

**Suggested Reading**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Author: Lian Hearn

Title: *Across the Nightingale Floor*

Description: A boy is suddenly plucked from his life in a remote and peaceful village to find himself a pawn in a political scheme filled with treacherous warlords, rivalry, and the intensity of first love.

Author: Garth Nix

Title: *Across the Wall: Tales of the Abhorsen and Other Stories*

Description: Short fantasy stories by the author of the Abhorsen books.

Author: Laurie R. King

Title: *The Beekeeper's Apprentice*

Description: A chance meeting with a beekeeper turns into a pivotal, personal transformation when fifteen-year-old Mary Russell discovers that the beekeeper is the reclusive Sherlock Holmes, who soon takes on the role of mentor and teacher.

Author: Tony Hawk

Title: *Between Boardslides and Burnout: My Notes From the Road*

Description: Through action-packed photography taken on tour, Hawk illustrates each of his diary entries to provide an exclusive look at the ups and downs of life on the road and in competitions.

Author: Sara Douglass

Title: *Beyond the Hanging Wall*

Description: When Garth goes to help his physician father heal prisoners deep in the Veins, he discovers a deadly secret.

Author: Michael Cadnum

Title: *The Book of the Lion*

Description: 17-year-old Edmund finds himself traveling to the Holy Land as squire to a knight crusader on his way to join the forces of Richard the Lionheart.

Call Number:

Author: Markus Zusak

Title: *The Book Thief*

Description: Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

Author: Robert McCammon

Title: *Boy's Life*

Description: When Cory Mackenson accompanies his father on his milk route one spring day in 1964, they see a car plunge into a bottomless lake. As Cory and his father search for the truth about the incident, they come face-to-face with the forces of good and evil in their hometown.

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: Dana Reinhardt

Title: A Brief Chapter in My Impossible Life

Description: Sixteen-year-old atheist Simone Turner-Bloom's life changes in unexpected ways when her parents convince her to make contact with her biological mother, an agnostic from a Jewish family who is losing her battle with cancer.

Author: Kathe Koja

Title: Buddha Boy

Description: Justin spends time with Jinsen, the unusual and artistic new student whom the school bullies torment and call Buddha Boy, and ends up making choices that impact Jinsen, himself, and the entire school.

Author: Alice Walker

Title: The Color Purple

Description: Tells the story of two sisters: Nettie, a missionary in Africa, and Celie, a child-wife living in the South, in the medium of their letters to each other and in Celie's case, the desperate letters she begins, "Dear God."

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: Larry Colton

Title: Counting Coup: A True Story of Basketball and Honor on the Little Big Horn

Description: This work by freelance journalist Colton is an account of a teenage Native American girl who fought for honor on and off the basketball courts.

Author: Elizabeth Bunce

Title: A Curse Dark as Gold

Description: Upon the death of her father, seventeen-year-old Charlotte struggles to keep the family's woolen mill running in the face of an overwhelming mortgage and what the local villagers believe is a curse.

Author: Catherine Gilbert 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: James D. Watson

Title: The Double Helix: A Personal Account of the Discovery of the Structure of DNA

Description: The classic personal account of one of the great scientific discoveries of the century.

Author: Janet McNaughton

Title: An Earthly Knight

Description: In 1162 Scotland, 16-year-old Lady Jeanette hopes of redeeming her family's station through marriage. Yet she is haunted by the memory of a compelling young man from home--a man with a dark and terrible secret.

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: Orson Scott Card

Title: Ender's Shadow

Description: In this new parallel novel to "Ender's Game," Card tells the story of another child in the Battle School--a boy named Bean, whose past was a fight just to survive and whose mind was leagues beyond anyone else's.

Author: Eric Schlosser

Title: Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal

Description: Journalist Schlosser reveals unsettling facts about the fast food industry.

Author: Angela Johnson

Title: The First Part Last

Description: Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.

Author: Linda Peavy

Title: Frontier Children

Description: A collection of stories and images of childhood in the nineteenth-century West.

Author: Tracy Chevalier

Title: Girl with a Pearl Earring

Description: The story of 16-year-old Griet, whose life is transformed by her brief encounter with an artistic genius.

Author: John Steinbeck

Title: The Grapes of Wrath

Description: The story of a farm family's Depression-era journey from the Dustbowl of Oklahoma to the California migrant labor camps in search of a better life.

