

UPPER SCHOOL SUMMER RECREATIONAL READING LIST 2013

Amazing new books! Happy reading!

FICTION

Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi. *Americanah*.

A story of love and race centered around a young man and woman from Nigeria who face difficult choices and challenges in the countries they come to call home.

Brunt, Carol Rifka. *Tell the Wolves I'm Home*.

Set in the New York art world of the 1980s, June must grapple with the death of her beloved uncle from AIDS.

Cronn-Mills, Kirstin. *Beautiful Music for Ugly Children*.

Gabe, a teenaged DJ in the process of transitioning from female to male, starts a community radio show that gains a fan following, but when some of his fans find out who he is, things get ugly.

Erdrich, Louise. *The Round House*.

When his mother, a tribal enrollment specialist living on a reservation in North Dakota, slips into an abyss of depression after being brutally attacked, 13-year-old Joe Coutts resolves to find the person who did it.

Gagnon, Michelle. *Don't Turn Around*.

After waking up on an operating table with no memory of how she got there, Noa must team up with computer hacker Peter to stop a corrupt corporation with a deadly secret. First in a trilogy.

Goodman, Shawn. *Kindness for Weakness*.

Kind-hearted James struggles to resist the vicious cycle of cruelty inside a juvenile detention facility.

Johnson, Angela. *A Certain October*.

After surviving an accident that killed her friend, Scotty must find a way to forgive herself.

Kokie, E.M. *Personal Effects*.

After Matt's older brother T.J. is killed in the Iraq War, three trunks of T.J.'s personal belongings arrive on Matt's doorstep. In searching through these items, Matt discovers a side of his brother he never knew.

Lake, Nick. *In Darkness*.

Trapped in darkness on Haiti hundreds of years apart, the lives of gangster Shorty and slave rebellion leader Toussaint l'Ouverture are intertwined as Shorty tries to survive the 2010 earthquake.

Laybourne, Emmy. *Monument 14*.

Six high schoolers, two eighth graders, and six little kids are trapped together in a superstore while, outside, a series of disasters seems to be tearing the world apart. First in an action-packed trilogy!

Leveen, Tom. *Zero*.

Zero didn't get the scholarship to art school, so she's stuck in Phoenix trying to figure out how to emulate Salvador Dali when she falls for the drummer of Gothic Rainbow.

Levithan, David. *Every Day*.

How can love survive if each day you wake up as a different person?

Quick, Matthew. *Boy 21*.

An unusual story of basketball, grief, friendship and the cosmos.

MORE FICTION

Sloan, Robin. *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore.*

Global conspiracy, complex code-breaking, high-tech data visualization, young love, rollicking adventure, and the secret to eternal life—mostly set in a strange hole-in-the-wall bookstore.

Volponi, Paul. *The Final Four.*

Experience March Madness from the point of view of those who know it the best: the players.

GRAPHIC FICTION

Kashyap, Keshni and Mari Araki. *Tina's Mouth: An Existential Comic Diary.*

A philosophy assignment transforms into a portrait of Tina's high school experience.

Long, Mark, Nate Powell and others. *The Silence of Our Friends.*

As the civil rights struggle heats up in Texas, two families—one white, one black—cross Houston's color line and find common ground in this semi-autobiographical story.

Hicks, Faith Erin. *Friends with Boys.*

Former homeschooler Maggie adjusts to life in high school and confronts her ghosts -- literally.

NON-FICTION

Anthes, Emily. *Frankenstein's Cat: Cuddling Up to Biotech's Brave New Beasts.*

Meet sensor-wearing seals, cyborg beetles, a bionic bulldog, and the world's first cloned cat in this fascinating look at how biotechnology is shaping the future of our furry and feathered friends.

Ballard, Chris. *One Shot at Forever.*

This remarkable story follows the Macon Ironmen, a team of misfits with a hippie coach, through a record-setting baseball season.

Grande, Reyna. *The Distance Between Us: A Memoir.*

A brutally honest and poignant account of life before and after illegally immigrating from Mexico to the United States.

McGill, Jerry. *Dear Marcus: A Letter to the Man Who Shot Me.*

Jerry McGill was 13 years old when he was shot in the back while walking home late one night. He survived, wheelchair-bound for life. Thirty years later, Jerry opens up to his unknown assailant, who was never found.

Zuckoff, Mitchell. *Frozen in Time: An Epic Story of Survival and a Modern Quest for Lost Heroes of World War II.*

An astonishing true account of endurance and bravery in the Arctic wilderness.

Meltzer, Peter. *So You Think You Know Baseball?: A Fan's Guide to the Official Rules.*

What happens when a baseball gets lodged in the catcher's mask? Is it possible to record a triple play without a defensive player touching the ball? What is the penalty for sending the wrong player up to bat? A fun, meticulously researched collection of absurd to infamous trivia based on real situations in baseball history.