



2007 STUDENT RECOMMENDED
BEACH READS
BOOK LIST



A Bend in the Road

Nicholas Sparks

“It’s full of twists and turns; contrasts tragedy and happiness; incorporates an interesting love story.”—Gia G.

A Farewell to Arms

Ernest Hemingway

“It’s a great story of a couple in love during WWI. You learn a lot about the war, also. The story doesn’t have an ordinary ending, it’s very sad in the end.”—Amanda P.

A Million Little Pieces

James Frey

“It was an awesome book that really captures your attention.”—Heather G.

“It is an excellent book about the author’s struggles when he was in a rehabilitation clinic for drug and alcohol abuse. It is a mostly true story which makes it very interesting.”—Matt T.

All Quiet on the Western Front

Erich Maria Remarque

“The book shows an un-romanticized, un-glorified, horrid view of war. Very much in the vein of “The Red Badge of courage”, but, I think, even more so. The new type of war novel is befitting – WWI was a new type of war. Battles lasted months, years and millions died. AQWF is a very informative and accurate portrayal of the war.”—Brooks K.

Angels and Demons

The Da Vinci Code

Dan Brown

“The mystery and suspense is thrilling.”—Carl J.

Animal Farm

George Orwell

“It’s a classic novel. The most well written novel I have read. My favorite book.”—Christian B.

Anthem

Ayn Rand

“It is quickly read but has the heroic feel of a Lord of the Rings size epic. At near 100 pages you can read it in the afternoon and think about it all night.”—Ryan K.

Arabian Nights

“Book has a story for everyone whether it is rescuing a princess or amazing places.”
—Peter R.

The Aupairs

Melissa De La Cruz

“It’s a good beach book that is about summer. It’s really easy to read and goes by quickly.”—
Doreen M.

Breakfast at Tiffany’s

Truman Capote

“It’s amazing! It’s a fast read and really good. It’s entertaining and easily understandable. It’s a great book for girl’s to read.”—Nicole F.

The Brothers Karamazov

Fyodor Dostoyevski

“It is thrilling psychoanalytical novel that delves so deeply into four brothers’ minds that Freud used them as case studies. It may seem like a long book, but it’s worth it.”—Lauren R.

Burned

Crank

Ellen Hopkins

“It kept my interest and it actually makes you think. It’s a very touching story.”—Amanda R.

Caribbean Cruising

Rachael Hawthorne

“Really nice summer read, sort of like Titanic!”—Amrita M.

Cat’s Cradle

Kurt Vonnegut

“It makes you think. It’s clever and well written. A Classic!”—Ariele M.

Come Back

Claire and Mia Fontine

“For a teen, it shows the life of a drug addict. It’s the life of a mother and a daughter who both have different values on life. Drugs are a main part of this story.”—Amber R.

The Da Vinci Code

Dan Brown

“Because it is very exciting and keeps the reader on their toes. Great historical plot”-- Parker B.

Deception Point

Dan Brown

“Full of suspense and twists, it keeps you guessing up until the end.”—Sarah M.

Diary

Chuck Pahlaniuk

“Amazing.”—Stephanie V.

The Doctor’s Wife

Elizabeth Brundage

“I recommend this book because of its very detailed plot and story line. The characters are described very well, and you are able to depict them in your mind. This book is a page turner, I couldn’t put it down.”—Chris G.

The 5 People You Meet In Heaven

Mitch Albom

“It is a short novel that captures and keeps your attention. It gives an imaginary insight to what may happen in the afterlife.”—Amanda M.

“I would recommend this book because although it’s a little sad, it’s really captivating and interesting. This book really helped me when I lost someone close to me. Even for people who haven’t lost someone it gives the story of a man who wished he did more with his life. It was amazing.”—Liz K.

Flowers In The Attic

V.C. Andrews

“Once you get into the book you can’t stop reading. There are so many hidden stories with everyone in the book. As you keep getting farther through the book it starts to amaze you.”
—Jazmine C.

Forever

Judy Blume

“It’s something teenagers in their high school years can relate to. It’s a story of love and learning how to keep love. It deals with struggles that you live with everyday. It’s an all around good book.”—Laurne B.

Freak the Mighty

Rodman Philbrick

“A poignant tale of friendship and fear. It is touching down to the soul and really helps children understand what a real friend is.” —Eric T.

Go Ask Alice

Anonymous

“I would recommend this book because I loved it.”—Joan C.

“Very deep, shows the life of a young confused teen who falls into a life of partying and drinking, and horrible drugs.”—Felicia R.

