

GRADE 7 READING SELECTION LIST

Books are *listed* by the four **THEMES** for the upcoming 7th grade year. Again, choose one overall as your summer novel. To help you select a book, the grade level (year.month) has been listed next to several of the titles. Please be aware that some of the books may be more difficult than the grade level seems to indicate, depending on the author's use of dialect and other writing techniques. A librarian can help you make a selection, or you can consult the Young Adult Library Services Association:

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/sites/ala.org.yalsa/files/content/professionalttools/Handouts/ParentFlyer.pdf>

Note: If you are a student whose Individual Education Plan (IEP) requires an accommodation to this assignment, please contact the Assistant Principal in the Middle School Office.

Heroes

- Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan 6.1
- Sold by Patricia McCormick 4.8
- ******The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien 8.1
- Eragon by Christopher Paolini 7.8
- The Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card 9.0
- Messenger by Lois Lowry 6.2
- Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George 5.6
- Anything in the Alex Rider series by Horowitz

Family

- Prophecy of the Sisters by Michelle Zink 6.3
- ******Little Women by Louisa May Alcott 7.9
- Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
- Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse 5.1
- The Penderwicks by Jeanne Brisdall 4.8
- Lock and Key Sarah Dessen 5.5
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor 6.9

Acceptance

- The Uglies by Scott Westerfield 5.6
- Rules by Cynthia Lord 4.5
- ******The Light In the Forest by Conrad Richter 7.6
- Leap of Faith by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- The Truth About Truman School by Dori Hillestad Butler
- Carlos is Gonna Get It by Kevin Emerson 5.6
- A Corner of the Universe by Ann M. Martin 6.1
- Tangerine by Edward Bloor 5.4
- The View From Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg 6.4

Choices and Consequences

- Tuck Everlasting by Babbitt 5.9
- A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck 4.9
- **A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens 8.6
- Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay
- Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis 5.2
- Chasing Vermeer by Brett Hellquist 5.6

** = book is a classic (It will likely be challenging to read and analyze.)

