

Hawthorne Valley Waldorf School

High School Summer Reading List 2019

You may read any book by an author on the list.
Underlined selections are only for 9th and 10th graders.

FICTION

Adams, Richard	Watership Down – a popular modern classic
Allende, Isabel	Daughter of Fortune – by celebrated Chilean novelist
Austen, Jane	Pride and Prejudice – no one writes better than Jane Austen does
Bauer, Joan	Hope Was Here – 2001 Newbery Honor Book
Bronte, Charlotte	Jane Eyre – Jane is one of the great heroes in English fiction.
Bronte, Emily	Wuthering Heights – unforgettable “Gothic” tale of love and revenge
Buck, Pearl	The Good Earth – acclaimed epic novel of life in pre-Communist China
<u>Carter, Forrest</u>	<u>The Education of Little Tree</u> – Native American life and wisdom
Cather, Willa	My Antonia – best-known novel by this Pulitzer Prize winner
Chevalier, Tracy	Girl with a Pearl Earring – “great read,” about Vermeer and one of his models
Chopin, Kate	The Awakening – considered a radical novel in its time, still challenging today
<u>Clarke, Pauline</u>	<u>The Return of the Twelves</u> – fantasy/science fiction featuring the Bronte children
Conrad, Joseph	Lord Jim – one of the great novels of English literature, exciting, challenging
Conroy, Patrick	Beach Music – absorbing, thought-provoking modern tale
Cooper, James Fenimore	Last of the Mohicans – classic story of colonial America
<u>Cooper, Susan</u>	<u>The Dark is Rising</u> – 1974 Newbery Honor Book (read the whole series!)
<u>Creech, Sharon</u>	<u>Walk Two Moons</u> – 1995 Newbery Medal winner

<u>Cushman, Karen</u>	<u>Catherine, Called Birdy</u> – 1995 Newbery Honor Book
Defoe, Daniel	Robinson Crusoe – the castaway story
Diamant, Anita	The Red Tent – novel featuring some famous Old Testament women
Dickens, Charles	Great Expectations – absorbing novel of love, ambition, intrigue, and revenge
Dinesen, Isak	Out of Africa – love story against the backdrop of early 20 th century Africa
Dorris, Michael	A Yellow Raft in Blue Water – coming-of-age for a Native American girl
Dostoyevsky, Fyodor	Crime and Punishment – classic Russian novel of murder and mental torment
Early, Tony	Jim the Boy – coming of age in 1934 North Carolina
<u>Ende, Michael</u>	<u>The Neverending Story</u> – a modern fantasy classic
Esquivel, Laura	Like Water for Chocolate – exquisite first novel, set in Mexico
<u>Farmer, Nancy</u>	<u>A Girl Named Disaster</u> - 1997 Newbery Honor Book, set in Mozambique
Foer, Jonathan Safran	Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close
Frasier, Charles	Cold Mountain – sweeping, best-selling Civil War love story
<u>Funke, Cornelia</u>	<u>Inkheart</u> – engrossing fantasy
<u>Gray, Elizabeth</u>	<u>Adam of the Road</u> - 1943 Newbery Medal winner set in 13th century England
Greene, Graham	The Heart of the Matter – a man’s faith is put to the test, by a masterful writer
Haddon, Mark	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime
<u>Hamilton, Virginia</u>	<u>Sweet Whispers, Brother Rush</u> – 1983 Newbery Honor Book, girl and ghost
Heller, Joseph	Catch 22 – World War II, wildly funny (but also dark)
Hemingway, Ernest	For Whom the Bell Tolls – set in Spanish Civil War
Hersey, John	A Bell for Adano – set in Sicily right after World War II

<u>Hesse, Karen</u>	<u>Out of the Dust</u> – 1998 Newbery Medal winner, growing up in the Depression
<u>Hiaasen, Carl</u>	<u>Hoot</u> – 2003 Newbery Honor Book, about being the new kid in school
<u>Hinton, S.E.</u>	<u>The Outsiders</u> – popular, acclaimed first novel, about “greasers”
Hosseini, Khaled.	The Kite Runner , 2003 story about Afghanistan
Hulme, Keri	Te Kaihau/The Windeater – set in New Zealand
Irving, John	A Prayer for Owen Meaney – two boys’ strange and wonderful friendship
Jin, Ha	Waiting – novel by Chinese Nobel Prize winner
Joyce, James	Ulysses – voted the best 20 th century novel in English
<u>Kadohata, Cynthia</u>	<u>Kira-Kira</u> – Japanese-American family in 1950’s
Kennedy, William	Ironweed – bestseller by celebrated Albany novelist
Kerouac, Jack	On the Road – the modern “road book”
Kesey, Ken	One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest – a rebel in a hospital mental ward
Keyes, Daniel	Flowers for Algernon – experiment transforms handicapped man into a genius
Kidd, Sue Monk	The Secret Life of Bees – a wonderful coming-of-age story
Kingsolver, Barbara	The Bean Trees – a young woman’s search for herself “on the road”
<u>Konigsburg, E.L.</u>	<u>The View from Saturday</u> – Newbery Medal winner
<u>Langton, Jane</u>	<u>The Fledgling</u> – Newbery Honor Book, warm, moving story
<u>Le Guin, Ursula</u>	<u>A Wizard of Earthsea</u> – short, dark story, first of LeGuin’s acclaimed trilogy
<u>Lewis, C.S.</u>	<u>Chronicles of Narnia</u> – starting with The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe
<u>Lawry, Lois</u>	<u>Number the Stars</u> – anything by Lois Lawry is worth reading
Martel, Yann	The Life of Pi – a boy on a raft with a zebra, a hyena, a orangutan, and a tiger

