

Summer Reading List - Parish Hill Middle School

Author	<u>Title</u>	<u>Category</u>
Douglas Adams	<u>Hitchhiker's Trilogy</u> <u>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</u> <u>The Restaurant at the End of the Universe</u> <u>Life, the Universe and Everything</u> <u>So Long, and Thanks for all the Fish</u> <i>The hilarious journey of Arthur and his friend, who escape from earth seconds before it is demolished.</i>	Fantasy
David Almond	<u>Skellig</u> , <i>Unhappy because of his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger.</i>	Fiction
William Armstrong	<u>Sounder</u> <i>The story of the love between a father, son and dog in the rural South.</i>	Fiction
Elizabeth Berg	<u>Durable Goods</u> <i>Following the death of their mother, daughters deal with a violent and emotionally distant father.</i>	Fiction
Francesca Lia Block	<u>Weetzie Bat</u> <i>Follow the wild adventures of Weetzie Bat and her Los Angeles friends, Dirk, Duck, and My Secret-Agent-Lover Man.</i>	Fiction
Edward Bloor	<u>Tangerine</u> ALA 1998 Top Ten Best Books for Young Adults, ALA 1999 Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults <i>Twelve-year old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer, despite his near blindness.</i>	Fiction
Judy Blume	<u>Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret</u> <i>One girl's struggles within herself as she finds her place in the world and her family.</i>	Fiction
Robert Cormier	<u>The Rag & Bone Shop</u> <i>Trent, an ace interrogator from Vermont, works to procure a confession from an introverted twelve-year-old accused of murdering his seven-year-old friend in Monument, Massachusetts.</i>	Fiction
Sharon Creech	<u>Bloomability</u> <i>A young girl spends a memorable year at a boarding school in Italy.</i> <i>Also by Sharon Creech, <u>The Wanderer</u>, an exciting tale of adventure and survival on the high seas.</i>	Fiction
Christopher Paul Curtis	<u>Bud, Not Buddy</u> Newbery Medal Winner <i>During the Great Depression, ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, escapes from a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father, the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.</i> <i>Also by Christopher Curtis, <u>The Watson's Go to Birmingham</u>, an ALA Best Book for 2001.</i>	Fiction
Karen Cushman	<u>The Midwife's Apprentice</u> Newbery Medal Winner <i>Set in medieval England, this book tells the story of a young girl who finds her place in the world.</i>	Historical Fiction
Kate DiCamillo	<u>Because of Winn-Dixie</u> Newbery Medal Winner <i>When a young girl adopts a lovable, stray dog, she experiences a new sense of community, fellowship and hope. A magical, moving novel.</i>	Fiction
Zlata Filipovic	<u>Zlata's Diary</u> <i>The diary presents the true-life experiences of eleven-year-old Zlata Filipovic as she sees her peaceful life in Sarajevo gradually change as the war in her country advances.</i>	Non-fiction

- Diane Fossey Gorillas in the Mist Non-fiction
This is the riveting account of Fossey's thirteen years in the remote African rainforests with the endangered mountain gorillas. A fascinating combination of adventure and devotion to a cause.
- Patricia Reilly Giff Lily's Crossing Fiction
A beautifully drawn story of a friendship and life on the homefront during WWII.
- Margaret Peterson Haddix Just Ella Fiction
Ella thinks palace life is boring, and Prince Charming is a dud- a funny twist on the Cinderella story.
- John Hersey Hiroshima Non-fiction
This account describes the effect of the bombing of Hiroshima on six survivors of the atomic blast.
- Karen Hess Out of the Dust Newbery Award Winner, ALA 1998 Best Books for Young Adults Fiction
In a series of poems, fifteen-year old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the Dust Bowl years of the Great Depression.
Also by Karen Hess, Witness and The Music of Dolpins, noted on the ALA's 1998 Best Books/or Young Adults.
- S.E. Hinton The Outsiders Fiction
The now classic novel by a teenage author. Friends and brothers find their lives forever changed by a clash between two rival groups.
- Alice Hoffman Aquamarine Fiction
Two young girls, on the edge of growing up, learn a lesson in how to say goodbye and how to hold on to those we love best of all.
- Jeanne Watsuki Houston & James Houston Farewell to Manzanar Fiction
A young Japanese American girl finds her way as she works to discover her place in the culture of her parents and her American home. Set partly in the internment camps of World War II.
- James Houston Ghost Fox Historical Fiction
Kidnapped by the Abenaki Indians during colonial times, Sarah adopts the Abenaki way of life. Later, she must choose between her adopted culture and the life from which she was taken.
- M.E. Kerr Gentlehands Fiction
Buddy's world is turned upside down when he falls in love and then discovers that his refined and cultured grandfather is a notorious Nazi war criminal.
- Lois Lowry Number the Stars Fiction
A young girl's confusion over the prejudice and cruelty she witnesses during the Nazi reign of terror.
- Madeline L'Engle A Wrinkle in Time, The Arm of the Starfish, A Swiftly Tilting Planet Fantasy
Tales of fantasy involving time travel, impending destruction, moral conflict and family connection. .
- Joyce McDonald Swallowing Stones ALA 1998 Best Books for Young Adult Fiction
When a stray bullet from his rifle kills a man, Michael is plagued with nightmares and his whole life is changed.
- Katherine Ann Paterson Jacob Have I Loved Fiction
While growing up on an island, Louise searches for her place in the world as she works to resolve her conflicting feelings toward her twin sister.
- Dave Pelzer A Child Called It*, The Lost Boy, A Man Called Dave Non-Fiction
The tragic story of one boy's survival. Dave Pelzer recounts his experiences as a victim of child abuse in his stirring series of memoirs.
**due to the sometimes graphic content of this book, some parental guidance is recommended.*
- Gary Paulson Hatchet ALA 1998 Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults Fiction

