	Magoon, Kekla	Realistic Fiction	When sixteen-year-old Tariq Johnson is shot to death, his community is thrown into an uproar because Tariq was black and the shooter, Jack Franklin, is white, and in the aftermath everyone has something to say, but no two accounts of the events agree.
<i>If You Find Me</i>	Murdoch, Emily	Realistic Fiction	Living in a broken-down camper hidden in a forest, fifteen year-old Carey and her younger sister, Jenessa, just have each other. After their mentally ill mother disappears for good and they are put into foster care, Carey must face the truth of why her mother abducted her ten years ago, and find the reason why Jenessa has not spoken in over a year.
<i>I'll Give You the Sun</i>	Nelson, Jandy	Realistic Fiction	Artistically gifted twins, Jude and Noah, tell their compelling family story in rich alternating voices.
<i>Impossible Knife of Memory, The</i>	Anderson, Laurie Halse	Realistic Fiction	Hayley Kincaid and her father move back to their hometown to try a "normal" life, but the horrors he saw in the Iraq War threaten to destroy their lives.
<i>In the Shadows of Blackbirds</i>	Winters, Cat	Mystery	In San Diego in 1918, as deadly influenza and World War I take their toll, sixteen-year-old Mary Shelley Black watches desperate mourners flock to séances and spirit photographers for comfort. Despite her scientific leanings, Mary must consider if ghosts are real when her first love, killed in battle, returns.
<i>Jackaby</i>	Ritter, William	Mystery	Newly arrived in 1892 New England, Abigail Rook becomes assistant to R. F. Jackaby, an investigator of the unexplained with the ability to see supernatural beings, and she helps him delve into a case of serial murder which, Jackaby is convinced, is due to a nonhuman creature.
<i>Kissing in America</i>	Rabb, Margo	Realistic Fiction	When Eva's boyfriend Will moves to Los Angeles, Eva ropes best friend Annie into a cross-country bus trip to compete on Smartest Girl in America. (Eva's mother thinks the game show, not Will, is the motivation for the trip.) A lineup of friends and meddling relatives adds humor and depth beyond the romance plot, giving Eva a chance to repair her relationships.

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<i>Lock Artist, The</i>	Hamilton, Steve	Mystery	Marked by tragedy, traumatized at the age of eight, Michael, now eighteen, is no ordinary young man. Besides not uttering a single word in ten years, he discovers the one thing he can somehow do better than anyone else. Whether it's a locked door without a key, a padlock with no combination, or even an eight-hundred pound safe ... he can open them all.
<i>Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend</i>	Dicks, Matthew	Realistic Fiction	Max Delaney has Asperger's and an imaginary friend named Budo. Budo defends Max from bullies in school and fears the day when Max will stop believing in him.
<i>Mosquitoland</i>	Arnold, David	Realistic Fiction	When she learns that her mother is sick in Ohio, Mim confronts her demons on a thousand-mile odyssey from Mississippi that redefines her notions of love, loyalty, and what it means to be sane.
<i>Most Dangerous</i>	Sheinkin, Steve	Non-Fiction	The story of Daniel Ellsberg and his decision to steal and publish secret documents about America's involvement in the Vietnam War.
<i>Nazi Hunters, The</i>	Bascomb, Neal	Non-Fiction	In 1945, at the end of World War II, Adolf Eichmann, the head of operations for the Nazis' Final Solution, walked into the mountains of Germany and vanished from view. Sixteen years later, an elite team of spies captured him at a bus stop in Argentina and smuggled him to Israel, resulting in one of the century's most important trials -- one that cemented the Holocaust in the public imagination.
<i>New Kids, The</i>	Hauser, Brooke	Non-Fiction	Freelance writer Hauser tracks the staff and students at the International High School at Prospect Heights in Brooklyn, N.Y., providing their personal histories as well as their day-to-day experiences.
<i>Nightingale, The</i>	Hannah, Kristin	Historical Fiction	The Nightingale tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France--a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women.; It is a novel for everyone, a novel for a lifetime.
<i>Noggin</i>	Whaley, John Corey	Science Fiction	After dying at age sixteen, Travis Coates' head was removed and frozen for five years before being attached to another body, and now the old Travis and the new must find a way to coexist while figuring out changes in his relationships.
<i>Ocean at the End of the Lane, The</i>	Gaiman, Neil	Fantasy	When a middle-aged man returns to his childhood home in Sussex, England, for a funeral he remembers frightening childhood memories relating to the neighbor girl who promised to protect him from the darkness unleashed by a suicide at the pond at the end of their street.
