



**Saint Bartholomew School**  
**Summer Reading**  
**Grade Seven 2009**

**The books that are highlighted are recommended from the list of the top one hundred books of the Century. Every seventh and eighth grader should have read these books before entering high school.**

Authors that have a (\*) beside their names have their book nominated for the Maryland Black-Eyed Susan Award for grades sixth-eighth for 2000-2009.

**Alexander, Lloyd**

**The High King**

Newbery Winner concluding the Chronicles of Prydain

Avi Crispin : The Cross of Lead (2003 Newbery Medal Winner)

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

\*Avi

Perloo

In this fantasy book, Perloo, a peaceful scholar has been chosen to succeed Jolaine as leader of the furry underground people called the Montmers. He finds himself in danger when Jolaine dies and her evil son seizes control of the burrow.

Barry, Dave

Peter and the Star Catchers (Book 1)

Read about Peter, leader of a group of orphan boys being sent into slavery aboard the *Never Land*, and Black Stache, a fearsome pirate who commands a villainous crew. Characters include Molly Aster and her father. Molly, at 14, is an apprentice Starcatcher, a secret society formed to keep evildoers from obtaining "starstuff," magic material that falls to earth and conveys happiness, power, increased intelligence, and the ability to fly. Inevitably, the ships wreck off a tropical island and a trunk of starstuff is temporarily lost.

Barry, Dave

Peter and the Shadow Thieves (Book 2)

An evil force is once again trying to obtain starstuff, the magical substance that, among many other qualities, enables Peter to fly and to remain eternally youthful. Peter must visit London to help his friend Molly and her family of starcatchers, leaving the boys on Mollusk Island at the mercy of Hook.

Book 3 "Peter and the Secret of Rundoon" continues the fast paced fantasy.

Bierborst, John (editor)

The Dancing Fox: Arctic Folktales

A collection of eighteen folktales.

Bloor, Edward

Tangerine

Paul Fisher may be legally blind, but in many ways he sees more than most do. This novel of growing self-awareness will intrigue readers with its exciting sports descriptions and hint of mystery.

Carbone, Elisa

Stealing Freedom

The story is about a slave girl from Maryland who escapes to Canada.

Card, Orson Scott

Ender's Game

Intense is the word for Ender's Game. Aliens have attacked Earth twice and almost destroyed the human species. To make sure humans win the next encounter, the world government has taken to raising military geniuses -- and then training them in the arts of war... The early training, not surprisingly, takes the form of 'games'... Ender Wiggin is a genius among geniuses; he wins all the games... But is he smart enough to save the planet?

Clements, Andrew

Things Not Seen

When happens when a high school boy named Bobby steps out of the shower one morning and discovers he is invisible? He can't tell a soul except his mom and dad. Then he meets Alicia and she is blind. Bobby can't resist talking to her, trusting her, and then caring about her.

Colfer, Eoin

Artemis Fowl

Who is Artemis Fowl : a genius, a criminal mastermind, a millionaire. See how he plots to steal the richest treasure – the timeless treasure of the fairies! Also read books 2,3,4.

\*Conford, Ellen

Crush

Here are nine interwoven stories about the lives of high school students before the Valentine's Day dance.

\*Cooney, Caroline

Burning Up

15year old Macey Clare decides to research the burning of a barn in her hometown and learns about the destructiveness of hatred.

**Cooper, Susan**

**The Dark is Rising (series)**

Eleven year old boy finds out he has special powers.

Creech, Sharon

Walk Two Moons

After her mother leaves home suddenly, Thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend, Phoebe.

Creech, Sharon

Absolutely Normal Chaos

Mary Lou Pinney details her strange summer with her very large family and her new boyfriend.

Creech, Sharon

Bloomability

When her aunt and uncle take her from New Mexico to Switzerland to attend an international school, thirteen-year-old Pinnie discovers an expanding world and her place in it.

Curtis, Christopher Paul

Bud, Not Buddy (2000 Newbery winner)

The story of a boy's search for his real father in Michigan during the Great Depression.

Cussler, Clive

The Sea Hunters

Clive Cussler and his crack team of NUMA (Nat'l. Underwater Marine Agency) search for historic shipwrecks. Here are the dramatic, true accounts, of 12 remarkable underwater discoveries.

Ellis Deborah

Parvana's Journey

13 yr. Old Parvana lives in war torn Afghanistan and is in search of her family. A very sad story that shows the courage and hope that can keep children afloat in the most horrific circumstances.

