

7th/8th Grade Chelsea Middle School Summer Reading Book Suggested List

This year there is no required summer reading assignment for incoming 7th or 8th graders at Chelsea Middle School. English teachers do, however, *suggest* that students read at least one book of their choice over the summer. [Studies show that lack of reading can lead to a “brain drain” over the summer](#), making literacy more difficult to address as they start the school year.

To check out summer reading book suggestions, see the following list with descriptions. When you click on the book name, it will direct you to the book trailer. Please see age ratings from Common Sense Media for parental advisory guidance.

If you like staying “in-the-know,” here are some popular current Young Adult Literature (YAL) books. These deal with topics of family issues, bullying, social media, depression, social anxiety, society (violence, race relations, war, immigration, etc.), and more...			
Book Title (Click on title to view book trailer)	Description	Topics/Themes this book deals with are...	
<u>Orbiting Jupiter</u> by Gary D. Schmidt **Rating: Ages 12+	To read more about <u>Orbiting Jupiter</u> , click here.	Realistic Fiction Family Drama	Friendship Foster Care/Adoption
<u>Dear Martin</u> by Nic Stone **Rating: Ages 14+	<u>To read more about Dear Martin, click here.</u>	Racial Issues Teen Violence	Drama Justice
<u>All American Boys</u> by Jason Reynolds **Rating: Ages 12+	<u>To read more about All American Boys, click here.</u>	Racial Issues Teen Violence	Drama Friendship
<u>Long Way Down</u> by Jason Reynolds **Rating: Ages 12+	<u>To read more about Long Way Down, click here.</u>	Racial Issues Teen Violence	Drama Friendship
<u>Unwind</u> (series) by Neil Shusterman **Rating: Ages 13+	<u>To read more about Unwind, click here.</u>	Dystopian Future Power Struggle	Drama Adventure
<u>Alone Together</u> by Sarah J. Donovan **Rating: Ages 13+	<u>To read more about Alone Together, click here.</u>	Realistic Fiction Drama	Identity Verse Poetry
<u>Refugee</u> by Alan Gratz **Rating: Ages 10+	<u>To read more about Refugee, click here.</u>	Racial Issues Adventure/Identity	Drama Journal Narration Style
<u>Swallowing Stones</u> by Joyce McDonald **Rating: Ages 13+	<u>To read more about Swallowing Stones, click here.</u>	Teen Violence Bullying	Drama Young Love
<u>We Were Here</u> by Matt de La Pena **Rating: Ages 14+	<u>To read more about We Were Here, click here.</u>	Teen Violence Identity	Friendship Justice
<u>Mexican Whiteboy</u> by Matt de la Pena **Rating: Ages 14+	<u>To read more about Mexican Whiteboy, click here.</u>	Realistic Fiction Identity	Racial Issues Justice
<u>Side Effects May Vary</u> by Julie Murphy	<u>To read more about Side Effects May Vary, click here.</u>	Realistic Fiction	Friendship

**Rating: Ages 14+		Young Love	Drama
<i>Allegedly</i> by Tiffany D. Jackson **Rating: Ages 14+	To read more about Allegedly, click here.	Teen Violence Racial Issues	Friendship Justice
<i>The Poet X</i> by Elizabeth Acevero **Rating: Ages 13+	To read more about The Poet X, click here.	Slam Poetry Identity	Friendship Young Love
<i>A List of Cages</i> by Robin Roe **Rating: Ages 14+	To read more about A List of Cages, click here.	Mental Health Identity	Friendship Drama
<i>Rebound</i> by Kwame Alexander **Rating: Ages 10+	To read more about Rebound, click here.	Basketball Identity	Friendship Written in Verse Poetry
<i>Solo</i> by Kwame Alexander **Rating: Ages 12+	To read more about Solo, click here.	Basketball Identity	Friendship Written in Verse Poetry
<i>Mapping the Bones</i> by Jane Yolen **Rating: Ages 13+	To read more about Mapping the Bones, click here.	Holocaust History	Drama Family Issues
<i>The Scourge</i> by Jennifer Nielsen **Rating: Ages 12+	To read more about The Scourge, click here.	Fantasy Sci-Fi	Deadly Plague Drama
<i>Girl Stolen</i> by April Henry **Rating: Ages 12+	To read more about Girl Stolen, click here.	Adventure/Thriller Drama	Friendship Mystery
<i>To Catch a Killer</i> by Sheryl Scarborough **Rating: Ages 12+	To read more about To Catch a Killer, click here.	Adventure/Thriller Drama	Friendship Mystery
<i>Strange the Dreamer</i> by Laini Taylor **Rating: Ages 14+	To read more about Strange the Dreamer, click here.	Fantasy Family Issues - Orphan	Adventure/Thriller Drama
<i>The Cruel Prince</i> by Holly Black **Rating: Ages 14+	To read more about The Cruel Prince, click here.	Fantasy Family Issues	Young Love Drama
<i>Ghost Boys</i> by Jewel Parker Rhoads **Rating: Ages 14+	To read more about Ghost Boys, click here.	Teen Violence Racial Issues	Friendship Justice
<i>When</i> by Victoria Laurie **Rating: Ages 13+	To read more about When, click here.	Dystopian Future Mystery	Sci-Fi Family Issues
<i>Lucky in Love</i> by Kasie West **Rating: Ages 12+	To read more about Lucky In Love, click here.	Realistic Fiction Young Love	Friendship Drama
<i>Disappeared</i> by Francisco Stork **Rating: Ages 13+	To read more about Disappeared, click here.	Realistic Fiction Drama	Friendship Adventure/Thriller
<i>Navy Seal Dogs</i> by Mike Ritland **Rating: Ages 13+	To read more about Navy Seal Dogs, click here.	Animals War	Family Issues Drama