<i>Orphan Train, The</i>	Kline, Christina Baker	Historical Fiction	When seventeen-year-old Molly Ayer is sent to perform community service at elderly Vivian Daly's home in order to avoid juvenile hall, she discovers that the two are very much alike, despite the vast age difference.
<i>Other Wes Moore, The</i>	Moore, Wes	Memoir/ Biography	Two kids with the same name lived in the same decaying city. One went on to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated combat veteran, White House Fellow, and business leader. The other is serving a life sentence in prison. Here is the story of two boys and the journey of a generation.
<i>Out of Nowhere</i>	Padian, Maria	Sports	Performing community service for pulling a stupid prank against a rival high school, soccer star Tom tutors a Somali refugee with soccer dreams of his own.

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<i>Panic</i>	Oliver, Lauren	Mystery	In a small town where factory closures laid off 40 percent of the population, students are understandably concerned about financial security, and Panic awards the ultimate winner a sizable cash jackpot gathered from mandatory contributions from all high-school students. Participants are judged on physically and mentally challenging dares that culminate in a game of chicken called The Joust.
<i>Popular</i>	Van Wagenen, Maya	Memoir/ Biography	Stuck at the bottom of the social ladder at school, Maya Van Wagenen decided to begin a unique experiment: spend the school year following a 1950s popularity guide, written by former teen model Betty Cornell. The results are painful, funny, and include an unexpected meeting with Betty Cornell herself.
<i>Pretty Girl-13</i>	Coley, Liz	Mystery	Sixteen-year-old Angie finds herself in her neighborhood with no recollection of her abduction or the three years that have passed since, until alternate personalities start telling her their stories through letters and recordings.
<i>Pure (Series)</i>	Baggott, Julia	Science Fiction	In a post-apocalyptic world, Pressia, a sixteen-year-old survivor with a doll's head fused onto her left hand meets Partridge, a "Pure" dome-dweller who is searching for his mother, sure that she has survived the cataclysm.
<i>Queen of the Tearling, The</i>	Johansen, Erika	Fantasy	Nineteen-year-old Kelsea Raleigh, a young princess who was raised in hiding after the death of her mother, must claim her throne, learn to become a queen, and combat a malevolent sorceress in an epic battle between light and darkness with the help of her loyal soldiers and the Tear sapphire, a jewel of immense power and magic.
<i>Ready Player One</i>	Cline, Ernest	Science Fiction	In the year 2044, Wade Watts, like the rest of humanity, chooses to escape reality and spends his waking hours in the limitless, utopian virtual world of the OASIS. When Wade stumbles upon the first of the fiendish puzzles set up by OASIS creator, James Halliday, he finds he must compete with thousands of others--including those willing to commit murder--in order to claim a prize of massive fortune.
<i>Red Queen</i>	Aveyard, Victoria	Fantasy	In a world divided by blood--those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities--seventeen-year-old Mare, a Red, discovers she has an ability of her own. To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess and betroths her to one of his own sons. But Mare risks everything and uses her new position to help the Scarlet Guard--a growing Red rebellion--even as her heart tugs her in an impossible direction.
<i>Rikers High</i>	Volponi, Paul	Realistic Fiction	Arrested on a minor offense, a New York City teenager attends high school in the jail facility on Rikers Island while waiting for his case to go to court.
<i>Rotters</i>	Kraus, Daniel	Mystery	Sixteen-year-old Joey's life takes a very strange turn when his mother's tragic death forces him to move from Chicago to rural Iowa with the father he has never known, and who is the town pariah.
<i>Saint Anything</i>	Dessen, Sarah	Realistic Fiction	After a long downward spiral into substance abuse, Sydney's brother Peyton--still a golden boy in their mother's eyes--is in jail. Starting at a new school, Sydney is befriended by kind, free-spirited Layla; Layla's handsome brother Mac; and their ragtag group of friends, whose support helps Sydney confront feelings of guilt and betrayal.
<i>Salt to the Sea</i>	Sepetys, Ruta	Historical Fiction	World War II is drawing to a close in East Prussia and thousands of refugees are on a desperate trek toward freedom, many with something to hide. Among them are Joana, Emilia, and Florian, whose paths converge en route to the ship that promises salvation, the Wilhelm Gustloff. Forced by circumstance to unite, the three find their strength, courage, and trust in each other tested with each step closer to safety.

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<i>Salvage the Bones</i>	Ward, Jesmyn	Historical Fiction	Pregnant fifteen-year-old Esch and her family live in Bois Sauvage, Mississippi, which puts them in the path of Hurricane Katrina, and as they try to stock the small amount of food they have in preparation for the disaster, the family's love for each other will be their only hope for survival.
