

FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Summer 2009 Suggested Reading List
for
Rising Seventh and Eighth Graders

This list includes a wide variety of books to appeal to the interests and reading levels of many students. Parents are encouraged to review book selections with their children in order to help them make appropriate choices. Students may select books from this list, or they may read a comparable book that is approved by their parents.

Additional lists which include synopsis of these books can be found on our school website. The website for CFES is: <http://www.fcps.edu/CardinalForestES>

Additional suggestions can also be found in reading lists developed by Fairfax County Public Library at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library and Virginia Readers' Choice at <http://vsra.org/VRC.html>

Abbott, Tony. **FIREGIRL**

Abdel-Fattah, Randa. **DOES MY HEAD LOOK TOO BIG IN THIS?)**

Abrahams, Peter. **DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE: AN ECHO FALLS MYSTERY**

Alcott, Louisa M. **LITTLE WOMEN.**

Alexander, Lloyd. **THE BOOK OF THREE**

Allison, Jennifer. **GILDA JOYCE: PSYCHIC INVESTIGATOR**

Ambrose, Stephen E. **THE GOOD FIGHT: HOW WWII WAS WON**

Anderson, Laurie Halse. **FEVER 1793**

Appelt, Kathi. **THE UNDERNEATH)**

Armstrong, Jennifer. **SHIPWRECK AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WORLD**

Austen, Jane. **PRIDE AND PREJUDICE)**

Bachrach, Susan. **TELL THEM WE REMEMBER: THE STORY OF THE HOLOCAUST**

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. **HITLER YOUTH: GROWING UP IN HITLER'S SHADOW**

Bausum, Ann. **FREEDOM RIDERS: JOHN LEWIS AND JIM ZWERG ON THE FRONT LINES OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT**

Bingham, Kelly L. **SHARK GIRL**

Blackwood, Gary. **THE YEAR OF THE HANGMAN**

Bloor, Edward. **LONDON CALLING**

Bloor, Edward. **TANGERINE**

Borden, Louise. **THE JOURNEY THAT SAVED CURIOUS GEORGE**

Kimberly Brubaker. **FOR FREEDOM: THE STORY OF A FRENCH SPY**

Bridges, Ruby. **THROUGH MY EYES**

Brontë, Charlotte. **JANE EYRE a**

Bruchac, Joseph. **CODE TALKERS: A NOVEL ABOUT THE NAVAJO MARINES OF WORLD WAR TWO**

Bryant, Jen. **THE TRIAL**

Burns, Loree Griffin. **TRACKING TRASH: FLOTSAM, JETSAM, AND THE SCIENCE OF OCEAN MOTION.**

Caputo, Philip. **10,000 DAYS OF THUNDER: A HISTORY OF THE VIETNAM WAR**

Carbone, Elisa Lynn. **BLOOD ON THE RIVER: JAMES TOWN 1607**

Choldenko, Gennifer. **AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS**

Clements, Andrew. **THINGS NOT SEEN** Also, **THINGS HOPED FOR**

Cofer, Judith Ortiz. **CALL ME MARIA**

Colfer, Eoin. **ARTEMIS FOWL** Also, **ETERNITY CODE, ARCTIC INCIDENT** and **THE OPAL DECEPTION.** (F)

Collins, Suzanne. **THE HUNGER GAMES**

Compestine, Ying Chang. **REVOLUTION IS NOT A DINNER PARTY**

Cooney, Caroline B. **CODE ORANGE**

Cooper, Michael L. **FIGHTING FOR HONOR**

Corbett, Sue. **FREE BASEBALL**

Cummings, Priscilla. **RED KAYAK**

Cummins, Julie. **TOMBOY OF THE AIR: DAREDEVIL PILOT BLANCHE STUART SCOTT**

Curtis, Christopher. **ELIJAH OF BUXTON)**

Curtis, Christopher. **WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM - 1963**

