

## Suggested Reading 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Author: Clive Barker

Title: Abarat

Description: Candy Quackenbush of Chickentown, Minnesota, journeys to the Abarat, an archipelago filled with strange wonders, and has a curious revelation: she has been here before, and it is her responsibility to save this mysterious place from the evil forces that threaten it

Author: Sherman Alexie

Title: The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

Description: Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

Author: Erich Maria Remarque

Title: All Quiet on the Western Front

Description: Germany's Iron Youth, represented by Paul Baumer and his friends, begin the war as teenagers sure of the justice of their cause and the glory that will be theirs. When these young men are confronted with trench warfare, dying in hellish agony, Paul must face the reality in which he finds himself and prepare for the world to which he will return, irrevocably changed.

Author: George Orwell

Title: Animal Farm

Description: A political satire in which the animals take over running the farm but find their utopian state turning into a dictatorship.

Author: Marina Tamar Budhos

Title: Ask Me No Questions

Description: Fourteen-year-old Nadira, her sister, and their parents leave Bangladesh for New York City, but the expiration of their visas and the events of September 11, 2001, bring frustration, sorrow, and terror for the whole family.

Author: Margo Lanagan

Title: Black Juice

Description: Provides glimpses of the dark side of civilization and the beauty of the human spirit through ten short stories that explore significant moments in people's lives, events leading to them, and their consequences.

Author: Melissa de la Cruz

Title: Blue Bloods

Description: Schuyler Van Alen, a loner at a prestigious New York City private school, sets out to learn the secrets of the Blue Bloods, an ancient group of vampires

Author: Kathleen Krull

Title: The Book of Rock Stars: 24 Musical Icons That Shine Through History

Description: An illustrated collection of twenty mini-biographies of such rock music legends as Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Bruce Springsteen, and Carlos Santana.

Author: Stephenie Meyer

Title: Breaking Dawn

Description: Continues the story of the human Bella and the vampire Edward whose love is threatened by their difference, a werewolf named Jacob, and other outside influences.

Author: Alexandra Flinn

Title: Breathing Underwater

Description: Sent to counseling for hitting his girlfriend, Caitlin, and ordered to keep a journal, sixteen-year-old Nick recounts his relationship with Caitlin, examines his controlling behavior and anger, and describes living with his abusive father.

Author: Dee Alexander Brown

Title: Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West

Description: A landmark book detailing how white settlers forced Native American tribes off the plains, often simply by killing them.

Author: Jack London

Title: The Call of the Wild

Description: Buck, who is half St. Bernard and half Scotch shepherd, is abducted and taken to the Klondike where he reverts to the wild and becomes a leader of a pack of wolves.

Author: Simon Singh

Title: The Code Book: How to Make It, Break It, Hack It, Crack It

Description: From Julius Caesar and his Caesar Cipher to the code used by Mary Queen of Scots to the use of the Enigma machine during the Second World War, Simon Singh follows the evolution of secret writing.

Author: Caroline Cooney

Title: Code Orange

Description: While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and all of New York City.

Author: Carolee Dean

Title: Comfort

Description: When fourteen-year-old Kenny Roy Willson discovers the power of poetry, he realizes that education will be his ticket out of Comfort, the small Texas town in which he has grown up.

Author: Sharon Draper

Title: Copper Sun

Description: Two fifteen-year-old girls--one a slave and the other an indentured servant--escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves.

Author: Catherine Murdock

Title: Dairy Queen

Description: After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.

Author: David Chotjewitz

Title: Daniel Half Human: and the Good Nazi

Description: Best friends Daniel and Armin find themselves separated by forces out of their control during Hitler's Germany of 1933.

Author: Willa Cather

Title: Death Comes for the Archbishop

Description: A novel taking place in the American Southwest, beginning in the 1850's and continuing through the end of the 19th Century. Two Catholic priests, Father Jean Latour and Father Joseph Vailant, are sent to New Mexico to bring Catholicism to the developing American territory.

Author: Stephenie Meyer

Title: Eclipse

Description: Bella must choose between her friendship with Jacob, a werewolf, and her relationship with Edward, a vampire, but when Seattle is ravaged by a mysterious string of killings, the three of them need to decide whether their personal lives are more important than the well-being of an entire city.

Author: Gabrielle Zevin

Title: Elsewhere

Description: After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to "live."

