

FOR INCOMING 9th GRADERS

Adams, Richard: ***Watership Down***

A maverick band of rabbits sets out against all odds on a quest for a new society.

Alcott, Louisa May: ***Little Women***

Four sisters of diverse personalities grow up in Civil War America.

Bloor, Edward: ***Tangerine.***

Story about soccer, football, fitting in, family secrets and a murder.

Bradbury, Ray: ***The Martian Chronicles***

Haunting, beautiful and often eerie stories about man's innate drive to explore.

Brown, Dee: ***Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee***

Documented account of the systematic decimation of the American Indians during the second half of the 19th century, told from the Indian point of view.

Burnett, Francis: ***The Secret Garden***

Mary, a self-centered girl, and Colin, a pampered invalid boy, learn compassion and generosity within the walls of an abandoned garden.

Carroll, Lewis: ***Alice in Wonderland; Through the Looking Glass***

Alice follows a rabbit down a hole and comes face to face with adventure and strange characters.

Carson, Rachel: ***The Sea Around Us; Silent Spring***

The classic stories of man's precarious relationship with the environment, particularly the ocean.

Clarke, Arthur: ***2001 A Space Odyssey***

Science fiction novels dealing with the next step in the evolution of man.

Cleaver, Vera: ***Where the Lilies Bloom***

Tough and tender novel about an orphaned mountain family and the courageous 14-year-old girl who keeps them together.

Cormier, Robert: ***The Rag and Bone Shop***

A young girl is murdered. A boy named Jason was the last person to see her alive-unless Jason is the killer. The police call in an expert to interrogate Jason. When they meet face to face, the truth wins out, or does it?

Crichton, Michael: ***The Terminal Man***

A computer implant in a programmer's brain transforms him from hacker to homicidal maniac.

Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan: ***The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes***

A collection of twelve classic mysteries solved by the great detective and his friend, Dr. Watson.

Gaines, Ernest: ***The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman***

On a journey from slavery to freedom, a black woman fights prejudice from the Civil War to the 1960's.

Green, Hannah: ***I Never Promised You a Rose Garden***

A boy with mental illness gives rise to a rebirth of wonder and the awakening of compassion in a hitherto unresponsive girl.

Greenberg, Jan, and Sandra Jordan: ***Vincent Van Gogh: Portrait of an Artist***

This book is comprised of letters between the two brothers, Vincent and Theo. There is a cliffhanger at the end of each chapter, urging you to continue reading.

Griffin, John Howard: ***Black Like Me***

Story of a white man who wants to know what it feels like to be black by darkening his skin and traveling to the South in the 1960's.

Gunther, John: ***Death Be Not Proud***

A father's moving story of a son's fight for life.

Four Miles to Pinecone

A teenager learns about true friends and responsibility over summer vacation.

Heyerdahl, Thor: ***KonTiki - Across the Pacific by Raft***

The record of an astonishing adventure-- a journey of 4,300 miles across the Pacific Ocean by raft.

Lewis, C. S.: ***The Chronicles of Narnia***

This adventure series takes four siblings out of their boring summer into a fantasy world of talking animals and an evil queen.

London, Jack: ***Call of the Wild***

The story of a dog, Buck, surviving the Alaskan wilderness.

White Fang

Part wolf, part dog, White Fang must survive the perils of life in the Yukon.

McCullers, Carson: ***The Heart is a Lonely Hunter***

A deaf mute, John Singer, lives in a small mill town in Georgia, during the 1930s; this is the story of the effect he has on the people who confide in him.

Member of the Wedding

A young girl is lost in the confusion of the adolescent world while participating in the adult world

Montgomery, L.M.: ***Avalon series; Emily series; Anne of Green Gables***

Eleven-year-old Anne Shirley wins the heart of her foster-mother in this delightful series set in Nova Scotia.

Mowat, Farley: ***Never Cry Wolf***

A true story of life among Arctic wolves told by a great Canadian storyteller and conservationist.

Orczy, Baroness: ***The Scarlet Pimpernel***

An English nobleman plays the fop in order to rescue royalty from terrorists during the French Revolution.

Paulsen, Gary: ***Hatchet***

After a plane crash, 13-year-old Brian spends 54 days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet.

Renault, Mary: ***The King Must Die***

The story of Theseus, a prince in ancient Greece, told in a mythic, legendary, historic, and imaginative fashion.

Rinaldi, Ann: ***Finishing Becca***

Historical novel of Benedict Arnold, his wife, and their treasonous acts. From the perspective of their 14-year-old servant, Becca Synge.

Rowlings, JK: ***The Harry Potter Series***

The fifth book in the Harry Potter series. Join the wizard-in-training during his fifth year at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and wizardry and discover the danger and darkness that await him.

Saroyan, William: ***My Name is Aram***

Fourteen interconnected short stories from the imaginative life of a young Armenian-American boy.

Shute, Nevil: ***A Town Like Alice***

A young woman endures a Japanese death march in World War II with the help of an Australian soldier.

Siegel, Aranka: ***Upon the Head of the Goat***

Life of a Jewish child in German-occupied Hungary from 1939-1944.

Grace in the Wilderness

Two sisters survive the Holocaust and are taken to Sweden after World War II. A sequel to ***Upon the Head of the Goat***.

Smith, Betty: ***A Tree Grows In Brooklyn***

A young girl comes of age in the squalor and poverty of the Brooklyn slums.

Stevenson, Robert Louis: ***Kidnapped***

David Balfour, 16 years old, is kidnapped by his uncle and becomes involved in the Scottish struggle against England.

Treasure Island

Classic tale of shipwreck and adventure.

Tolkien, J. R.R.: ***The Lord of the Rings Trilogy***

A delightful tale set in the fantasy world called Middle Earth amidst its charming dwarf-like creatures, the hobbits.

Verne, Jules: ***Journey to the Center of the Earth***

A team of explorers makes an expedition into a crater in Iceland which leads them to the center of the earth and to incredible and horrifying discoveries.