<u>Mowat, Farley</u>	<u>The Dog Who Wouldn't Be</u> – hysterically funny recollections of a “bad” dog
McCullers, Carson	The Heart is a Lonely Hunter – brilliant first novel by a Southern master
Morrison, Toni	Song of Solomon – by one of the best current American writers
Myers, Walter Dean	Fallen Angels – about the agonies of combat in Vietnam
Naidoo, Beverly	The Other Side of Truth – 12-year-old flees her native Nigeria
Oates, Joyce Carol	We Were the Mulvaney's – a family's fall from grace, by Pulitzer Prize winner
Orwell, George	Animal Farm – a powerful modern parable
<u>Park, Linda Sue</u>	<u>A Single Shard</u> – Newbery Medal winner
<u>Peck, Robert Newton</u>	<u>A Day No Pigs Would Die</u> – raw, moving story of poor farm family in Vermont
<u>Peck, Richard</u>	<u>A Long Way From Chicago</u> – Newbery Honor Book
<u>Perkins, Lynne Rae</u>	<u>Criss Cross</u> - Newbery Medal winner
<u>Raskin, Ellen</u>	<u>The Westing Game</u> – Newbery Medal winner
Rawlings, Marjorie K.	The Yearling – a boy and his fawn on a poor family farm in Florida
Proulx, E. Annie	The Shipping News – great story, by the author of “Brokeback Mountain”
Roy, Arundhati	The God of Small Things – brilliant first novel by outspoken Indian writer
Scott, Sir Walter	Ivanhoe – famous novel of knights and the conflict between Normans and Saxons
<u>Schmidt, Gary</u>	<u>Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy</u> – Newbery Honor Book
Smith, Dodie	I Capture the Castle – 17-year-old aspiring writer in ramshackle English castle
Smith, Betty	A Tree Grows in Brooklyn – coming of age in early 20 th century New York
<u>Steinbeck, John</u>	<u>Of Mice and Men</u> – George and Lennie, unforgettable short novel
Stone, Irving	The Agony and the Ecstasy – epic novel about Michelangelo's life

Styron, William	Sophie's Choice – challenging novel of Holocaust survivor (very strong stuff)
Tan, Amy	The Joy Luck Club – four Chinese mothers and their American-born daughters
<u>Taylor, Mildred</u>	<u>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</u> – Newbery Medal winner
<u>Turner, Megan Whelan</u>	<u>The Thief</u> – Newbery Honor Book, master thief on a quest
Tyler, Anne	Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant – a family's conflicts and relationships
<u>Ullman, James Ramsey</u>	<u>Banner in the Sky</u> – 1995 Newbery Honor Book
Verne, Jules	Around the World in Eighty Days – classic tale of adventure
Welty, Eudora	The Optimist's Daughter – character-driven Pulitzer Prize winner
Woolf, Virginia	To the Lighthouse
Wright, Richard	Black Boy – African-American young man in the Depression
Zusak, Markus	The Book Thief – unforgettable, should be read by everybody!

Biography/Memoir

Angela's Ashes: A Memoir by Frank McCord
The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin by Benjamin Franklin
The Autobiography of Malcolm X by Malcolm X
Babe: The Life and Legend of Babe Zaharias by Susan E. Cayleff
Black Boy by Richard Wright
The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother by James McBride
Days of Grace by Arthur Ashe
Falling Leaves: The True Story of an Unwanted Chinese Daughter by Adeline Yen Mah
Galileo's Daughter by Dava Sobel
Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years by Sadie Delany
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer
It's Not About the Bike by Lance Armstrong
Niels Bohr: Physicist and Humanitarian by Naomi Pasachoff
Portrait of Myself by Margaret Bourke-White
Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High by Melba Pattillo Beals
Wasted: A Memoir of Anorexia and Bulimia by Marya Hornbacher
Yeager: An Autobiography by Chuck Yeager

History

All the President's Men by Carl Bernstein, and Bob Woodward
The Best and the Brightest by David Halberstam
Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee by Dee Brown
A Distant Mirror : The Calamitous 14th Century by Barbara Tuchman
An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution of the United States by Charles Austin Beard
Endless Steppe by Esther Hautzig
Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years 1954-1965 by Juan Williams
The Feminine Mystique by Betty Freidan
The Greatest Generation by Tom Brokaw
Hiroshima by John Hersey
Killers of the Dream by Lillian Smith
The Lexus and the Olive by Thomas Friedman
The March of Folly: From Troy to Vietnam by Barbara Tuchman
Memoirs of 1984 by Yuri Tarnopolsky
The Prince by Niccolo Machiavelli
The Republic by Plato
The Souls of Black Folk by W.E.B. DuBois
Undaunted Courage: Meriweather Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West by Stephen Ambrose
Why We Can't Wait by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Science

A Brief History of Time: From Big Bang to Black Holes by Stephen Hawking
Broca's Brain: Reflections on the Romance of Science by Carl Sagan
The Double Helix: A Personal Account of the Discovery and Structure of DNA by James D. Watson
The Dragons of Eden: Speculations on the Evolution of Human Intelligence by Carl Sagan
Eureka!: Scientific Breakthroughs That Changed the World by Leslie A. Horvitz
The Lives of a Cell: Notes of a Biology Watcher by Lewis Thomas
The Living Planet by David Attenborough
Longitude: The Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time by Dava Sobel
Next of Kin: What the Chimpanzees Have Taught Me About Who We Are by Roger Fouts
Organ and Tissue Transplants: Medical Miracles and Challenges by Marilyn McClellan
The Panda's Thumb by Stephen Jay Gould
Silent Spring by Rachel Carson
Snake Pits, Talking Cures, and Magic Bullets: A History of Mental Illness by Deborah Kent
Uncle Tungsten: Memories of a Chemical Boyhood by Oliver Sachs
The Toaster Project by Thomas Thawaites