

# ASP Middle School Reading Summer 2021

## Welcome to SUMMER!

Summer offers myriad opportunities to relax, play, explore, and read.



## What does the research say?

Research shows well-established connections between summer reading and academic success. We encourage students to continue to read over the summer in order to maintain the reading proficiency gained during the school year.



## Reading Routine

Make a habit of reading wherever you are, be it at home or on vacation.

Find a cozy corner to curl up with a good book.

Find a book to read aloud with friends or family members.

If you liked a book in a genre, choose another from that genre!

If you liked a book by an author, choose another by the same author.



## How many books should I read?

Read a minimum of six books during the summer vacation.  
Try a variety of genres.



## Genres

- Historical Fiction
- Realistic Fiction
- Social Justice
- Narrative Nonfiction
- War
- Crime
- Adventure
- Classics
- Dystopian Fiction
- Fantasy
- Mystery/Thriller
- Memoirs
- Sports
- Science
- Technology
- Science Fiction
- Environmental Science and more...

# ASP Middle School Reading Suggested Titles and Authors

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## Adventure

*City of Orphans*, Avi  
*Storm Catchers*, Tim Bowler  
*Airman*, Eoin Colfer  
\**The Inquisitor's Tale: or three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog*, Adam Gidwitz  
*The Contest (Everest Series)*, Gordon Korman  
*Zoobreak*, Gordon Korman  
*Island of Thieves*, Josh Lacey  
*Plundering Paradise*, Geraldine McCaughrean  
\**The Pull of the Ocean*, Jean-Claude Mourlevat  
\**Hatchet*, Gary Paulsen  
*Echo*, Pam Muñoz Ryan  
*Holes* (series), Louis Sachar  
*Peak*, Roland Smith  
\**Maniac Magee*, Jerry Spinelli  
*The Mysterious Benedict Society*,  
Trenton Lee Stewart

## Classics

*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain  
*Anne of Green Gables*, L.M. Montgomery  
*Hatchet*, Gary Paulson  
*Sunder*, William H. Armstrong  
*The Secret Garden*, Frances Hodgson Burnett  
*Danny, the Champion of the World*, Roald Dahl  
\**Old Yeller*, Fred Gipson  
*A Wrinkle in Time*, Madeleine L'Engle  
*The Chronicles of Narnia (series)*, C.S. Lewis  
*The Call of the Wild*, Jack London  
*Where the Red Fern Grows*, Wilson Rawls  
*The Thirteen Clocks*, James Thurber  
*The Hobbit*, J.R.R. Tolkien  
*The Lord of the Rings (series)*, J.R.R. Tolkien  
*Tuck Everlasting*, Natalie Babbitt  
*The Outsiders*, S.E. Hinton

## Historical Fiction

### Medieval Europe

*Fatal Throne*, M.T. Anderson (King Henry VIII and his wives, from different perspectives)  
*Fire, Bed & Bone*, Henrietta Bradford  
*Catherine, Called Birdy*, Karen Cushman

### War and Conflict

*The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*, John Boyne (WWII, Germany)  
*The War That Saved my Life*, Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (WWII)  
*Code Talker*, Joseph Bruchac (WWII Navajo/Native American)  
*Aleutian Sparrow*, Karen Hesse (WWII Japanese Internment)  
\**Warhorse*, Michael Morpurgo (WWI, England)  
*Fallen Angels*, Walter Dean Myers (the Vietnam War)  
*Echo*, Pam Munoz Ryan  
*The Foreshadowing*, Marcus Sedgwick (WWI, France)  
*Elephant Run*, Roland Smith (WWII Cambodia)  
*Flygirls*, Sherri L. Smith (WWII, woman/African American pilot)  
*Red Moon Over Sharpsburg*, Rosemary Wells (US Civil War)  
*Code Name Verity*, Elizabeth Wren (WWI),  
*Chinese Cinderella*, Adeline Yen Mah (WWII, China)  
+*The Book Thief*, Markus Zusak (WWII in Germany)

