

**McCall Middle School
Summer Reading 2024
Incoming Grade 8**

Choose **at least one book** from the list below (detailed descriptions available here). Read it at any point during the summer. After you have completed the book, compose a response on the [Google Form](#) linked on the McCall Middle School website by the first day of school, Thursday, September 5, 2024. The response will be used as a completion grade in your English class. Please know that you are encouraged to read as many books as you wish, regardless of whether they come from this list, a series on this list, or your own inspiration.

Links are provided to the Winchester Public Library's Overdrive ebook listing of the text, but you may access the book through purchase or library loan as well. Happy reading!

Classic Authors

[Flowers for Algernon](#) by Daniel Keyes [Student Recommendation](#)
[Anne of Green Gables](#) by Lucy Maud Montgomery

Science Fiction and Dystopian Fiction

[Legend](#) by Marie Lu (part of a series) [Student Recommendation](#)
[Scythe](#) by Neal Shusterman (part of a series) [Student Recommendation](#)
[The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy](#) by Douglas Adams (part of a series)
[Uglies](#) by Scott Westerfeld

Fantasy

[Children of Blood and Bone](#) by Tomi Adeyemi
[Akata Witch](#) by Nnedi Okorafor
[The Selection](#) by Kiera Cass
[Six of Crows](#) by Leigh Bardugo [Student Recommendation](#)

Graphic Novels

[Gaijin: American Prisoner of War](#) by Matt Faulkner [Student Recommendation](#)
[Mooncakes](#) by Suzanne Walker
[The Magic Fish](#) by Trung Le Nguyen
[Nimona](#) by Noelle Stevenson
[Girl on Fire](#) by Alicia Keys and Andrew Weiner
[Mexikid](#) by Pedro Martin

Historical Fiction

[Between Shades of Gray](#) by Ruta Sepetys [Student Recommendation](#)
[Chains](#) by Laurie Halse Anderson [Student Recommendation](#)
[Dread Nation](#) by Justina Ireland

Nonfiction

[Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown](#) by Steve Sheinkin
[The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind](#) by William Kamkwamba (Young Reader's Edition) [Student Recommendation](#)
[I Will Always Write Back](#) by Caitlin Alifirenka, Liz Welch, and Martin Ganda

Horror

Fracture by Megan Miranda

The Leaving, by Tara Altebrando

White Smoke by Tiffany Jackson

Mystery

Shift by Jennifer Bradbury

When by Victoria Laurie Student Recommendation

The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes Student Recommendation

Realistic Fiction

The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin Student Recommendation

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas Student Recommendation

A Time to Dance, by Padma Venkatraman

Ana on the Edge by A.J. Sass

Son of the Mob by Gordon Korman Student Recommendation

Flight of the Puffin by Ann Braden (2024 Authorfest)

Sports

The Girl Who Threw Butterflies by Mick Cochrane Student Recommendation

True Legend by Mike Lupica Student Recommendation

Born to Play: My Life in the Game by Dustin Pedroia Student Recommendation

When the Game Was Ours by Jackie MacMullan, Larry Bird, and Magic Johnson Student Recommendation

Eleven Seconds: A Story of Tragedy, Courage, and Triumph by Travis Roy Student Recommendation

Rising Above: Inspiring Women in Sports by Gregory Zuckerman

Rez Ball by Byron Graves