

Tate High School Summer Reading 2020

The mission of our summer reading is to encourage students to read enjoyable, quality literature that will stimulate imagination, awaken curiosity, expand horizons, enhance verbal fluency, and foster critical thinking and a lifelong love for reading and learning. Students will be assessed on their reading in the fall!

Students in average English classes: Please read **ONE** book of your choice that is on grade-level **OR** from the honors-level books listed below. For the honors-level book, choose one from the appropriate grade-level choices.

Honors students: Please read **ONE** book of your choice that is on grade-level **AND** one book from the honors-level titles. You may choose two books from the honors-level titles if you would rather read two classics; however, you must read at least one classic book and not two books of choice. For the honors-level book, choose one from the appropriate grade-level choices.

DE/AP students: You will follow the same requirements as the Honors students.

Honors-Level Titles by grade level:

9th: *The Book Thief* (Markus Zusak)

[the-book-thief-markus-zusak.pdf](#)

OR

The Pearl (John Steinbeck)

[john-steinbeck-the-pearl.pdf](#)

10th: *Around the World in 80 Days* (Jules Verne)

[Around the World in 80 Days](#)

OR

Night (Elie Wiesel)

[Elie Wiesel - Night FULL TEXT.pdf](#)

11th: *The Old Man and the Sea* (Ernest Hemingway) No link available

OR

The Red Badge of Courage (Stephen Crane)

[The Red Badge of Courage](#)

12th: *And Then There Were None* (Agatha Christie)

<http://esl-bits.net/ESL.English.Learning.Audiobooks/And.Then.There.Were.None/indice.html>

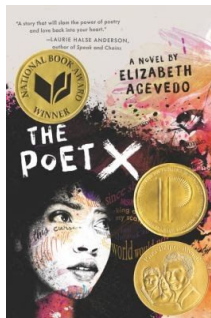
Parents: Please use your judgment in helping your child choose a book you find suitable. The Florida Teen Reads list below contains descriptions of books that are specifically written for high school students; however, students may choose a different book not on the list as long as it is written on a high school reading level. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, while humorous and enjoyable, would not be considered a suitable choice for high school summer reading as it is considered a middle school book. English teachers may ask students to choose a different book in the fall if the book chosen over the summer is not appropriate with respect to grade level.

Florida Teens Read nominates ten to fifteen books per year. The books nominated were chosen to:

- ❖ Engage high school students
- ❖ Reflect interests of high school students
- ❖ Represent a variety of genres, formats, reading levels, viewpoints, and ethnic and cultural perspectives



DISCLAIMER: The Teen Reads books listed are chosen for high school students grades nine through twelve. In order to engage their interest and spur critical thinking, the book selections include those that involve sensitive issues. The content of some of the titles may be more mature than younger students may have previously encountered. Please recognize that not every book selected will suit every student. Students are NOT required to choose one of these books as they are only suggestions. Use your judgement.



[The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo](#)

ISBN: 9780062662804

Publication Date: 2018-03-06

Xiomara Batista has a voice she can't use in her home in Harlem. Xiomara struggles with figuring out who she is, especially because of the image her mother has for her. Religion, prayer, and Confirmation classes compete with the real world experiences where being curvy means sometimes Xiomara has to speak with her knuckles. When Xiomara's English teacher invites her to join a school slam poetry club, she can't stop thinking about performing poetry and finds that being silent is not an option.



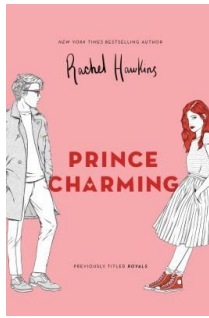
[Moonrise by Sarah Crossan](#)

ISBN: 9781681193663

Publication Date: 2018-05-08

"You can know all the facts you want about a person...but you'll never know for sure what's driving his heart." Joe, Ed, and Angela grew up without a dad and with a junkie mom, but at least they had each other. Until the day Ed doesn't come home. It's been 10 years since Joe last saw Ed when he hears that Ed finally has been given his

execution date as he waits on death row. Joe decides it's finally time to get rid of the excuses and spend all the time he can with his brother, no matter what the truth of his crime is, as they fight for appeals to save his life. How do you find yourself while in the midst of losing others? When your family has been broken, how do you make yourself whole?

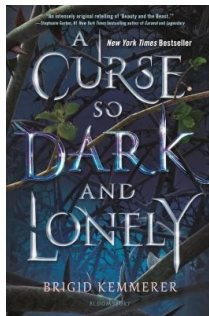


Prince Charming by Rachel Hawkins

ISBN: 9781524738259

Publication Date: 2019-03-05

Daisy Winters is unique. She has mermaid-red hair, a quirky personality, lives in Florida, but most importantly, is sister to the woman who is about to marry the Crown Prince of Scotland. Daisy has already caused problems, which has landed her frequently in the tabloids. The Royal family has appointed the charming Miles to teach her proper etiquette, but the prince's roguish younger brother is trying to bring her along on his scandalous adventures. What happens next is a roller coaster of royalty, love, and some serious fun.