Curtis, Christopher. **BUD, NOT BUDDY)**

Cushman, Karen. **THE LOUD SILENCE OF FRANCINE GREEN**

Davis, Sampson; George Jenkins and Rameck Hunt. **WE BEAT THE STREET: HOW A FRIENDSHIP PACT LED TO SUCCESS**

Deem, James M. **BODIES FROM THE ICE: MELTING GLACIERS AND THE RECOVERY OF THE PAST**

DiCamillo, Kate. **BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE**

Dowd, Siobhan. **THE LONDON EYE MYSTERY**

Draper, Sharon. **DOUBLE DUTCH**

Draper, Sharon. **FIRE FROM THE ROCK**

DuPrau, Jeanne. **CITY OF EMBER** Also, **THE PEOPLE OF SPARKS** and **THE PROPHET OF YONWOOD**

Ehrenberg, Pamela. **ETHAN, SUSPENDED)**

Elliott, Laura. **UNDER A WAR-TORN SKY**

Ellis, Deborah. **THE BREADWINNER**

Ephron, Delia. **FRANNIE IN PIECES)**

Evangelista, Beth. **GIFTED**

Farmer, Nancy. **HOUSE OF THE SCORPION**

Feinstein, John. **LAST SHOT: A FINAL FOUR MYSTERY** **VANISHING ACT** and **COVER-UP**

Ferguson, Alane. **THE CHRISTOPHER KILLER: A FORENSIC MYSTERY**

Flake, Sharon. **THE SKIN I'M IN**

Fleischman, John. **PHINEAS GAGE**

Freedman, Russell. **WHO WAS FIRST? DISCOVERING THE AMERICAS**

French, Jackie. **HITLER'S DAUGHTER**

French, Michael (adapted). **FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS**

Funke, Cornelia. **THE THIEF LORD.**

Funke, Cornelia. **INKHEART** Also, **INKSPELL.** (F)

Gaiman, Neil. **THE GRAVEYARD BOOK**

Gantos, Jack. **JOEY PIGZA SWALLOWED THE KEY.** Also, **JOEY PIGZA LOSES CONTROL** and **WHAT WOULD JOEY DO?**

George, Jean Craighead. **MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN**

Giblin, James Cross. **GOOD BROTHER, BAD BROTHER: THE STORY OF EDWIN BOOTH AND JOHN WILKES BOOTH**

Giff, Patricia Reilly. **PICTURES OF HOLLIS WOODS**

Goodall, Jane. **THE CHIMPANZEES I LOVE: SAVING THEIR WORLD AND OURS**

Gore, Albert. **AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH: THE CRISIS OF GLOBAL WARMING**

Gorman, Carol. **GAMES**

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. **DOUBLE IDENTITY**

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. **UPRISING**

Hale, Shannon. **THE PRINCESS ACADEMY**

Han, Jenny. **SHUG**

Haski, Pierre. **DIARY OF MA YAN: THE STRUGGLES AND HOPES OF A CHINESE SCHOOLGIRL)**

Hautman, Pete. **SNATCHED**

Hiaasen, Carl. **FLUSH)**

Hiaasen, Carl. **SCAT**

Hobbs, Will. **CROSSING THE WIRE**

Holm, Jennifer L. **PENNY FROM HEAVEN**

Hoose, Philip. **THE RACE TO SAVE THE LORD GOD BIRD**

Horowitz, Anthony. **STORMBREAKER**

Jackson, Donna M. **ER VETS: LIFE IN AN ANIMAL EMERGENCY ROOM**

Jacques, Brian. **CASTAWAYS OF THE FLYING DUTCHMAN**

Janezko, Paul B. **WORLD'S AFIRE**

Janeczko, Paul B. **TOP SECRET: HANDBOOK OF CODES, CIPHERS, AND SECRET**
Johnson, Angela. **BIRD**