### Revolutions

*Chains: Seeds of America Trilogy*, Laurie Halse Anderson (American Revolution, slavery)  
*Fever 1793*, Laurie Halse Anderson (American Revolution, pandemic)  
*Revolution Is Not a Dinner Party*, Ying Chang Compestine (Chinese Cultural Revolution)  
*Revolution*, Jennifer Donnelly (French Revolution)  
*The Road of Bones*, Anne Fine (Russian Revolution and communism)  
*The Red Necklace*, Sally Gardner (French Revolution)  
*The Secret Countess*, Eva Ibbotson (Russian Revolution)  
*Red Scarf Girl*, Ji-li Jiang (Chinese Cultural Revolution)

### Slavery

*Midnight Magic*, Avi (Renaissance Italy)  
*The Shakespeare Stealer*, Gary Blackwood (Elizabethan England)  
*Jefferson's Sons*, Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (Slavery)  
*Crossing Ebenezer Creek*, Tonya Bolden (Civil War and slavery)

### Depression/Dust Bowl

\**Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, Mildred D. Taylor (Depression Era in the U.S.)  
*Out of the Dust*, Karen Hesse

### Civil Rights

*The Watsons Go To Birmingham*, Christopher Paul Curtis (U.S. Civil Rights movement)  
*March*, John Lewis (trilogy, graphic novels, Civil Rights Movement)  
*The Lions of Little Rock*, Kristin Levine (Civil Rights)

### Women's Rights

*The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*, Jacqueline Kelly (turn of the century)

### Antiquity

*Troy*, Adèle Geras (Ancient Greece)  
*The Eagle of the Ninth*, Rosemary Sutcliff (Roman Britain)

### Colonial America

*Ghost Hawk*, Susan Cooper (Colonial New England)  
*Day of Tears*, Julius Lester (19th century America)

### Communist Russia/End of Communism

*Cloud and Wallfish*, Ann Nesbet (1989, fall of the Berlin Wall)  
*Breaking Stalin's Nose*, Eugene Yelchin (Communist Russia)



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## Dystopian

*Lux* (series), Jennifer L. Armentrout  
*The Finisher*, David Baldacci  
*Undertow*, Michael Buckley  
*City of Bones* (series), Cassandra Clare  
*The Forgetting* (series), Sharon Cameron  
*The Mortal Instruments*, Cassandra Clare  
*The Hunger Games* (series), Suzanne Collins  
*Matched* (series), Allie Condie  
*Scream Street*, Tommy Donbavand  
*The City of Ember* (series), Jeanne DuPrau  
*Among the Hidden* (#1 of Shadow Children series), Margaret Peterson Haddix  
*Running out of Time*, Margaret Peterson Haddix  
*Dragon Keepers* (series), Robin Hobb  
*Empty City*, Erin Hunter  
*Naruto*, Masashi Kishimoto  
*The Zombie Chasers*, John Kloepfer  
+*Five Feet Apart*, Rachael Lippincott  
*No Safety in Numbers*, Dayna Lorentz  
*Legend* (series), Marie Lu  
*Shatter Me* (series), Tahereh Mafi  
*Cinder* (series), Marissa Meyer  
*Renegades* (series), Marissa Meyer  
*Divergent* (series), Veronica Roth  
*Deltora Quest*, Jennifer Rowe  
*Forest of Hands and Teeth*, Carrie Ryan  
*An Ember in the Ashes* (series), Sabaa Tahir  
*The Uglies* (series), Scott Westerfeld  
*The 5th Wave* (series), Rick Yancey



## Friendship

*Wonder Show*, Hannah Barnaby  
*New Kid*, Jerry Craft  
*The Cat Ate My Gymsuit*, Paula Danziger  
*The Fault in Our Stars*, John Green  
*The Someday Suitcase*, Corey Ann Haydu  
*When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*, Kimberly Willis Holt  
*The Misfits*, James Howe  
*The Amazing Adventures of John Smith, Jr.*  
*AKA Houdini*, Peter Johnson  
*No More Dead Dogs*, Gordon Korman  
*Feeling Sorry for Celia*, Jaclyn Moriarty  
*Bluefish*, Pat Schmatz