Farmer, Nancy

A Girl Named Disaster

Newbury Honor. Nhamo is only a girl of eleven when she flees her village in Mozambique to avoid being married to a cruel old man. Stealing a canoe, she heads towards Zimbabwe to find the father she has never known.

\*Fenner, Carol

King of Dragons

Having lost access to the old railroad station where they have been staying, homeless Ian and his father move into the city and try not to be discovered by authorities.

\*Ferris, Jean

Once Upon a Marigold

Christian falls in love with Princess Marigold and has to foil a scheming queen who wants to take over the kingdom, even if it means bumping off her own daughter!

Fleischman, Sid

The Abracadabra Kid

The autobiography of the children's author who set out from childhood to be a magician.

\*Fletcher, Susan

Shadow Spinner

It falls to Marjan, a crippled servant girl, to help Shahrazad find new stories to tell the Sultan. She is forced to sneak from the harem and travel to the city.

**Fox, Paula**

**The One-Eyed Cat**

Story about a boy who shoots off a gun and the problems that result.

**Freedman, Russell**

**Lincoln: A Photo-biography**

Visually enticing Newbery-winning biography

Funke, Cornelia

**Inkheart (series)**

Meg's father, Mo, reads aloud from Inkheart and an evil ruler named Capricorn escapes the book and lands in their living room. Somehow, Meggie and Most must harness the magic from this nightmare.

Funke, Cornelia

**The Thief Lord**

Prosper and Bo are orphans on the run from their cruel aunt and uncle. In Venice they meet a mysterious 13 yr. old boy who calls himself the "Thief Lord."

**George, Jean Craighead**

**Julie of the Wolves**

Newbery-Award winner of an Eskimo girl and her relationship with wolves

Giff, Patricia Reilly

**Lilly's Crossing**

Lily and Albert, a Hungarian refugee from the Nazis, become friends at Rockaway Beach during the summer of 1944.

\*Giff, Patricia Reilly

**Pictures of Hollis Woods**

Artistically talented Hollis Woods, age 12, has made a habit of running away from foster homes, but on Long Island things are different. She immediately bonds with Josie, her new guardian, who is a slightly eccentric, retired art teacher. Hollis worries about Josie's increasing forgetfulness.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

**Among the Hidden** (series)

Luke has never been to school. He's never had a birthday party or a sleepover. Luke is one of the shadow children, a third child forbidden by the Population Police. He's lived his entire life in hiding. Finally, he meets a shadow child like himself, and Jen is willing to risk everything to come out of the shadows.

**Hamilton, Virginia**

**M.C.Higgins, the Great**

Newbery Medal and National Book Award winning story set in an Ohio coal-mining mountain.

**Hamilton, Virginia**

**The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales**

Coretta Scott King/MacArthur Award winning collection of folktales about Slaves.

Harrison, Lisi

**The Clique** (series)

Claire Lyons moves from Florida to Westchester, NY where she lives with Massie Block, the uncontested ruler of The Clique at Octavian Country Day School. In Keds and two-year old Gap overalls, Claire is clearly not Clique material but you will cheer for her anyway!

Hiaasen, Carl

**Hoot**

Someone has been sabotaging the site of Mother Paula's All-American Pancake House. Survey stakes get uprooted, alligators swim in Porta Potties, and water moccasins terrorize four rottweilers. Roy Eberhardt, newly arrived in Florida from Montana, makes it his mission to save the owls whose homes are about to be destroyed.

\*Hobbs, Will

**Maze**

Arch Walker, a runaway, takes refuge in a wilderness camp where he learns to care for California condors.

Holland, Kevin Crossley

**The Seeing Stone**

The story of Arthur deCaldicot. A boy who lives in a small castle on the Welsh border of medieval England. Arthur has family, (a mean older brother) and several friends. However, he also has a mysterious friend, Merlin, who never speaks of his past. One day, Merlin gives Arthur a piece of obsidian and tells him it will be the most precious thing he will ever own.

Holland, Kevin Crossley

**At the Crossing Places**

Part 2 of the Arthur trilogy. In the year 1200, Arthur de Caldicot sets out to accompany Lord Stephen on the 4<sup>th</sup> of the Crusades, which pitted Christians against Muslims in what were called the holy wars. (Book 3: King of the Middle March)

Holm, Ann

**North to Freedom**

12 yr. old David can't figure out why the guard at the prison camp where he has lived his whole life has engineered his escape. He must make his way to Italy, then north to Denmark, with only a water bottle, a piece of soap, a loaf of bread, a compass, matches, and his un-childlike wariness.