Gossip Girl Series

Cecily Von Ziegesar

“It’s an interesting book that’s a quick and easy read.”—Kristen

The Grid

Philip Kerr

“An intelligent thriller. Any fan of Crichton should pick this up. A clear “technopocalypse” feel with true colors shown as lives become endangered by the killer office building.—Patrick R.

The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy

Douglas Adams

“If more people read this book, there’d be significantly less idiots in the world. Maybe our president wouldn’t go into a war against “people who don’t like us” for 5 years.”—Jason M.

Invisible Monsters

Chuck Palahniuk

“I felt besides the interesting story the writing itself was amazing. Throughout the whole book you’re on the edge of your chair, there are surprises that change the whole story around every turn, so unlike most books it’s impossible to guess the ending.”—Christine M.

It

Stephen King

“It’s very interesting.”—Brittany E.

The Joy Luck Club

Amy Tan

“It’s a good curl up and read by the beach kind of book. The characters are original and thought provoking. It’s a great book.”—Hannah D.

Keeping the Moon

Sarah Dessen

“The main character, Colie, is a girl that anyone could relate to, and by the end of the book she seems like one of your friends. Her experiences during the summer with her crazy aunt and two waitress friends show you that changes are good, and that you can make your life out to be whatever you want. The funny humor throughout will make you not want to put it down.”—Erin E.

King Dork

Frank Portman

“This is a quintessential book for any teenager. It documents the trials and tribulations high school students face during their academic careers and does it tastefully and humorously. *King Dork* is an extremely entertaining book with a great message. It also contains challenging vocabulary.”—Jenna H.

Les Miserables

Victor Hugo

“Victor Hugo incorporated masterful descriptions, an exhilarating plot, and realistic characters to create a fantastic story that maintains the reader’s interest from the first page to the last.”—Matthew G.

Lullaby

Chuck Palahniuk

“A very good book that had many weird plot twists. Will keep you guessing ‘til the very end!!!”—Bill B.

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil

John Bererdt

“Perfect American South crazy Savannah story, classic!”—Brittany K

My Sister’s Keeper

Jodi Picoult

“Because it was very interesting for young age kids and keeps you guessing what will happen.”—Rachel S.

“The book, My Sister’s Keeper is amazing! It is written in such a way that you cannot put it down. My Sister’s Keeper is a great book for anyone, especially if you have a sister!”—Erin H.

New Moon

Stephanie Meyer

“It is a really good book that draws you in.”—Jennifer N.

1984

George Orwell

“Very original science-fiction novel.”—Christian B.

On the Road

Jack Kerouac

“It inspired the beatnik generation, and defined a new lifestyle.”—Bo P.

One Night With a Spy

Celeste Bradley

“This is a classic story about love and deception. The main character also needs to choose fighting for what’s rightfully hers or falling in love with someone and becoming weak. (this is technically Book three in the Royal Far Series).—Jessi M.

Peeps

Scott Westerfeld

“It is an interesting book. If you like sci-fi or books about vampire-ish stuff then you will love this book!”—Cristina C.

The Perks of Being a Wallflower

Stephen Chbosky

“It’s a book that touches on many things most high schoolers go through (drugs, pregnancy, homosexuality, etc.), but it doesn’t go in depth about it. It keeps me very entertained and it’s hard to stop reading it.”—Diana B.

Prep

Curtis Sittenfeld

“It’s a quick and interesting read about a girl’s experiences at a boarding school.”—Kristen A.

Sabriel (Abhorsen Trilogy)

Garth Nix

“There is an interesting plot line. The characters are interesting.”—Menahil A.

Scribbler of Dreams

Mary E. Pearson

“This is a wonderful book that I’ve read more than once. It’s sort of like a modern tale of Romeo and Juliet.”—Amrita M.

Sex, Drugs, and Cocoa Puffs:...

Chuck Klosterman

“It’s a fun teenage book about what teens have to deal with moving through those in between years. It shows the struggle of being a kid and being an adult. It’s not hard to read, but it’s definitely high school level. It’s funny and guys and girls would like it.”—Melissa C.

She’s Come Undone

Wally Lamb

It is an amazing book and I couldn’t believe it was written by a man. It’s a journey of a woman’s life, and you will laugh and cry at some points. I couldn’t put it down.”—Nicole M.

The Sicilian

Mario Puzo

“My favorite novel and I think that a lot of people would like it even though it’s not well known.”—Mark M.