Author: Jon Krakauer

Title: Into the Wild

Description: Chris McCandless abandons everything to experience life in the Alaskan wilderness.

Author: Walter Dean Myers

Title: The Greatest: Muhammad Ali

Description: The Louisville Lip. Cassius Clay. The Greatest. Muhammad Ali may be known by more than one name, but his accomplishments, both inside and out of the boxing ring, have earned him a singular place in history as one of the most inspiring figures of the twentieth century.

Author: Jack Gantos

Title: Hole in My Life

Description: The author relates how, as a young adult, he became a drug user and smuggler, was arrested, did time in prison, and eventually got out and went to college, all the while hoping to become a writer.

Author: Deb Caletti

Title: Honey, Baby, Sweetheart

Description: In the summer of her junior year, sixteen-year-old Ruby McQueen and her mother, both nursing broken hearts, set out on a journey to reunite an elderly woman with her long-lost love and in the process learn many things about "the real ties that bind" people to one another.

Author: K. M. Grant

Title: How the Hangman Lost His Heart

Description: When her Uncle Frank is executed for treason against England's King George in 1746 and his severed head is mounted on a pike for public viewing, daring Alice tries to reclaim the head for a proper burial, finding an unlikely ally in the soft-hearted executioner, while incurring the wrath of the royal guard.

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: Bill Bryson

Title: In a Sunburned Country

Description: The author reveals hundreds of entertaining eccentricities about the world's largest island-Australia.

Author: Nicholas Dawidoff

Title: In the Country of Country: People and Places in American Music

Description: The travels of the author as he talks to the musicians, writers, and singers who created country music.

Author: Charlotte Bronte

Title: Jane Eyre

Description: Jane takes the post of governess at Thornfield and falls in love with Mr. Rochester.

Author: L. Divine

Title: Jayd's Legacy

Description: African-American high school junior Jayd Jackson sees trouble brewing when her white classmates grow hostile over her friend Nellie running for homecoming princess.

Author: Mary Renault

Title: The King Must Die

Description: Narrated by Theseus, this book is a retelling of the myth of Theseus, Ariadne, and the Minotaur from Greek Mythology.

Author: Chris Crutcher Title:

King of the Mild Frontier: An Ill-Advised Autobiography

Description: Do you know: A good reason to be phobic about oysters and olives? That you can step inside a roaring coal furnace and feel cool? That Jesus had an older brother? How shutting your mouth can help you avoid brain surgery? Chris Crutcher knows the answers to these things and more.

Author: Theodore Kazimiroff

Title: The Last Algonquin

Description: The story of Joe Two Trees, the last of his Algonquin tribe.

Author: Ernest Gaines

Title: A Lesson Before Dying

Description: Tells the story of a young African-American man sentenced to death for a murder he did not commit, and a teacher who tries to impart to him his learning and pride before the execution.

Author: Jerry Spinelli

Title: Milkweed

Description: Set in Nazi-occupied Poland just before the Warsaw ghetto uprising, Spinelli's first historical novel tells a tale of heartbreak, hope, and survival through the eyes of a young orphan.

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.

Author: Walter Lord

Title: A Night to Remember

Description: Provides an account of the sinking of the "Titanic," a reputedly unsinkable ship that went down in the Atlantic on April 10, 1912 after hitting an iceberg, resulting in the deaths of over 1,500 people.

Author: Geoffrey Ward

Title: Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story Of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony  
Description: This book is a portrait of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. They were born four years and seventy-one miles apart, into a world ruled entirely by men. Together, for more than half a century, they led the struggle to win the most basic civil rights for women.

Author: Judith Clarke

Title: One Whole and Perfect Day

Description: As her irritating family prepares to celebrate her grandfather's eightieth birthday, sixteen-year-old Lily yearns for just one whole perfect day together.

Title: Open Your Eyes: Extraordinary Experiences in Faraway Places

Description: In Open Your Eyes, ten writers will be your guides to the journeys that changed their lives.

Author: Hanna Jansen

Title: Over a Thousand Hills I Walk With You

Description: Before one fateful April day, Jeanne lived the life of a typical Rwandan girl. She fought with her little sister, went to school, and teased her brother. Then, in one horrifying night, everything changed.

Author: Joan Bauer

Title: Peeled

Description: In an upstate New York farming community, high school reporter Hildy Biddle investigates a series of strange occurrences at a house rumored to be haunted.