Jurmain, Suzanne. **THE FORBIDDEN SCHOOLHOUSE: THE TRUE AND DRAMATIC STORY OF PRUDENCE CRANDALL AND HER STUDENTS**

Nelson, Kadir. **WE ARE THE SHIP: THE STORY OF NEGRO LEAGUE BASEBALL**

Kadohata, Cynthia. **CRACKER! THE BEST DOG IN VIETNAM**

Kinney, Jeff. **DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: GREG HEFFLEY'S JOURNAL** Also, **DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: RODRICK RULES**

Koja, Kathe. **BUDDHA BOY**

Korman, Gordon. **SCHOOLED**

Landy, Derek. **SKULDUGGERY PLEASANT**

Law, Ingrid. **SAVVY**

Lawrence, Iain. **LORD OF THE NUTCRACKER MEN.**

Lawrence, Iain. **THE WRECKERS** Also, **THE SMUGGLERS** and **THE BUCCANEERS**

Leroe, Ellen. **DISASTER! THREE REAL-LIFE STORIES OF SURVIVAL**

Levine, Ellen. **DARKNESS OVER DENMARK: THE DANISH RESISTANCE**

Lewis, Richard. **THE KILLING SEA**

Lisle, Janet Taylor. **BLACK DUCK**
Lupica, Mike. **HEAT**

Lupica, Mike. **TRAVEL TEAM**

Macy, Sue. **BULL'S EYE: A PHOTOBIOGRAPHY OF ANNIE OAKLEY** earn

Mah, Adeline Yen. **CHINESE CINDERELLA: THE TRUE STORY OF AN UNWANTED DAUGHTER**

Marcantonio, Patricia Santos. **RED RIDIN' IN THE HOOD AND OTHER CUENTOS**

Marrin, Albert. **COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND THE CIVIL WAR**

Mazer, Harry. **BOY AT WAR: A NOVEL OF PEARL HARBOR** Also, **BOY NO MORE** and **HEROES DON'T RUN**