Author: Caroline Alexander

Title: The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition

Description: Provides an account of the Shackleton expedition of 1914, during which explorer Ernest Shackleton and his crew of twenty-seven set out to cross the Antarctic continent on foot, only to have their ship, Endurance, break up eighty-five miles short of their destination, leaving them stranded for close to two years. Includes a photographic record of the adventure.

Author: Mary Hoffman

Title: The Falconer's Knot: A Story of Friars, Flirtation and Foul Play

Description: Silvano and Chiara, teens sent to live in a friary and a nunnery in Renaissance Italy, are drawn to one another and dream of a future together, but when murders are committed in the friary, they must discover who is behind the crimes before they can realize their love.

Author: J.R.R. Tolkien

Title: The Fellowship of the Ring

Description: The first volume in the classic fantasy series, the Lord of the Rings, in which the quest to destroy the One Ring begins.

Author: Avi

Title: The Fighting Ground

Description: Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought within himself.

Author: D. M. Cornish

Title: Foundling

Description: Having grown up in a home for foundlings and possessing a girl's name, Rossamünd sets out to report to his new job as a lamplighter and has several adventures along the way as he meets people and monsters who are more complicated than he previously thought.

Author: Joseph Bruchac

Title: Geronimo

Description: For this new historical novel, the acclaimed author of "Sacajawea" now turns his attention to the great Apache warrior and spiritual leader.

Author: Tennessee Williams

Title: The Glass Menagerie

Description: Amanda, a faded southern belle, abandoned wife, and dominating mother, hopes to match her daughter Laura with an eligible "gentleman caller" while her son Tom supports the family. Laura, lame and painfully shy, evades her mother's schemes and reality by retreating to the make-believe world of her glass animal collection. Tom eventually leaves home to become a writer but is forever haunted by the memory of Laura.

Author: Janet Tashjian

Title: The Gospel According to Larry

Description: To save the world and win beautiful Beth, Josh invents Larry, an anonymous teen prophet ranting against consumerism.

Author: Sandra Cisneros

Title: The House on Mango Street

Description: A young girl living in a Hispanic neighborhood in Chicago ponders the advantages and disadvantages of her environment and evaluates her relationships with family and friends.

Author: Meg Rosoff

Title: How I Live Now

Description: Fifteen-year-old Daisy is sent from Manhattan to England to visit her aunt and cousins she's never met.

Author: Suzanne Collins

Title: Hunger Games

Description: Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death.

Author: Maya Angelou

Title: I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

Description: Autobiography covering the childhood of a woman who has been a professional dancer, actress, poet, journalist, and television producer.

Author: Dennis B. Fradin

Title: Ida B. Wells: Mother of the Civil Rights Movement

Description: The acclaimed civil rights leader Ida B. Wells (1862-1931) is brought vividly to life in this accessible and well-researched biography.

Author: Melissa Kantor

Title: If I Have a Wicked Stepmother, Where's My Prince?

Description: When the father of high school sophomore, Lucy Norton, remarries, Lucy finds herself tormented by two bratty stepsisters and a wicked stepmother.

Author: Pete Hautman

Title: Invisible

Description: Doug and Andy are unlikely best friends--one a loner obsessed by his model trains, the other a popular student involved in football and theater--who grew up together and share a bond that nothing can sever.

Author: Erik Larson

Title: Isaac's Storm: A Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History

Description: Narrative of the extreme hurricane that struck Galveston, Texas in 1900, leaving at least 8,000 dead in its wake.

Author: Janette Rallison

Title: It's a Mall World After All

Description: While working at the mall, organizing a school fundraiser, and trying to prove that her best friend's boyfriend is seeing another girl, high-school student Charlotte's best intentions always seem to backfire.

Author: Wynton Marsalis

Title: Jazz A-B-Z

Description: Profiles twenty-six of the jazz greats of all time, from Count Basie to Louis Armstrong, through a review of their work, their life stories, and their greatest hits by one of today's top jazz performers.

Author: Joseph Bruchac

Title: Jim Thorpe: Original All-American

Description: Focusing on Jim Thorpe's years at Pennsylvania's Carlisle Indian School, this title brings his early athletic career to life, while also dispelling some myths about him and movingly depicting the Native American experience at the turn of the 20th century.