A Curse So Dark and Lonely by Brigid Kemmerer

ISBN: 9781681195087

Publication Date: 2019-01-29

Prince Rhen, the heir to Emberfell, is cursed. He's doomed to repeat the autumn of his 18th year until he finds true love. Each time he fails, he is turned into a vicious beast hell-bent on destroying his castle, family, and very nearly his kingdom. After so many failures, Emberfell and his people are barely hanging on. Harper Lacy is always being underestimated. Her life in Washington, DC, is no walk in the park, but she's learned to be tough and not let anything hold her back, including her cerebral palsy or the death of her mother. When she's sucked into Rhen's world, nothing seems to make sense, yet as she spends more time with Rhen in his kingdom, she begins to realize what's at stake. As Rhen discovers that Harper is not like the other girls, he begins to hope again. But there are powerful forces at work, and it will take more than just a broken curse to save Harper, Rhen, and his kingdom



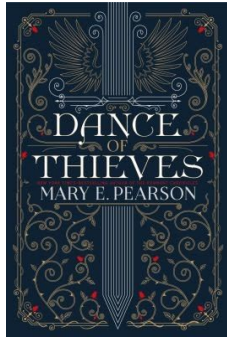
Whisper by Lynette Noni

ISBN: 9781771389389

Publication Date: 2018-05-01

"Words are too precious to throw around carelessly. Words demand respect. They are beautiful; they are terrible. They are a gift and a curse. I will never forget what they can do. Because words have cost me everything." For

over two years, she hasn't spoken a word. She hasn't even uttered her name. Known simply as Subject Six Eight Four or Jane Doe, only she knows the secret power of her words -- something her evaluators at Lengard, a secret government facility, cannot imagine. Enduring experiments and finding that she doesn't know who to trust, will Jane Doe learn to trust herself enough to risk? What if the power of your words could change the world? Would you speak?

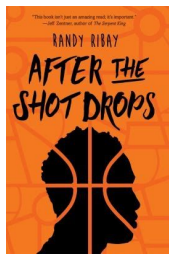


Dance of Thieves by Mary E. Pearson

ISBN: 9781250159014

Publication Date: 2018-08-07

Reformed thief Kazimyrh and her comrades who make up the Rahtan, Queen Zezelia's elite guard, are sent to investigate wrongdoings in the Ballenger outlaw dynasty, who claim to be among the first nations and as such do not recognize the rule of the queen. The Rahtan arrive at Hell's Mouth to find that the Ballenger's former leader has died, and Jase, his son, is now in charge. When circumstances throw the Jase and Karimyrh together they must unite to save their lives. As they struggle to uphold their own secret motives and complete their missions, they realize they might just lose their hearts along the way.



After the Shot Drops by Randy Ribay

ISBN: 9781328702272

Publication Date: 2018-03-06

Told from two perspectives, former friends and basketball teammates Benedict "Bunny" and Nasir have a falling out after Bunny suddenly transfers to an elite private school to play basketball with a better chance of being drafted. Bunny starts to second guess his decision as he tries to navigate his two worlds: his new, mostly white school, and his neighborhood and old community who feel abandoned. At the same time, Nasir is pressured to sabotage Bunny's games to help his cousin. As Bunny tries to repair his friendship, Nasir must decide if family or friends are more important, or if the two can be the same thing.



Not Even Bones by Rebecca Schaeffer

ISBN: 9781328863546

Publication Date: 2018-09-04

Nita has grown up working for the black market. Her mother murders supernatural people and sells them; Nita's job is to simply dissect them for their useful body parts. Then one day her mother brings home a living target, but Nita cannot bring herself to dissect him alive. Instead she helps him escape only to find herself sold to the black market in his place because she, too, has supernatural abilities. With no help in sight, Nita must do the unthinkable to survive.

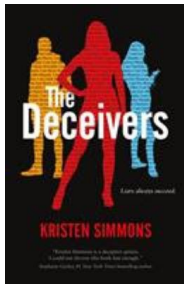


[Dry by Neal Shusterman; Jarrod Shusterman](#)

ISBN: 9781481481960

Publication Date: 2018-10-02

When water, our most precious resource, is suddenly unavailable in California due to a devastating drought, 16-year old Alyssa and her younger brother, Garrett, begin the fight of their lives. They embark on a journey to find water and have no choice but to join forces with Jacqui, Henry, and Kelton, although they are unsure who to trust. In a story that will leave the reader feeling constantly thirsty, Alyssa and her companions struggle not to descend into the mindless violence that seems to have overtaken society. This gripping dystopian work keeps the reader guessing until the very last page, and also raises questions about the very real possibility that this could become our reality.

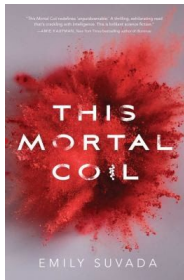


[The Deceivers by Kristen Simmons](#)

ISBN: 9781250175793

Publication Date: 2019-02-05

Brynn Hilder is eager to get away from her run down neighborhood and her Mom's loser boyfriend. When she is recruited to the elite academy Vale Hall, she jumps at the chance for a new start. She didn't get into the school because of academics; it was because of her ability to swindle and bamboozle, because this is a school for aspiring con artists. Brynn is asked to help the school with its mission to rid the city of corrupt officials, and soon realizes she is in way over her head. The fast-paced fun in The Deceivers is intriguing and will keep the reader interested as the twists and turns build mystery.



[This Mortal Coil by Emily Suvada](#)

ISBN: 9781481496339

Publication Date: 2017-11-07

Catarina Agatta is a DNA hacking genius living in the future where a plague is killing the human population and technology can change and heal a person's DNA. Cat's father, Dr. Lachlan Agatta, is the last hope for saving humanity by defeating the plague. While working on the cure, he is kidnapped by the Cartaxus organization. After surviving two years on her own, Cole, a Cartaxus soldier, has come to tell Cat her father is dead and she is the only one who can decode her father's notes. Cat has been taught by her father not to trust Cartaxus. Can she trust Cole? Should she believe her father? Can she even trust herself?

