

# CFS MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING LIST 2017

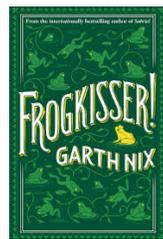
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## FICTION



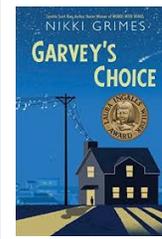
**The Best Man.**

Peck, Richard. "Archer has four important role models in his life. When Uncle Paul and Mr. McLeod (his teacher) get married, Archer's sixth-grade year becomes one he'll never forget." Gr 5 Up



**Frogkisser!. Nix, Garth.**

"A fantastical tale for all ages, full of laughs and danger, surprises and delights, and an immense population of frogs." Gr 7 Up



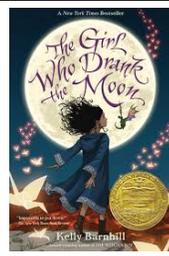
**Garvey's Choice.** Grimes, Nikki.

"Through chorus, Garvey finds a way to accept himself, and to finally reach his father—by speaking the language of music instead of sports." Gr 5 Up



**Ghost.** Reynolds, Jason.

"Ghost, a naturally talented runner & troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential." Gr 5 Up



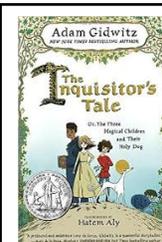
**The Girl Who Drank the Moon.** Barnhill, Kelly.

"A gorgeously written fantasy about a girl who becomes "enmagicked" after the witch who saves her from death feeds her moonlight." Gr 5 Up



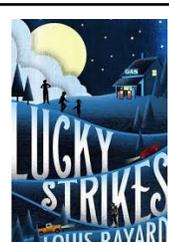
**Hello, Universe.** Kelly, Erin Estrada.

"A funny and poignant neighborhood story about unexpected friendships...told from four intertwining points of view." Gr 5 Up



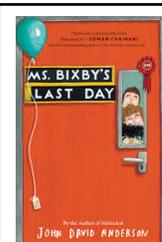
**The Inquisitor's Tale.**

Gidwitz, Adam. "An exciting and hilarious medieval adventure from the bestselling author of A Tale Dark and Grimm." Gr 5 Up



**Lucky Strikes.** Bayard, Lewis.

"A near-perfect novel, rich in voice & emotion. Much like Melia herself, it is brash with bravado, barely concealing an inviting layer of warmth at its core." —NYT review. Gr 7 Up



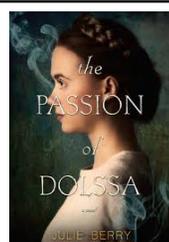
**Ms. Bixby's Last Day.**

Anderson, John David. "The acclaimed author of Sidekicked, returns with a story of three kids, a very special teacher, and one day that none of them will ever forget." Gr 5 Up



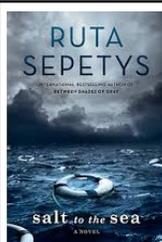
**The Only Road.** Diaz, Alexandra.

"Inspired by true events, this is an individual story of a boy who feels that leaving his home and risking everything is his only chance for a better life." Gr 5 Up.



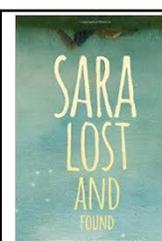
**The Passion of Dolssa.**

Berry, Julie. "A spellbinding thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seat until the final page and make you wonder if miracles really are possible." Gr 7 Up



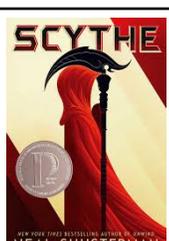
**Salt to the Sea.** Sepetys, Ruta.

"This masterful work of historical fiction is inspired by the real-life tragedy of the sinking of the Wilhelm Gustloff—the greatest maritime disaster in history." Gr 8 Up



**Sara Lost and Found.**

Castleman, Virginia. "Sisters Anna & Sara must rely on each other for strength as they face being separated by the foster care system in this tale of sisterhood, family, and survival." Gr 5 Up



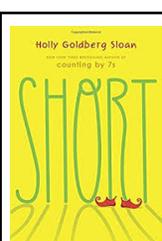
**Scythe.** Shusterman, Neal.

"Two teens must learn the 'art of killing' in this Printz Honor-winning book, the first in a chilling new series from Neal Shusterman." Gr 8 Up.



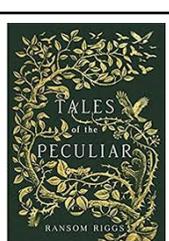
**See You in the Cosmos.**

Cheng, Jack. "A space-obsessed boy and his dog, Carl Sagan, take a journey toward family, love, hope, and awe in this funny and moving novel." Gr 5 Up



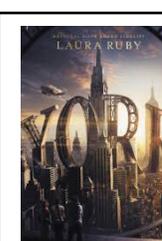
**Short.** Sloan, Holly Goldberg.

