

Book Ideas: Suggested Summer Reading for Incoming 6th Grade

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Before We Were Free by Julia Alvarez (historical fiction)

Dealing With Dragons by Patricia C. Wrede (fantasy)

Among the Hidden, by Margaret Peterson Haddix (science fiction)

Only You Can Save Mankind by Terry Pratchett (science fiction)

The Girls by Amy Goldman Koss (realistic fiction)

Fire Pony by Rodman Philbrick (realistic fiction)

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin (mystery)

Some Christian titles for young adults:

The Healer's Apprentice by Melanie Dickerson (fiction)

Waterfall by Lisa Tawn Bergren (fiction)

First Date by Krista McGee (fiction)

The Merchant's Daughter by Melanie Dickerson (fiction)

The Chronicles of Narnia series by C.S. Lewis (fantasy)

A Young Woman's Guide to Discovering Her Bible by Jim George (nonfiction)

A Young Man's Guide to Discovering His Bible by Jim George (nonfiction)

Kisses From Katie: A Story of Relentless Love and Redemption by Katie J. Davis (nonfiction)

Character Concert by Craig W. Dressler (nonfiction)

Do Hard Things: A Teenage Rebellion Against Low Expectations by Alex Harris

Hidden Struggles: Purity, God, Guys and Life by Rachel Hamilton

Money: I Think We've Missed the Point by Cole Ryan

Book Ideas: Suggested Summer Reading for Incoming 7th Grade

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Cracker: The Best Dog in Vietnam by Cynthia Kadohata (historical fiction)

Jip by Jacqueline Kelly (historical fiction)

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer (fantasy)

City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau (fantasy)

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan (fantasy)

The 13th Reality: The Journal of Curious Letters by James Dashner (science fiction)

The Time Machine by H.G. Wells (science fiction)

Hoot by Carol Hiaasen (realistic fiction)

My One Hundred Adventures by Polly Horvath (realistic fiction)

No More Dead Dogs by Gordon Korman (realistic fiction)

Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief by Wendelin Van Draanen (mystery)

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi (adventure)

Call of the Wild by Jack London (adventure)

Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz (adventure)

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli (adventure)

Satchel Paige: Striking Out Jim Crow by James Sturm (graphic novel)

An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic by Jim Murphy (nonfiction)

My Life in Dog Years by Gary Paulsen (nonfiction)

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Before We Were Free by Julia Alvarez (historical fiction)
Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson (historical fiction)
A Tale Dark and Grimm by Adam Gidwitz (fantasy)
Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements (science fiction)
Hidden Talents by David Lubar (science fiction)
Pieces of Georgia by Jennifer Bryant (realistic fiction)
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech (realistic fiction)
Heat by Mike Lupica (realistic fiction)
Gilda Joyce, Psychic Investigator by Jennifer Allison (mystery)
Shakespeare's Secret by Elise Broach (mystery)
The Vengeance of the Witch-Finder by John Bellairs (horror)
Darkness Creeping: Twenty Twisted Tales by Neal Shusterman (horror)
The Girl Who Could Fly by Victoria Forester (adventure)
Houdini: the Handcuff King by Jason Lutes & Nick Bertozzi (graphic novel)
The Arrival by Shaun Tan (graphic novel)
The Race to Save the Lord God Bird by Phillip Hoose (nonfiction)
Davy Crockett: His Own Story by Davy Crockett (nonfiction)
Flags of Our Fathers by James Bradley (nonfiction)

Some Christian titles for young adults:

Adam by Ted Dekker (fiction)
Out of the Silent Planet by C.S. Lewis (fiction)
The Healer's Apprentice by Melanie Dickerson (fiction)
Waterfall by Lisa Tawn Bergren (fiction)
First Date by Krista McGee (fiction)
The Merchant's Daughter by Melanie Dickerson (fiction)
The Chronicles of Narnia series by C.S. Lewis (fantasy)
A Young Woman's Guide to Discovering Her Bible by Jim George (nonfiction)
A Young Man's Guide to Discovering His Bible by Jim George (nonfiction)
Kisses From Katie: A Story of Relentless Love and Redemption by Katie J. Davis (nonfiction)
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Book Ideas: Suggested Summer Reading for Incoming Freshmen

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Alligator Bayou by Donna Napoli