Author: Sarah Dessen

Title: Just Listen

Description: Isolated from friends who believe the worst because she has not been truthful with them, sixteen-year-old Annabel finds an ally in classmate Owen, whose honesty and passion for music help her to face and share what really happened at the end-of-the-year party that changed her life.

Author: Yann Martel

Title: Life of Pi: a Novel

Description: Pi Patel, having spent an idyllic childhood in Pondicherry, India, as the son of a zookeeper, sets off with his family at the age of sixteen to start anew in Canada, but his life takes a marvelous turn when their ship sinks in the Pacific, leaving him adrift on a raft with a 450-pound Bengal tiger for company.

Author: David Okum

Title: Manga Fantasy Madness

Description: This guide for manga fans features more than 50 basic lessons for drawing warriors, wizards, and monsters, providing essential instructions and dynamic demonstrations using pencil, colored pencil, and markers.

Author: Russell Freedman

Title: Martha Graham: A Dancer's Life

Description: A photo-biography of the American dancer, teacher, and choreographer who was born in Pittsburgh in 1895 and who became a leading figure in the world of modern dance.

Author: James Patterson

Title: Maximum Ride

Description: After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose

Author: Norine Dresser

Title: Multicultural Manners: New Rules of Etiquette for a Changing Society

Description: This informative and entertaining book gives you the understanding you need, the perfect words to say, and the correct behavior to use in a wide range of cross-cultural situations.

Author: Kathleen V. Kudlinski

Title: My Lady, Pocahontas

Description: Nuttagwon is still a girl when Pocahontas's vision of peace between their people and the newly-arrived English colonists bonds the two in a lifelong friendship as they work together to make the vision a reality.

Author: Stephenie Meyer

Title: New Moon

Description: When the Cullens, including her beloved Edward, leave Forks rather than risk revealing that they are vampires, it is almost too much for eighteen-year-old Bella to bear, but she finds solace in her friend Jacob until he is drawn into a "cult" and changes in terrible ways.

Title: Night Is Gone, Day Is Still Coming: Stories and Poems by American Indian Teenagers and Young Adults

Description: This anthology of poetry, prose, and memoir gives voice to today's young American Indians, ages 11 to 22, from many nations across the country.

Author: Andrew C. Revkin

Title: The North Pole Was Here: Puzzles and Perils at the Top of the World

Description: An environmental reporter recounts his expedition to the North Pole where he followed oceanographers as they drilled through nine feet of ice to dive into the frigid waters and delved into the mysteries of climate modeling and global warming.

Author: Sharon Draper

Title: November Blues

Description: A teenaged boy's death in a hazing accident has lasting effects on his pregnant girlfriend and his guilt-ridden cousin, who gives up a promising music career to play football during his senior year in high school.

Author: Patricia McKillip

Title: Od Magic

Description: Possessing a unique talent for connecting with the agricultural environment, Brenden Vetch is hired as a gardener by the wizard Od, but Brenden's gifts could tip the balance of power in the Kingdom of Numis.

Author: Catherine Fisher

Title: The Oracle Betrayed

Description: After she is chosen to be "Bearer-of-the-god," Mirany questions the established order and sets out, along with a musician and a scribe, to find the legitimate heir of the religious leader known as the Archon.

Author: John Steinbeck

Title: The Pearl

Description: Terrible events follow the discovery of a magnificent pearl by a poor Mexican fisherman.

Author: Elizabeth Marie Pope

Title: The Perilous Gard

Description: In 1558, while imprisoned at Elvenwood Hall, a remote castle in northern England, teenaged Kate Sutton finds mystery and romance.

Author: John Fleischman

Title: Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science

Description: Gage, foreman of a railroad construction gang, survived an iron rod being blasted through his brain in 1848, and the subsequent study of him contributed to the modern understanding of the central nervous system.

Author: Jennifer Armstrong

Title: Photo By Brady: A Picture of the Civil War

Description: The story of the Civil War as seen through the lenses of the field photographers hired by Matthew Brady, who traveled with troops and made visual records of what they saw.

Author: Martin Sandler

Title: Photography: An Illustrated History

Description: Presents the history of photography from the daguerreotypes of the mid-1800s to its acceptance as an art form and more.

Author: Margarita Engle

Title: The Poet Slave of Cuba: A Biography of Juan Francisco Manzano

Description: Born a slave, raised by a woman not his mother, and denied an education, Juan overcame all the personal obstacles he faced as a child in order to reach freedom, pursue his natural talents, and become the celebrated poet he was destined to be.