## Social Justice

*Armstrong & Charlie*, Stephen B. Frank  
Rick, Alex Gino  
*Only Mostly Devastated*, Sophie Gonzales  
*Witness*, Karen Hesse  
*Incognegro: A Graphic Mystery*, Mat Johnson and Warren Pleece  
*Openly Straight*, Bill Konigsberg  
*Out of Bounds: Seven Stories of Conflict and Hope*, Beverly Naidoo  
*Dear Martin* (series), Nic Stone  
\*+*The Hate U Give*, Angie Thomas  
*One Crazy Summer*, Rita Williams-Garcia  
*Front Desk* (series), Kelly Yang

## Self Discovery/Facing Changes

*Clap When You Land*, Elizabeth Acevedo  
*Love, Hate, and Other Filters*, Samira Ahmed  
*Pig Heart Boy*, Malorie Blackman  
*Evolution, Me & Others Freaks of Nature*, Robin Brande  
*If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period*, Gennifer Choldenko  
*Walk Two Moons*, Sharon Creech  
\**Because of Winn-Dixie*, Kate DiCamillo  
*The Skin I'm In*, Sharon Flake  
\**Dead End in Norvelt*, Jack Gantos  
*Dolphin Summer*, Catherine Hapka  
\**Olive's Ocean*, Kevin Henkes  
*Darius the Great Is Not Okay*, Adib Khorram  
*A Very Large Expanse of Sea*, Tahereh Mafi  
*Alice the Brave*, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
*Holding Up the Universe*, Jennifer Niven  
*The Astonishing Color of After*, Emily X.R. Pan  
*Liar, Liar*, Gary Paulsen  
*You Bring the Distant Near*, Mitali Perkins  
*A List of Cages*, Robin Roe  
*Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore*, Robin Sloan  
*Odd One Out*, Nic Stone  
*The Boy on Cinnamon Street*, Phoebe Stone  
+*Lies We Tell Ourselves*, Robin Talley  
*On the Come Up*, Angie Thomas  
*Elsewhere*, Gabrielle Zevin

## Overcoming Physical and Mental Challenges

*Turtles All the Way Down*, John Green  
*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, Mark Haddon  
*Finding Audrey*, Sophie Kinsella  
*Rules*, Cynthia Lord  
*All the Bright Places*, Jennifer Niven  
*Wonder*, R.J. Palacio  
*The Goldfish Boy*, Lisa Thompson



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## Mystery/Thriller/Intrigue

*The Fixer*, Jennifer Barnes  
*The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity (Brixton Brothers)*, Mac Barnett  
*Kissing the Rain*, Kevin Brooks  
*Rag and Bone Shop*, Robert Cormier  
*These Shallow Graves*, Jennifer Donnelly  
*Stranger with my Face*, Lois Duncan  
*Spy School (series)*, Stuart Gibbs  
*Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer*, John Grisham  
*The Joshua Files (series)*, M.G. Harris  
*Silverfin (Young Bond series)*, Charlie Higson  
*South by Southeast*, Anthony Horowitz  
*P.K Pinkerton and the Deadly Desperados*, Caroline Lawrence  
*The Coin Heist*, Elisa Ludwig  
*One of Us is Lying*, Karen McManus  
*The Recruit (Cherub series)*, Robert Muchamore  
\**The Westing Game*, Ellen Raskin  
\**When You Reach Me*, Rebecca Stead  
*Murder Is Bad Manners*, Robin Stevens  
*One Came Home*, Amy Timberlake