<i>Scar Boys, The</i>	Vlahos, Len	Realistic Fiction	Written as a college admission essay, eighteen-year-old Harry Jones recounts a childhood defined by the hideous scars he hid behind, and how forming a band brought self-confidence, friendship, and his first kiss.
<i>Scorpio Races, The</i>	Stiefvater, Maggie	Fantasy	Nineteen-year-old returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl ever to ride in the annual Scorpio Races, both trying to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line.
<i>Six of Crows</i>	Bardugo, Leigh	Fantasy	Ketterdam: a bustling hub of international trade where anything can be had for the right price--and no one knows that better than criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker. Kaz is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams.
<i>Skink: No Surrender</i>	Hiaasen, Carl	Mystery	With the help of an eccentric ex-governor, a teenaged boy searches for his missing cousin in the Florida wilds.
<i>Spare Parts</i>	Davis, Joshua	Non-Fiction	In 2004, four Latino teenagers arrived at the National Underwater Robotics Competition at the University of California, Santa Barbara. They were born in Mexico but raised in Phoenix, Arizona, where they attended an underfunded, beat-up public high school. No one had ever suggested to Oscar, Cristian, Luis, or Lorenzo that they might amount to much-but two inspiring science teachers had convinced them that four impoverished, undocumented kids from the desert who had never even seen the ocean should try to build an underwater robot.
<i>Splintered (Series)</i>	Howard, AG	Fantasy	Alyssa Gardner hears the whispers of bugs and flowers—precisely the affliction that landed her mother in a mental hospital years before. This family curse stretches back to her ancestor Alice Liddell, the real-life inspiration for Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Alyssa might be crazy, but she manages to keep it together. For now
<i>Sure Signs of Crazy</i>	Harrington, Karen	Realistic Fiction	Twelve-year-old Sarah writes letters to her hero, Atticus Finch of "To Kill a Mockingbird," for help understanding her mentally ill mother, her first real crush, and life in her small Texas town, all in the course of one momentous summer.
<i>Swagger</i>	Deuker, Carl	Realistic Fiction	High school senior point guard Jonas Dolan is on the fast track to a basketball career until an unthinkable choice puts his future on the line.
<i>Sway</i>	Spears, Kat	Realistic Fiction	Jesse is good at making things happen--hence his nickname, "Sway." But when he's enlisted to persuade the perfect girl to fall for a seriously imperfect guy, he might have reached the limits of his persuasive powers. This debut, a modern-day Cyrano de Bergerac story, is bolstered by snappy writing and strong, diverse supporting characters.
<i>Symphony for the City of the Dead</i>	Anderson, M.T.	Non-Fiction	This is the true story of a city under siege: the triumph of bravery and defiance in the face of terrifying odds. It is also a look at the power—and layered meaning—of music in beleaguered lives. Symphony for the City of the Dead is a masterwork thrillingly told and impeccably researched.
<i>Taking Flight</i>	DePrince, Michaela	Non-fiction	The autobiography of Michaela DePrince, who lived the first few years of her life in war-torn Sierra Leone until being adopted by an American family. Now seventeen, she is one of the premiere ballerinas in the United States.
<i>Tell the Wolves I'm Home</i>	Brunt, Carol	Realistic Fiction	Her world upended by the death of a beloved artist uncle who was the only person that understood her, fourteen-year-old June is mailed a teapot by her uncle's grieving friend, with whom she forges a poignant relationship.

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<i>Terrible Typhoid Mary</i>	Campbell, Susan	Memoir/ Biography	This riveting biography of Mary Mallon looks beyond the tabloid scandal of Mary's controversial life. How she was treated by medical and legal officials reveals a lesser-known story of human and constitutional rights, entangled with the science of pathology and enduring questions about who Mary Mallon really was.
<i>These Shallow Graves</i>	Donnelly, Jennifer	Mystery	A young woman in nineteenth-century New York City must struggle against gender and class boundaries when her father is found dead of a supposed suicide, and she believes there is more than meets the eye, so in order to uncover the truth she will have to decide how much she is willing to risk and lose.
<i>This Song will Save Your Life</i>	Sales, Leila	Realistic Fiction	Nearly a year after a failed suicide attempt, sixteen-year-old Elise discovers that she has the passion, and the talent, to be a disc jockey.