Something Borrowed

Emily Giffen

“This book is fun, extremely easy to relate to, will make you laugh out loud, cry, and make it impossible to put down. I read it in less than a day, and ran out get the other 2 books by Emily. This book captivates the reader and keeps you wanting to be involved in the characters lives.”—Jessica M.

Speak

Laurie Haise Anderson

“I would recommend this book because I think it is an easily read story. This book tells how a girl got raped and how everybody hates her and do not want to be bothered with her; she is an outcast.”--Whitney C.

Sphere

Michael Crichton

“An amazing novel that keeps you wondering what is causing all of the extraordinary events. The ending is wonderful. A must read for any Crichton fan. I’ve read it three times over personally.”—Patrick R.

The Star Wars Republic Commando: Hard Contact

Karen Traviss

“It is very descriptive and full of action and adventure.”—Joe P.

Stephanie Plum Novels

Janet Evanovich

“These books are exciting. They will make you keep wanting to read. I’ve read them into the middle of the night. They are about a very realistic 20-something year old bounty hunter and the wacky people she encounters. They will make you laugh and make you scared.”—Chelsea E.

Storm Front (Book one of the Dresden Files)

Jim Butcher

“It is a very funny Sci-fi action novel, perfect for any magic/sorcery fanatic. Although the main character is named Harry, he is far from the Potter we have seen in the movies. This guy is a smart alack who always has something to say.

P.S. The Dresden Files series has a TV show make for it.”—Alex D.

A Streetcar Named Desire

Tennessee Williams

“It is one of the most important stories that was told in either stage or film.”—Eric I.

Summer Boys

Hailey Abbott

“It’s a good book to read in short or long intervals, and it’s about summertime so it puts you in the mood.” –Melissa C.

The Sun Also Rises

Ernest Hemingway

“It is a great story of two younger men living the high life in Europe without a care in the world. Amongst the adventure, a mysterious love arises.”—Kevin M.

Tex

S. E. Hinton

“It is a great book for a teenager to read, showing the ups and downs of a troubled teen.”—Christian B.

The Thief Lord

Cornelia Funke

“It’s an adventurous tale of magic and dreams. A band of thieves take care of each other. When a detective comes into the picture and they get a job involving a magic merry-go-round their lives get turned upside down.”—Mike C.

This Lullaby

Sarah Dessen

“It is a great story, and I feel many high school girls can relate to it.”—Felicia R.

The Time Traveler’s Wife

Audrey Niffenegger

“It is good...don’t make me describe it. I will mess it up!”—Gabrielle H.

“The Time Traveler’s Wife is a very unique and engrossing novel. It has the ability to be romantic and witty at the same time.”—Katie M.

The Tipping Point

Malcolm Gladwell

“I recommend this book because it gives very good insight of social epidemics. It is interesting to learn how a small thing can develop to make a large impact on a society.” –Nicki C.

To Kill A Mockingbird

Harper Lee

“Good read; interesting; deals with important issues.”—Jerry C.

Truth About Forever

Sarah Dessen

“It is a good read and never gets boring. It is not quite a romance novel, and it would definitely appeal to most teenage girls.”—Danielle S.

“All of her books are amazing and get all the details of being a teenage girl --- warning: Chick Lit!!”—Arielle M.

Tuesdays With Morrie

Mitch Albom

I feel that this is a book that everyone should read. It has a lot of good life lessons. This book changed my views on life and people, and I think it would change the views of everyone that reads it.”—Caitlin R.

“I would recommend this book because it teaches you how to cope with death and gives you life lessons. Morrie is an old man who’s quite wise and teaches Mitch the values of life.”—Katie L.

Twilight

Stephenie Meyer

“Twilight is one of those books that it seems impossible to put down. It will captivate you, and leave you wanting more.”—Katie M.

“It’s a really good book with an attention grabbing storyline that you’ll never want to put down. Plus, it’s about vampires!”—Katelyn N.

“It has one of the most captivating story lines ever. I just couldn’t part with this book.”—Dylan G.

“*Twilight* is a captivating supernatural read. The book itself is just under 500 pages, but I was so into the book that I was able to read it in only 2 days. It’s great for people into paranormal/supernatural stories and it doesn’t hurt that Edward is the most amazing vampire either.”—Brittany T.

“You get trapped in the character Edward. The book is so good you can’t put it down. Recommended for everyone.”—Rachel B.

White Oleander

Janet Fitch

“It’s very easy to read, keeps your interest, and at the same time is extremely introspective.”—Amanda E.

Happy Reading!