"In this heartwarming, funny novel by the author of Counting by 7s, Julia grows into herself while playing a Munchkin in a production of The Wizard of Oz." Gr 5 Up



**Tales of the Peculiar.**

Riggs, Ransom. "Wealthy cannibals who dine on the discarded limbs of peculiars. A fork-tongued princess. These are but a few of the truly brilliant stories in this collection." Gr 6 Up



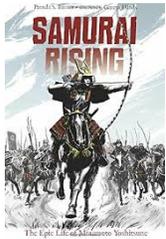
**York: The Shadow Cipher.**

Ruby, Laura. "An epic alternate history series about three kids who try to solve the greatest mystery of the modern world in NY City." Gr 5 Up

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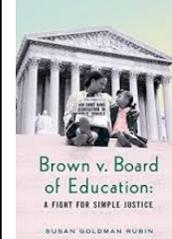
## NON-FICTION



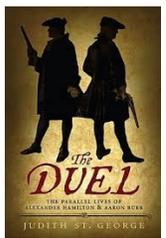
**Samurai Rising.** Turner, Pamela S. *"This epic warrior tale reads like a novel, but this is the true story of the greatest samurai in Japanese history."* Gr 7 Up



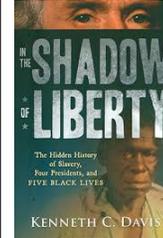
**Balcony on the Moon: Coming of Age in Palestine.** Barakat, Ibtisam. *"This memoir describes Barakat's childhood & adolescence in Palestine from 1972-1981."* Gr 7 Up



**Brown v. Board of Education: A Fight for Simple Justice.** Rubin, Susan G. *"This is the story of the many people who stood up to racial inequality, some risking significant danger and hardship, and of careful strategizing NAACP."* Gr 6 Up



**The Duel: The Parallel Lives of Alexander Hamilton & Aaron Burr.** St. George, Judith. *"This lively biography brings to life two complex men who played major roles in the formation of the US."* Gr 5 Up

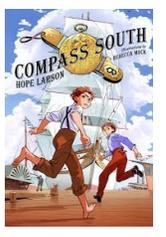


**In the Shadow of Liberty.** Davis, Kenneth. *"Through the stories of 5 enslaved people who were "owned" by 4 presidents, this helps set the record straight about the role slavery played in early US."* Gr 6 Up

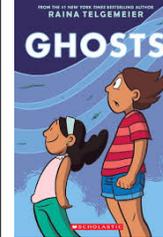


**Stormy Seas: Stories of Young Boat Refugees.** Leatherdale, Mary Beth. *"This book presents five true stories about young people who lived through the harrowing experience of setting sail in search of asylum."* Gr 5 Up

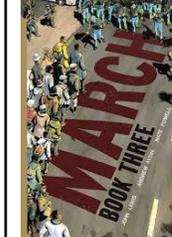
## GRAPHIC NOVELS



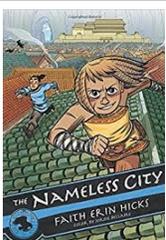
**Compass South: Four Points.** Larson, Hope. *"In this fast-paced, high-energy tale, 12-year-old twins Alex and Cleo Dodge find adventure—and trouble—as they search for their father and, at times, each other."* Gr 5 Up



**Ghosts.** Telgemeier, Raina. *"A moving and insightful story about the power of family and friendship, and how it gives us the courage to do what we never thought possible."* Gr 5 Up



**March: Book 3.** Lewis, John & Andrew Aydin. *"In the final installment in the trilogy, Congressman Lewis concludes his firsthand account of the civil rights era."* 2017 Printz & Coretta Scott King Award. Gr 7 Up



**Nameless City.** Hicks, Faith Erin. *"A gripping narrative about how people adapt to, quietly fight against, but mostly just endure lives under the control of others."* Gr 5 Up



**Science Comics: Dinosaurs.** Reed, M.K. *"This fascinating look at dinosaur science covers the last 150 years of dinosaur hunting, and illuminates how our ideas about dinosaurs."* Gr 5 Up



**Snow White: A Graphic Novel.** Phelan, Matt. *"Phelan sets his graphic retelling of "Snow White" in 1920s New York, with both its Ziegfeld Follies glamour and its impoverished Dead End Kids."* Gr 5 Up

Middle/Upper School librarians, Justine and Mig, hope that you enjoy reading all summer long and tell us about your favorite books when school opens in August!

Also, remember that CFS's electronic resources are available year-round, including past and present Summer Reading Lists:  
[library.cfsnc.org](http://library.cfsnc.org)