## Family Life

*Never Mind! A Twin Novel*, Avi and Rachel Vail  
*It Ain't so Awful, Falafel*, Firoozeh Dumas  
\**Pictures of Hollis Woods*, Patricia Reilly Giff  
    \**Kira-kira*, Cynthia Kadohata  
    *Kimchi & Calamari*, Rose Kent  
\**A Long Way From Chicago*, Richard Peck  
*The War with Grandpa*, Robert Kimmel Smith  
    \**Moon Over Manifest*, Clare Vanderpool  
\**One Crazy Summer*, Rita Williams-Garcia  
    \**Gem & Dixie*, Sara Zarr

## Science Fiction

*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (series)*, Douglas Adams  
    *Aurora*, Julie Bertagna  
    *Taken*, Edward Bloor  
*Matched (series)*, Allyson Braithwaite Condie  
    *Greenboy*, Susan Cooper  
    *Jimmy Coates (series)*, Joe Craig  
    *BZRK (series)*, Michael Grant  
    *Gone (series)*, Michael Grant  
*Children of Exile (series)* Margaret Peterson Haddix  
    *Found*, Margaret Peterson Haddix  
*George's Secret Key to the Universe*, Lucy and Stephen Hawking  
    *The Fourteenth Goldfish*, Jennifer L. Holm  
    *Chaos Walking (series)*, Patrick Ness  
    *The Knife of Never Letting Go*, Patrick Ness  
    *Replica (series)*, Lauren Oliver  
    *Ringer (series)*, Lauren Oliver  
*The Adoration of Jenna Fox*, Mary E. Pearson  
    *Life As We Knew It*, Susan Beth Pfeffer  
    *Scythe*, Neil Shusterman  
    *Double Helix*, Nancy Werlin  
    *Swarm*, Scott Westerfeld

## Sports

*Booked*, Kwame Alexander  
*Rebound*, Kwame Alexander  
*The Girl Who Threw Butterflies*, Mick Cochrane  
*Running Full Tilt* by Michael Currinder  
*Football Genius (collection)*, Tim Green  
*The Million Dollar Kick*, Dan Gutman  
*Shakespeare Bats Cleanup*, Ron Koertge  
*The Contender*, Robert Lipsyte  
*Summer Ball*, Mike Lupica

## Fantasy

*Skellig*, David Almond  
    *Six of Crows (series)*, Leigh Bardugo  
    *Grischa (series)*, Leigh Bardugo  
*The Girl Who Drank the Moon*, Kelly Barnhill  
*Spiderwick Chronicles (series)*, Holly Black  
    *Matched (series)*, Allie Condie  
    *Lion Boy (series)*, Zizou Corder  
*Ranger's Apprentice (series)*, John Flanagan  
    *Inkheart (series)*, Cornelia Funke  
    \**The Graveyard Book*, Neil Gaiman  
    *Wolf by Wolf*, Ryan Graudin  
*Gabriel Finley and the Raven's Riddle*, George Hagen  
    \**Princess Academy*, Shannon Hale  
    *Redwall (series)*, Brian Jaques  
*Skulduggery Pleasant (series)*, Derek Landy  
    \**Ella Enchanted*, Gail Carson Levine  
    +*Every Day*, David Levithan  
    +*I'll Give You the Sun*, Jandy Nelson  
    *Crescent City (series)* Sarah J. Maas  
    *Fablehaven (series)*, Brandon Mull  
*The Keys to the Kingdom (series)*, Garth Nix  
    *Eragon (series)*, Christopher Paolini  
    *Die For Me (series)*, Amy Plum  
*The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson series)*, Rick Riordan  
    *Hoodoo*, Ronald L. Smith  
    *Shiver (series)*, Maggie Steifvater  
    +*An Ember in the Ashes*, Sabaa Tahir  
*Moribito: Guardian of the Spirit*, Nahoko Uehashi  
    *Crave (series)*, Tracy Wolff