<i>This Way Home</i>	Moore, Wes	Realistic Fiction	The summer before his senior year of high school, Elijah's got one dream: having his long-lost dad see him play in the nationally broadcast local basketball championship. He gets halfway there—playing in the big game with his two best friends, Michael and Dylan—but there's a hitch. Michael scores their team a sponsorship-type deal with a local gang, but when the boys renege on their deal at the last minute, one of their own is gunned down.
<i>Those Who Wish Me Dead</i>	Koryta, Michael	Mystery	After fourteen-year old Jace Wilson witnesses a brutal murder, he's plunged into a new life, issued a false identity, and hidden in a wilderness-survival program for troubled teens. The plan is to get Jace off the grid while the police find the two killers. And so the nightmare begins.
<i>Throne of Glass</i> <i>(Series)</i>	Maas, Sarah	Fantasy	After she has served a year of hard labor in the salt mines of Endovier for her crimes, Crown Prince Dorian offers eighteen-year-old assassin Celaena Sardothien her freedom on the condition that she act as his champion in a competition to find a new royal assassin.
<i>Time to Dance, A</i>	Venkatraman, Padma	Realistic Fiction	In India, a girl who excels at Bharatanatyam dance refuses to give up after losing a leg in an accident.
<i>Unbecoming of Mara Dyer, The</i>	Hodkin, Michelle	Realistic Fiction	Seventeen-year-old Mara cannot remember the accident that took the lives of three of her friends but, after moving from Rhode Island to Florida, finding love with Noah, and more deaths, she realizes uncovering something buried in her memory might save her family and her future.
<i>Unbroken</i> <i>(Adult or YA adaptation)</i>	Hillenbrand, Laura	Non-Fiction	A biography of Olympic runner and World War II bombardier, Louis Zamperini, who had been rambunctious in childhood before succeeding in track and eventually serving in the military, which led to a trial in which he was forced to find a way to survive in the open ocean after being shot down.
<i>Unfinished Life of Addison Stone, The</i>	Griffin, Adele	Mystery	When a celebrated New York City teenager, known for her subversive street art, mysteriously dies, her life is examined in a series of interviews with her parents, friends, boyfriends, mentors, and critics.
<i>Unraveling of Mercy Louis, The</i>	Parssinen, Keija	Mystery	In this intricate novel of psychological suspense, a chilling discovery near the high school ignites a witch hunt in a southeast Texas refinery town, unearthing communal and family secrets that threaten the lives of the town's girls.
<i>Walk on Earth a Stranger</i>	Carson, Rae	Historical Fiction	Lee Westfall, a young woman with the magical ability to sense the presence of gold, must flee her home to avoid people who would abuse her powers. When her best friend Jefferson heads out across Gold Rush-era America to stake his claim, she disguises herself as a boy and sets out on her own dangerous journey.

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<i>We Were Liars</i>	Lockhart, E.	Mystery	Spending the summers on her family's private island off the coast of Massachusetts with her cousins and a special boy named Gat, teenaged Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer.
<i>Weight of Feathers, The</i>	McLemore, Anna-Marie	Fantasy	Although Lace Paloma knows all about the feud between the Palomas and the Corbeaus, she finds herself falling for Cluck Corbeau when he saves her life while both families are performing in the same town.
<i>Whistling Past The Graveyard</i>	Crandall, Susan	Historical Fiction	In the summer of 1963, nine-year-old Starla Claudelle runs away from her strict grandmother's Mississippi home. Starla's destination is Nashville, where her mother went to become a famous singer, abandoning Starla when she was three. Walking a lonely country road, Starla accepts a ride from Eula, a black woman traveling alone with a white baby. Now, on the road trip that will change her life forever, Starla sees for the first time life as it really is--as she reaches for a dream of how it could one day be.
<i>Wild</i>	Strayed, Cheryl	Non-Fiction	Cheryl Strayed recounts the impact of her mother's death on her life at age twenty-two and chronicles her experiences after she made the impulsive decision to hike the Pacific Crest Trail from the Mojave Desert all the way into Washington State.
<i>Winger</i>	Smith, Andrew	Realistic Fiction	Two years younger than his classmates at a prestigious boarding school, fourteen-year-old Ryan Dean West grapples with living in the dorm for troublemakers, falling for his female best friend who thinks of him as just a kid, and playing wing on the Varsity rugby team with some of his frightening new dorm-mates.
<i>Young Elites, The</i>	Lu, Marie	Fantasy	Adelina Amouteru survived the blood fever, a deadly illness that killed many, but left others with strange markings and supernatural powers. Cast out by her family, Adelina joins the secret society of the Young Elites and discovers her own dangerous abilities.

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