Author: Nathaniel Philbrick

Title: Revenge of the Whale: The True Story of the Whaleship Essex

Description: Recounts the 1820 sinking of the whaleship "Essex" by an enraged sperm whale and how the crew of young men survived against impossible odds. Based on the author's adult book "In the Heart of the Sea."

Author: Philip Pullman

Title: The Ruby in the Smoke

Description: Sally Lockhart ventures into the shadowy underworld of Victorian London on the trail of a legendary ruby.

Author: Carl Deuker

Title: Runner

Description: Living with his alcoholic father on a broken-down sailboat on Puget Sound has been hard on seventeen-year-old Chance Taylor, but when his love of running leads to a high-paying job, he quickly learns that the money is not worth the risk.

Author: K. L. Going

Title: Saint Iggy

Description: Iggy Corso, who lives in city public housing, is caught physically and spiritually between good and bad when he is kicked out of high school, goes searching for his missing mother, and causes his friend to get involved with the same dangerous drug dealer who deals to his parents.

Author: Trudy Krisher

Title: Spite Fences

Description: As she struggles with her troubled relationship with her mother during the summer of 1960, a young girl is also drawn into the violence, hatred, and racial tension in her small Georgia town.

Author: Ibtisam Barakat

Title: Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood

Description: The author remembers her childhood in Ramallah and as a Palestinian refugee in the late 1960s.

Author: Richard Peck

Title: The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts

Description: In rural Indiana in 1904, fifteen-year-old Russell's dreams of quitting school and joining a wheat threshing crew are disrupted when his older sister takes over the teaching at his one-room schoolhouse after mean, old Myrt Arbuckle "hauls off and dies."

Author: Rosemary Graham

Title: Thou Shalt Not Dump the Skater Dude and Other Commandments I Have Broken

Description: Having endured the vicious rumors spread by her professional-skateboarder ex-boyfriend, high school sophomore Kelsey Wilcox tries to salvage her reputation while attempting to earn a place on her high school newspaper.

Author: Ben Mikaelson

Title: Touching Spirit Bear

Description: Juvenile delinquent Cole is sent to a remote Alaskan island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.

Author: Bill Keller

Title: Tree Shaker: The Story of Nelson Mandela

Description: The story of Nelson Mandela, who challenged apartheid in South Africa.

Author: Stephenie Meyer

Title: Twilight

Description: Seventeen-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, where she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not entirely human.

Author: Sarah Dessen

Title: The Truth about Forever

Description: The summer following her father's death, Macy plans to work at the library and wait for her brainy boyfriend to return from camp, but instead she goes to work at a catering business where she makes new friends and finally faces her grief.

Author: Jean Ferris

Title: Underground

Description: In 1839, Charlotte Brown is sold north to Kentucky, where she becomes a maid at Mammoth Cave Hotel, falls in love with one of the tour guides there, and gets involved in the Underground Railroad.

Title: The Wand in the Word: Conversations with Writers of Fantasy

Description: The editor asks thirteen noted fantasy authors--including Brian Jacques, Diana Wynne Jones, Garth Nix, and Terry Pratchett--about their pivotal life experiences, their literary influences and work routines, and their core beliefs about the place of fantasy in literature and in the lives of readers.

Author: Valerie Zenatti

Title: When I Was a Soldier: A Memoir

Description: Zenatti, first among her group of friends to be called for compulsory military service, chronicles two years of growing up in the Israeli army between 1988 and 1990.

Author: David Baldacci

Title: Wish You Well

Description: The lives of twelve-year-old Lou and her younger brother, Oz, change forever in 1940 when an accident involving their parents results in their being uprooted from their New York City home and moved to live with their great-grandmother in the mountains of Virginia.

Author: Marc Aronson

Title: Witch-hunt: Mysteries of the Salem Witch Trials

Description: Revisit a time of fear and half-truths to make up your own mind about what really happened in Salem Village.

Author: Diane Duane

Title: A Wizard Alone

Description: While Nita mourns her mother's death, teenage wizard Kit and his dog Ponch set out to find a young autistic boy who vanished in the middle of his Ordeal, pursued by the Lone Power.

Author: Brian Burks

Title: Wrango

Description: When African American George McJunkin joins a cattle drive along the Chisholm Trail, he experiences the hardships of cowboy life.