If you enjoy sci-fi like <u>A Wrinkle in Time</u> and dystopian books such as <u>Hunger Games</u> (series), <u>The Maze Runner</u> (series), and <u>The Giver</u> , check out...		
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<u>Little Brother</u> by Cory Doctorow **Rating: Ages 14+	<u>To read more about Little Brother, click here.</u>	Dystopia (Alternate World) Government Sci-Fi Power
<u>Uglies</u> (series) by Scott Westerfield **Rating: Ages 12+	<u>To read more about Uglies, click here.</u>	Dystopia (Alternate World) Teen Romance Sci-Fi Action/Adventure
<u>Cinder</u> by Marissa Meyer **Rating: Ages 11+	<u>To read more about Cinder click here.</u>	Fantasy/Sci-Fi Good vs. Evil Fairy Tale Remake Discrimination
<u>The Bar Code Tattoo</u> (series) by Suzanne Weyn **Rating: Ages 12+	<u>To read more about The Bar Code Tattoo click here.</u>	Dystopia (Alternate Worlds) Teen Romance Action/Adventure Government/Power
<u>The False Prince</u> by Jennifer Nielsen **Rating: Ages 11+	<u>To read more about The False Prince click here.</u>	Sci-Fi Action/Adventure Government/Power Teen Drama
<u>The Darkest Minds</u> by Alexandra Bracken **Rating: Ages 14+	<u>To read more about The Darkest Minds click here.</u>	Sci-Fi Leadership Dystopia (Alternate Worlds) Teen Drama
If you enjoyed <u>Chew on This</u> or other non-fiction/historical fiction books, check out...		
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<u>Fever 1793</u> by Laurie Halse Anderson **Rating: Ages 12+	<u>To read more about Fever 1793, click here.</u>	Death Family Early America Science/Diseases
<u>Shatter Me</u> by Tahereh Mafi **Rating: Ages 14+	<u>To read more about Shatter Me click here.</u>	Dystopia (Alternate Worlds) Government Science - Diseases Teen Drama
<u>Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe</u> by Benjamin Alire Sáenz **Rating: Ages 14+	<u>To read more about Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe click here.</u>	Friendship History/Philosophy Humor Growing Up
<u>Persepolis</u> by Marjane Satrapi **Rating: Ages 14+	<u>To read more about Persepolis click here.</u>	Historical Fiction Growing Up Graphic Novel Family Issues
If you enjoyed <u>The Book Thief</u> or other drama/humor books, check out...		
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<u>The House of the Scorpion</u> by Nancy Farmer **Rating: Ages 11+	<u>To read more about The House of the Scorpion click here.</u>	Hispanic Tradition/Culture Dystopia Mystery Power

<u>Scrawl</u> by Mark Shulman **Rating: Ages 12+	To read more about Scrawl, click here.	Bullying Family/School Issues	Teen Drama Humor
<u>The Graveyard Book</u> by Neil Gaiman **Rating: Ages 10+	To read more about The Graveyard Book click here.	Mystery The Supernatural	Death Good vs. Evil
<u>Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children</u> by Ransom Riggs **Rating: Ages 13+	To read more about Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children click here.	Family Issues The Supernatural	Growing Up Good vs. Evil
<u>Mockingbird</u> by Katherine Erskine **Rating: Ages 10+	To read more about Mockingbird, click here.	Family Issues Death	Teen Drama
<u>Brown Girl Dreaming</u> by Jacqueline Woodson **Rating: Ages 10+	To read more about Brown Girl Dreaming click here.	Poetry Racial Issues	Family Issues Discrimination

If you enjoy reading books that deal with teen drama or romance such as **The Fault in Our Stars**, check out...

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<u>Eleanor & Park</u> by Rainbow Rowell **Rating: Ages 14+	To read more about Eleanor & Park click here.	Family Issues Teen Romance	Teen Drama Bullying
<u>Everything Everything</u> by Nicola Yoon **Rating: Ages 13+	To read more about Everything Everything click here.	Teen Romance Death	Family Issues Racial Issues
<u>Hush, Hush</u> by Becca Fitzpatrick **Rating: Ages 13+	To read more about Hush, Hush click here.	Vampire/Sci-Fi Teen Romance	Teen Drama Action/Adventure
<u>Vampire Academy</u> by Richelle Mead **Rating: Ages 13+	To read more about Vampire Academy click here.	Sci-Fi Teen Drama	Humorous Mystery Teen Romance
<u>Stargirl</u> by Jerry Spinelli **Rating: Ages 10+	To read more about Stargirl click here.	Mystery Friendship	Teen Drama Teen Romance

If you enjoy reading graphic novels with images, then check out..

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<u>Black Panther #1</u> by Ta-Nehisi Coats **Rating: Ages 12+	To read more about Black Panther click here.	
<u>Amulet series</u> by Kazu Kibuishi **Rating: Ages 11+	To read more about Amulet click here.	
<u>Bone</u> by Jeff Smith **Rating: Ages 11+	To read more about Bone click here.	

