

**SUGGESTED MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING SELECTIONS
and READING LOG w/ PARENTAL SIGNATURE**

IMPORTANT NOTE:

This list is for **VOLUNTARY READING** and is **in addition** to the **MANDATORY** summer reading program which begins during the summer of 2010.

Grade 8

1. **Freak the Mighty** – Rodman Philbrick
Best Fiction Charlotte Award – New York
California Young Reader Medal
2. **Hoops** – Walter D. Myers
YALSA 100 Best Books
3. **Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow** by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
Newberry Medal/Honor 2006
4. **The House of the Scorpion** by Nancy Farmer
Newberry Medal/Honor 2003
5. **The Sea of Trolls** by Nancy Farmer
Notable Best Books (A.L.A.)
6. **My Last Skirt: the Story of Jennie Hodgers, Union Soldier** by Lynda Durrant
State Children's Choice Award
7. **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas: a Fable** by John Boyne
No Awards Listed
8. **Private Peaceful** by Michael Morpurgo
Booklist Editor's Choice Books for Youth
9. **Hush** by Jacqueline Woodson
Best Fiction
10. **Hattie Big Sky** by Kirby Larson
SLU Best Book 2006

Grade 7

1. **Call It Courage** – Armstrong Sperry
Newberry Medal Award Winning Book

2. **Brian's Winter** – Gary Paulsen
1996 National Best Seller
Garden State Teen Book Award _ New Jersey
YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers

3. **Ella Enchanted** – Gail Carson Levine
SLJ Best Book 1997
YALSA Best Books for Young Adults 1997
ALA Notable Children's Book 1998
California Young Reader Medal
Newbery Honor Book

4. **Bud, Not Buddy** – Christopher Paul Curtis
Newbery Award Winning Book
SLJ Best Book 1999
YALSA Best Books for Young Adults 1999
Coretta Scott King Award 1999
New York Times Notable Book

5. **Eragon** by Christopher Paolini
NY Times Best Seller

6. **Airborn** by Kenneth Oppel
Notable/Best Books (A.L.A.)

7. **Esperanza Rising** by Pam Munoz Ryan
Pure Belpre' Award Winner
Jane Addams Children's book Award Winner
Willa Cather Award Winner
ALA Top Ten Best Books for Young Adults
Publisher's Weekly Best Book of the Year 2000
Los Angeles Times Book prize Finalist

8. **Stormbreaker** by Anthony Horowitz
No Awards Listed

9. **Among the Hidden** by Margaret Peterson Haddix
ALA Best Book for Young Adults

10. **Fairest** by Gail Carson Levine
Newberry Honor Author

11. **Piratica: Being the Daring Tale of a Singular Girl's Adventure upon the High Seas** by Tanith Lee
No Awards Listed

12. **Coraline** by Neil Gaiman
NYT Best-Selling Author
ALA Alex Award

Grade 6

1. **Bridge to Teribithia** – Katherine Paterson
Newbery Award Winning Book
2. **Indian in the Cupboard** – Lynne Reid Banks
California Young Reader Medal
Rebecca Caudill Young Reader's Book Award – Illinois
3. **Sign of the Beaver** – Elizabeth Speare
ALA Notable Children's Book 1984
Newbery Honor Book
4. **Endymion Spring** by Matthew Skelton
Editor's Choice Children's Books 2006
5. **Mississippi Trial, 1955** by Chris Crowe
IRA Children's Book Award
ALA Notable
6. **Crispin: the Cross of Lead** by Avi
Newbery Medal/Honor 2003
7. **Artemis Fowl** by Eoin Colfer
No Awards Listed
8. **Give Me Liberty** by L. M. Elliott
No Awards Listed
9. **The Wee Free Men** by Terry Pratchett
ALA Notable Best Books 2004
10. **Gossamer** by Lois Lowry
No Awards Listed
11. **Green Glass Sea** by Ellen Klages
Fanfare 2006
12. **Travel Team** by Mike Lupica
Top Self Fiction for Middle School Readers 2005
13. **Criss Cross** – Lynne Rae Perkins
Newbery Award Winning Book
YALSA Best Books for Young Adults
SLJ Best Books - 2005