## Around the World

+*Purple Hibiscus*, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
*I Lived on Butterfly Hill*, Marjorie Agoin  
*One More River*, Lynne Reid Banks  
*Benny and Omar*, Eoin Colfer  
*Sister of my Heart*, Chitra Divakakaruni  
*The Breadwinner*, Deborah Ellis  
*The Wheel of Surya*, Jamila Gavin  
\**The Other Side of Truth*, Beverley Naidoo  
*Ties that Bind, Ties that Break*, Lensey Namioka  
*Habibi*, Naomi Shihab Nye  
*A Long Walk to Water*, Linda Sue Park  
\**Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind (trilogy)*, Suzanne Fisher Staples  
*Escape Under the Forever Sky: a novel*, Eve Yohalem

## Animals Tell the Story

*The One and Only Ivan*, Katherine Applegate  
*The One and Only Bob*, Katherine Applegate  
*A Dog's Purpose*, W. Bruce Cameron  
*Warriors (series)*, Erin Hunter  
*A Dog's Life*, Ann H. Martin  
*Born to Run*, Michael Morpurgo  
+*Racing in the Rain*, Garth Stein

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## Nonfiction

### Food

- +*The Omnivore's Dilemma: the Secrets Behind What You Eat*, Michael Pollan
- +*Fast Food Nation*, Eric Schlosser
- Chew on This*, Eric Schlosser

### Environment

- +*The Big Thirst*, Charles Fishman
- +*Eyes Wide Open*, Paul Fleischman

### Memoirs and True Stories

- A Long Way Gone*, Ishmael Beah
- How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous*, Georgia Bragg
- Dreaming in Indian: Contemporary Native American Voices*, Lisa Charleyboy, et al.
- Strange Mysteries of the Unexplained*, Oliver Doyle
- +*The Diary of Anne Frank*, Anne Frank
- I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives*, Martin Canada and Caitlin Alifrenka
- An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People (ReVisioning History for Young People)*, Jean Mendoza
- +*Becoming*, Michele Obama
- When I Was Puerto Rican*, Esmeralda Santiago
- Lincoln's Grave Robbers*, Steve Sheinkin
- Born on a Blue Day*, Daniel Tammet
- Brown Girl Dreaming*, Jacqueline Woodson
- I Am Malala*, Malala Yousafzai

### LGBTQ+

- Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda, Becky Albertalli
- The Upside of Unrequited, Becky Albertalli
- A High Five for Glenn Burke*, Phil Bildner
- The Times I Knew I Was Gay*, Elenor Crewes
- Being Jazz*, Jazz Jennings
- My Most Excellent Year : A Novel of Love, Mary Poppins, & Fenway Park, Steve Kluger
- Will Grayson, Will Grayson, John Green and David Levithan
- October Mourning: A Song for Matthew Shepard, Lesléa Newman
- +*Stonewall Riots: Coming Out in the Streets*, Gayle E Pitman
- +*The 57 Bus*, Daska Slater
- Raising Ryland*, Harry Whittington

### War and Conflict

- Zlata's Diary*, Zlata Filipovic
- The Family Romanov*, Candace Fleming
- Unbroken*, Laura Hillenbrand
- The Boys Who Challenged Hitler*, Phillip Hoose
- The Dark Game: True Spy Stories*, Paul Janeczko
- Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom*, Sue Macy
- Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon*, Steve Sheinkin

### Sports

- +*Friday Night Lights*, H.G. Bissinger
- +*The Boys in the Boat*, Daniel James Brown
- Soul Surfer*, Bethany Hamilton
- Undefeated*, Steve Sheinken

### Racism/Anti-Racism/Social Justice

- Fred Korematsu Speaks Up (Fighting for Justice)*, Laura Atkins
- +*Stamped: Racism, Anti Racism, and You*, Jason Reynolds, Ibram X. Kendi
- + *How to Be An Anti-Racist*, Ibram X. Kendi
- Just Mercy : A True Story of the Fight for Justice (Adapted for Young Adults)*, Bryan Stevenson

### Writing

- + *Bird by Bird*, Anne Lamott
- + *Sand in My Bra and Other Misadventures*, Jessica Maxwell
- +*Eats, Shoots, and Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation*, Lynn Truss