
Realistic Fiction Continued...

Giff, Patricia Reilly. [Pictures of Hollis Woods](#)
Hobbs, Will.. [Drawing: The Maze](#)
Horowitz, Anthony. [Snakehead](#)
Kadohata, Cynthia. [A Million Shades of Gray](#)
Kelly, Jacqueline. [The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate](#)
Konigsburg, E.L. [Silent to the Bone](#)
Korman, Gordon. [Everest; Island; Dive Series](#)
Lord, Cynthia. [Rules](#)
Martin, Ann M. [A Corner of The Universe](#)
Mass, Wendy. [Every Soul A Star](#)
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. [Faith, Hope, and Ivy June](#)
O'Connor, Barbara. [The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elvis](#)
Patterson, James. [Maximum Ride](#)
Peck, Richard. [A Season of Gifts](#)
Philbrick, Rodman. [The Young Man and the Sea](#)
St. John, Lauren. [The Last Leopard](#)
Weeks, Sarah. [So B. It](#)
Westerfeld, Scott. [So Yesterday](#)
Woodson, Jacqueline. [Hush](#)



Nothing beats a good book on the beach or in the backyard.

Fantasy & Science Fiction

Bloor, Edward. [Tangerine](#)
Collins, Suzanne. [The Hunger Games](#)
DiCamillo, Kate. [The Magician's Elephant](#)
DuPrau, Jeanne. [The Book of Ember Series](#)
Farmer, Nancy. [The House of the Scorpion](#)
Forman, Mark. [Slathbog's Gold](#)
Harris, Lewis A. [A Taste for Red](#)
Jacques, Brian. [Redwall](#)
L'Engle, Madeleine. [A Wrinkle in Time](#)
Lin, Grace. [Where The Mountain Meets the Moon](#)
Lowry, Lois. [The Giver](#)
Mass, Wendy. [11 Birthdays](#)
Paolini, Christopher. [Eragon Series](#)
Pattou, Edith. [East](#)
Philbrick, Rodman. [The Last Book in the Universe](#)
Pullman, Phillip. [The Golden Compass](#)
Resau, Laura. [The Indigo Notebook](#)
Riordan, Rick. [The Red Pyramid](#)
Rowling, J.K. [Harry Potter Series](#)
Saunders, Kate. [The Little Secret](#)
Stead, Rebecca. [When You Reach Me](#)
Townley, Rod. [The Blue Shoe: A Tale of Thievery, Villainy, Sorcery, and Shoes](#)
Westerfeld, Scott. [Uglies Series](#)
Zevin, Gabrielle. [Elsewhere](#)



Saco Middle School Summer Reading Program

Saco Middle School is excited to be starting a summer reading program. This program requires students to read two books over the summer. Studies show that reading increases students' writing skills, vocabulary and reading comprehension. More importantly, reading is fun, and we want to be sure that our students are turning a few pages this summer while they enjoy the beach, the backyard and the barbecue. While it is probably a good idea for students to jot down a few ideas about the books they read over the summer, in the fall, teachers will have assignments for them to complete on the two readings. The two books should either come from this list, or students may read other books by the authors listed. If students have already read a book on the list, the expectation is that they pick something new.

Books Are Great



Great Books For All Interests

Students may read other books by authors on the list.

Humorous

Bauer, Joan. [Squashed; Thwonk](#)
Choldenko, Gennifer. [If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period](#)
Gantos, Jack. [Joey Pigza Series](#)
Lubar, David. [The Big Stink](#)
Paulsen, Gary. [Lawn Boy](#)
Sonnenblick, Jordan. [Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie](#)

Mystery

Bosch, Pseudonymous. [The Name of This Book is Secret](#)
Gaiman, Neil. [The Graveyard Book](#)
Haddix, Margaret Peterson. [Sent](#)
Hahn, Mary Downing. [All The Lovely Bad Ones](#)
Klisem Kate. [Dying To Meet You](#)
Sachar, Louis. [Holes](#)
Taylor, Greg. [Killer Pizza](#)
Wasserman, Robin. [Awakening](#)
Williams, Carol Lynch. [The Chosen One](#)

Sports

Cochrane, Mick. [The Girl Who Threw Butterflies](#)
Coy, John. [Crackback](#)
Deuker, Carl. [Gym Candy](#)
Feinstein, John. [Cover-Up](#)
Korman, Gordon. [Zoobreak](#)

Sports Continued...

Lipsyte, Robert. [The Contender](#)
Lupica, Mike. [The Batboy](#)
Lynch, Chris. [Gold Dust](#)
Ritter, John. [The Boy Who Saved Baseball](#)
Weaver, Will. [Hard Ball; Striking Out](#)

Historical Fiction

Abdel-Fattah, Randa. [Does My Head Look Big In This?](#)
Avi. [Crispin: The Cross of Lead](#)
Anderson, Laurie Halse. [Fever 1793](#)
Bryant, Jennifer. [Kaleidoscope Eyes](#)
Burg, Ann E. [All The Broken Pieces: A Novel in Verse](#)
Couloumbis, Audrey. [War Games](#)
Curtis, Christopher Paul. [Elijah of Buxton](#)
Hughes, Dean. [Soldier Boys](#)
Mazer, Harry. [A Boy At War: A Novel of Pearl Harbor](#)
Myers, Walter Dean. [Fallen Angels](#)
Napoli, Donna Jo. [Song of The Magdalena](#)
Park, Linda Sue. [When My Name Was Keoko](#)
Paterson, Katherine. [The Day of The Pelican](#)
Philbrick, Rodman. [The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg](#)
Rinaldi, Ann. [A Stitch in Time](#)
Speare, Elizabeth George. [The Witch of Blackbird Pond](#)
Swanson, James L. [Chasing Lincoln's Killer](#)
Taylor, Mildred. [Roll of Thunder. Hear My Cry](#)
Weyn, Suzanne. [Distant Waves: A Novel of The Titanic](#)
Yolen, Jane. [The Devil's Arithmetic](#)
Zusak, Markus. [The Book Thief](#)

Nonfiction

Barton, Chris. [The Day-Glo Brothers: The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas and Brand-new Colors](#)
Burns, Loree Griffin. [Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, & the Science of Ocean Motion](#)
Dennis, Brian. [The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle](#)
Frank, Anne. [Diary of A Young Girl](#)
Keat, Nawuth. [Alive in The Killing Field: Surviving The Khmer Rouge Genocide](#)
Libbrecht, Kenneth George. [The Secret Life of a Snowflake: An Up-close Look at the Art & Science of Snowflakes](#)
Montgomery, Sy. [Saving the Ghost of The Mountain: An Expedition Among Snow Leopards in Mongolia](#)
Siwanowicz, Igor. [Animals Up Close: Zoom in On the World's Most Incredible Creatures](#)
Spinelli, Jerry. [Knots in My Yo-yo String](#)
Treaster, Joseph. [Hurricane Force](#)

Realistic Fiction

Alender, Katie. [Bad Girls Don't Die](#)
Baskin, Nora Raleigh. [Anything But Typical](#)
Clements, Andrew. [A Week In The Woods](#)
Coy, John. [Top of The Order](#)
Choldenko, Gennifer. [Al Capone Shines My Shoes](#)
Creech, Sharon. [Absolutely Normal Chaos](#)
Fagan, Deva. [Fortune's Folly](#)
Flanagan, John. [The Ruins of Gorlan](#)
Fleischman, Paul. [Whirligig](#)
French, Susannah T. [Operation Redwood](#)