Athletic Shorts by Chris Crutcher

Big Fish by Daniel Wallace

Breathing Underwater by Alex Flinn

Coraline by Neil Gaiman

Crossing Stones by Helen Frost

Dandelion Wine by Ray Bradbury

Driver's Ed by Caroline B. Cooney

Elsewhere by Gabrielle Zevin

First they Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers by Loung Ung

Icy Sparks by Gwyn Hyman Rubio

Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer

Liar by Justine Larbalestier

Make Lemonade by Virginia Euwer Wolff

October sky (aka Rocket Boys) by Homer Hickam

Soldier's Heart by Gary Paulson

Spies of Mississippi by Rick bowers

The Body of Christopher Creed by Carol Plum-Ucci

The Burn Journals by Brent Runyon

The Great Escape by Paul Brickhill

The Rag and Bone Shop by Robert Cormier

The Secret Hour by Scott Westerfeld

The Sledding Hill by Chris Crutcher

Some Christian titles for high school students:

The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

Tremendous Trifles by G.K. Chesterton

The Miracle Man by Morris Goodman

Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Spy by Eric Metaxas

Amazing Grace by Eric Metaxas

A Man for All Seasons by Robert Bolt

The Collected Short Stories of Flannery O'Conner by Flannery O'Conner

And the Word Came With Power by Joanne Shetler

How to Stay Christian in High School by Steven P. Gerali

Live Like a Jesus Freak: Spend Today As If It Were Your Last Paperback by DC Talk

"But Don't All Religions Lead to God?" by Michael Green

More Than a Carpenter by Josh D. McDowell

The Jesus I Never Knew by Philip Yancey

God's Will God's Best: For Your Life by Josh McDowell

Don't Just Stand There, Pray Something by Ronald Dunn

The Bible Jesus Read: Why the Old Testament Matters by Philip Yancey

Book Ideas: Suggested Summer Reading for Incoming Sophomores

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The Journals of Lewis and Clark by Meriwether Lewis (autobiography)
Never Die Easy: The Autobiography of Walter Payton by Walter Payton (autobiography)
Marco's Millions by William Sleator (fantasy)
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court by Mark Twain (fantasy)
Caramelo, Or Puro Cuento: A Novel by Sandra Cisneros (fiction)
The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath (fiction)
Look Homeward, Angel by Thomas Wolfe (fiction)
Ragtime by E.L. Doctorow (historical fiction)
The King Must Die by Mary Renault (historical fiction)
The List of Seven by Mark Frost (mystery & suspense)
The Moor: A Mary Russell Novel by Laurie R. King (mystery & suspense)
Clouds of Witness by Dorothy L. Sayers (mystery & suspense)
Fax From Sarajevo: A Story of Survival by Joe Kubert (nonfiction)
The Right Stuff by Tom Wolfe (nonfiction)
Hard Times by Charles Dickens (philosophy & social criticism)
The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka (philosophy & social criticism)
Cat's Cradle by Kurt Vonnegut (science fiction)
The Time Machine by H.G. Wells (science fiction)
Fair Ball: A Fan's Case for Baseball by Bob Costas (sports)
Hurricane: The Miraculous Journey of Rubin Carter by James s. Hirsch (sports)
Swimming to Antarctica: Tales of a Long Distance Swimmer by Lynne Cox (sports)

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Book Ideas: Suggested Summer Reading for Incoming Juniors

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White Fang by Jack London

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

Moby Dick by Herman Melville

The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway

A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway

For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway

The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway

East of Eden by John Steinbeck

This Side of Paradise by F. Scott Fitzgerald

All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque

Walden by Henry David Thoreau

Life on the Mississippi by Mark Twain

Pudd'nhead Wilson by Mark Twain

Not Without Laughter by Langston Hughes

Catch 22 by Joseph Heller

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Book Ideas: Suggested Summer Reading for Incoming Seniors

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British Works

The Turn of the Screw by Henry James

Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

Dubliners by James Joyce

1984 by George Orwell

The Importance of Being Ernest by Oscar Wilde

The Short Stories of Katherine Mansfield by Katherine Mansfield

The Power and the Glory by Graham Greene

Howard's End by E. M. Forster

Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare

Hamlet by William Shakespeare

World Works

The Complete Short Stories of Anton Chekov by Anton Chekov

Notes from the Underground by Fyodor Dostoyevsky

The Plague by Albert Camus

The Collected Poems of Pablo Neruda by Pablo Neruda

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