McKissack, Patricia. **BLACK DIAMOND: THE STORY OF THE NEGRO BASEBALL LEAGUES)**

Meyer, Carolyn. **MARY, BLOODY MARY**

Meyer, Stephenie. **TWILIGHT**

Mikaelson, Ben. **PETEY)**

Mikaelson, Ben. **TOUCHING SPIRIT BEAR**

Miller, Sarah Elizabeth. **MISS SPITFIRE: REACHING HELEN KELLER**

Montgomery, Sy. **QUEST FOR THE TREE KANGAROO: AN EXPEDITION TO THE CLOUD FOREST OF NEW GUINEA**

Montgomery, Sy. **SEARCH FOR THE GOLDEN MOON BEAR**

Morpurgo, Michael. **PRIVATE PEACEFUL**

Mortenson, Greg. **THREE CUPS OF TEA: ONE MAN'S MISSION TO FIGHT TERRORISM AND BUILD NATIONS – ONE SCHOOL AT A TIME**

Murphy, Jim. **AMERICAN PLAGUE**

Myers, Walter Dean. **ANTARCTICA: JOURNEYS TO THE SOUTH POLE)**

Namioka, Lensey. **TIES THAT BIND, TIES THAT BREAK**

Nelson, Pete. **LEFT FOR DEAD**

Nix, Garth. **MISTER MONDAY** Also, **GRIM TUESDAY)**

Osa, Nancy. **CUBA FIFTEEN**

Paolini, Christopher. **ERAGON. ELDEST**

Park, Linda Sue. **WHEN MY NAME WAS KEOKO**

Paterson, Katherine. **BREAD AND ROSES, TOO**

Patton, Edith. **EAST**

Paulsen, Gary. **MY LIFE IN DOG YEARS**

Paulsen, Gary. **HOW ANGEL PETERSON GOT HIS NAME**

Paulsen, Gary. **LAWN BOY**

Paulsen, Gary. **LEGEND OF BASS REEVES**

Paulsen, Gary. **THE TIME HACKERS**

Pausewang, Gudrun. **DARK HOURS**

Pearsall, Shelley. **ALL OF THE ABOVE**

Peck, Richard. **A RIVER BETWEEN US**

Peck, Richard. **THE TEACHER'S FUNERAL**

Peck, Richard. **PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE**

Peters, Julie Anne. **DEFINE NORMAL**

Pfeffer, Susan Beth. **LIFE AS WE KNEW IT**

Pullman, Phillip. **THE GOLDEN COMPASS**

Riordan, Rick. **THE LIGHTNING THIEF**

Roberts, David and Jeremy Leslie. **PICK ME UP: STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW**

Robinson, Sharon. **PROMISES TO KEEP: HOW JACKIE ROBINSON CHANGED AMERICA** Also, **ESPERANZA RISING**.

Salisbury, Graham. **EYES OF THE EMPEROR**

Charles Wilson. **CHEW ON THIS: EVERYTHING YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW ABOUT FAST FOOD**.

Schmidt, Gary D. **LIZZIE BRIGHT AND THE BUCKMINSTER BOY**

Schmidt, Gary D. **THE WEDNESDAY WARS**

Selznick, Brian. **THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET**

Shusterman, Neal. **DREAD LOCKS: DARK FUSION #1**

Shusterman, Neal. **DOWNSIDERS**

Shusterman, Neal. **THE SCHWA WAS HERE**

Sleator, William. **THE BOXES**

Smith, Charles R. **TWELVE ROUNDS TO GLORY: THE STORY OF MUHAMMAD ALI**

Smith, Roland. **ELEPHANT RUN**

Smith, Roland. **PEAK**

Spinelli, Jerry. **STARGIRL** Also, **LOVE, STARGIRL**. (F)

Stanley, Diane. **MICHAELANGELO**

Stead, Rebecca. **FIRST LIGHT**

Stevenson, Robert Louis. **TREASURE ISLAND**

Stone, Jeff and Kiki Barrera. **TIGER**

Taylor, Mildred D. **ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY CRY** Prequel is **THE LAND**, and the sequel is **LET THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN**. (F)

Taylor, Peter Lane and Christos Nicola. **THE SECRET OF PRIEST'S GROTTA**

Taylor, Theodore. **THE BOMB**

Tolan, Stephanie. **SURVIVING THE APPLEWHITES**

Tolkien, J. R. R. **THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RINGS**

Uchida, Yoshiko. **INVISIBLE THREAD**

Uptale, Eleanor. **MONTMORENCY: THIEF, LIAR, GENTLEMAN** society named Montmorency. This is the first in the *Montmorency* series. (F)

Uusma, Bea. **THE MAN WHO WENT TO THE FAR SIDE OF THE MOON: THE STORY OF APOLLO 11 ASTRONAUT MICHAEL COLLINS**

Van Draanen, Wendelin. **FLIPPED**

VanDraanen, Wendelin. **SAMMY KEYS AND THE HOTEL THIEF** Also in the series **SAMMY KEYES AND THE DEAD GIVEAWAY**. (F)

Webb, Sophie. **MY SEASON WITH PENGUINS: AN ANTARCTIC JOURNAL**

Weeks, Sarah. **SO B. IT**

Wells, Rosemary. **RED MOON AT SHARPSBURG**

Westerfeld, Scott. **UGLIES**

White, Andrea. **SURVIVING ANTARCTICA: REALITY TV 2083**

Whitesel, Cheryl Aylward. **BLUE FINGERS: A NINJA'S TALE**

Woodford, Chris. **COOL STUFF AND HOW IT WORKS**

Woodson, Jacqueline. **HUSH**

Wulffson, Don. **THE KID WHO INVENTED THE POPSICLE** Also, **THE KID WHO INVENTED THE TRAMPOLINE**

Yang, Gene Luen. **AMERICAN BORN CHINESE**

Zindel, Paul. **THE GADGET**