Author: Chris Wooding

Title: Poison

Description: When Poison leaves her home in the marshes of Gull to retrieve the infant sister who was snatched by the fairies, she and a group of unusual friends survive encounters with the inhabitants of various Realms, and Poison herself confronts a surprising destiny.

Author: Barbara Kingsolver

Title: The Poisonwood Bible

Description: Nathan Price and his family move to the Belgian Congo in 1959, and the experiences they have while living in Africa affect each member of the family in a different way.

Author: Polly Schoyer Brooks

Title: Queen Eleanor: Independent Spirit of the Medieval World

Description: A biography of the twelfth-century queen, first of France, then of England, who was the wife of Henry II and mother of several notable sons, including Richard the Lionhearted.

Author: Brian Hicks

Title: Raising the Hunley: The Remarkable History and Recovery of the Lost Confederate Submarine

Description: The legendary Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley was the first successful underwater warship that is, the first to sink an enemy ship. The sub disappeared without a trace in 1864, crippled by a Union ship. This is the story of its recovery.

Author: Jacqueline Kolosov

Title: The Red Queen's Daughter

Description: Orphaned at a young age, Mary Seymour is sent to be raised by a mysterious noblewoman who informs her of her destiny: Mary is to be a white magician who will join Queen Elizabeth's court and ensure her safe reign.

Author: Calvin Craig Miller

Title: Reggae Poet: The Story of Bob Marley

Description: Profiles the influential Jamaican musician who brought reggae music to mainstream American and European music scenes.

Author: Sharon Shinn

Title: The Safe-Keeper's Secret

Description: Fiona is Safe-Keeper in the small village of Tumbleham, where neighbors and strangers alike come one by one, in secret, to tell her things they dare not share with anyone else.

Author: Alan Gratz

Title: Samurai Shortstop

Description: While obtaining a Western education at a prestigious Japanese boarding school in 1890, sixteen-year-old Toyo also receives traditional samurai training which has profound effects on both his baseball game and his relationship with his father.

Author: Laura Hillenbrand

Title: Seabiscuit: An American Legend

Description: Seabiscuit was a discarded, bottom-level race horse that became a champion with the help of three men.

Author: Carl Sagan

Title: Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors: A Search for Who We Are

Description: This book is a brief history of the universe as it relates to the development of mankind.

Author: Rachel Carson

Title: Silent Spring

Description: This landmark book gave birth to the environmental movement.

Author: Gordon Korman

Title: Son of the Mob

Description: Your dad is in the Business, and you fall for the daughter of an FBI agent. What do you do?

Author: Linda Collison

Title: Star-Crossed

Description: Having been discovered as a stowaway as she tries to reach Barbados, teenaged English orphan Patricia Kelley struggles to survive by learning to be a ship's doctor and by disguising herself as a man when necessary.

Author: An Na

Title: A Step from Heaven

Description: A young Korean girl and her family find it difficult to learn English and adjust to life in America.

Author: Tim Bowler

Title: Storm Catchers

Description: Ella's family must deal with the consequences when she is kidnapped from the house in the middle of a storm.

Author: Sara Zarr

Title: Story of a Girl

Description: In the three years since her father caught her in the back seat of a car with an older boy, sixteen-year-old Deanna's life at home and school has been a nightmare, but while dreaming of escaping with her brother and his family, she discovers the power of forgiveness.

Author: Sonya Hartnett

Title: Surrender

Description: As he is dying, a twenty-year-old man known as Gabriel recounts his troubled childhood and his strange relationship with a dangerous counterpart named Finnigan.

Author: Zora Neale Hurston

Title: Their Eyes Were Watching God

Description: An African-American woman searches for a fulfilling relationship through two loveless marriages and finally finds it in the person of Tea Cake, an itinerant laborer and gambler.

Author: Tim O'Brien

Title: The Things They Carried: a Work of Fiction

Description: Contains a collection related fiction short stories with recurring characters, interwoven plot and themes told by a foot soldier retelling his experiences in the Vietnam War.

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: Wilborn Hampton

Title: War in the Middle East: A Reporter's Story

Description: An award-winning journalist offers a reporter's-eye view of the Middle East conflict, from the Jordanian civil war known as Black September in 1970 to the Yom Kippur War in 1973 to the events of today.

Author: Julie Danneberg

Title: Women Artists of the West: Five Portraits in Creativity and Courage

Description: Told in a unique first-person narrative, this collection profiles five important women artists who lived, worked, and created in the early years of the 20th century in the American West.