Horowitz, Anthony

**Ark Angel** (2006)

Alex Rider, the 14-year-old spy and adventurer from *Stormbreaker* (2001), *Point Blank* (2002), *Skeleton Key* (2003), and *Eagle Strike*, (2004) is back. After being shot outside the offices of M16 and left for dead in *Scorpia* (2005), Alex awakens in a top secret hospital and quickly gets involved in a new adventure. *Snakehead* continues the series.

Jacques, Brian Redwall (series)  
The arrival of the evil rat Cluny and the villainous hordes, Matthais, a young mouse, shatter the ancient Redwall Abbey. (Others in this Redwall series are also good).

Jiang, Ji-Ji Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of The Cultural Revolution  
This autobiography tells the story of a twelve-year-old student's loyalty to the Chinese government and her love of her family when her father is targeted during the political turmoil of the 1960s.

**Kerr, M.E.** Dinky Hocker Shoots Smack  
Story of a smart-aleck, overweight 14-year-old girl.

**Kipling, Rudyard** Just So Stories  
Twelve humorous stories explaining about how the camel got his hump and other questions.

\*Koertge, Ron Shakespeare Bats Cleanup  
At 14, Kevin Boland is a straight-talking MVP first baseman who can't tell a ballad from a salad. But when a case of mono forces him to spend months home recuperating, he borrows his father's poetry book and starts writing to pass the time. He gains insight as he records about romance, baseball stardom, and sorrow over the recent death of his mother.

Korman, Gordon Son of the Mob  
17 yr. old Vince doesn't want to become involved in his father's supposed "vending machine Business". Then he become involved with the daughter of the FBI agent who is after his father.

Korman, Gordon No More Dead Dogs  
Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well. Very funny.

**LeEngle, Madeleine** A Wrinkle in Time  
Newbery-Winning coming-of-age novel about family values battling evil.

**Lewis, C.S.** The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (series)  
A magical story about the strength of good over evil.

Lyons, Mary Letters From a Slave Girl  
The fictional story of Harriet Jacobs, told in the form of letters that she might have written during her slavery in North Carolina in 1842.

**Lupica, Mike** Heat  
Michael Arroyo has a pitching arm that throws serious heat. But his firepower is nothing compared to the heat Michael faces in his day-to-day life. Newly orphaned after his father led the family's escape from Cuba, Michael's only family is his seventeen-year old brother Carlos. If Social Services hears of their situation, they will be separated in the foster-care system—or worse, sent back to Cuba.

Lupica, Mike Miracle on 49<sup>th</sup> Street  
Josh Cameron has it all: a World Championship ring with the Boston Celtics, an MVP award, a clean-cut image, and the adoration of millions. What he doesn't have is family. Until the day 12-year-old smartaleck Molly Parker confronts him in a parking lot and claims to be his daughter—the only daughter of Jen Parker, Josh's college sweetheart and the still the only girl he's ever loved. Also, check out Lupica's most recent book, Summer Ball, which raises the stakes in this sequel to *Travel Team*, where taking your game to the next level means more than just winning. It means preserving a dream.

**Macaulay, David** The Way Things Work  
A humorous book explaining how objects work.

McCaughrean, Geraldine The Golden Hoard or The Silver Treasure  
Both books are collections of myths and legends of the world.

**McKinley, Robin** The Hero and the Crown  
A Newbery-Award Winning story about a sword-wielding heroine who slays dragons.

**Montgomery, L.M.** Anne of Green Gables  
Beginning book in a series about a well-known fictional heroine.

Murphy, Jim

Inside the Alamo

A thoroughly researched book that cuts through the myths about this moment in history. Interesting details such as snippets from letters, journal entries, and short biographical sketches of the major figures involved.

Murphy, Jim

**Blizzard! The Storm That Changed America**

A history, based on personal accounts and newspaper articles, of the massive snow storm that hit the Northeast in 1888, focusing on the events in New York City.

**Myers, Walter Dean**

**Fallen Angels**

Insightful book about the lives of young African-American soldiers.

Norman, Howard and Dillon, Leo     The Girl Who Dreamed Only Geese: And Other Tales of The Far North

A collection of Eskimo folktales.

Oppel, Kenneth

Airborn: Book One

a cabin boy on a lighter-than-air liner in the book's Jules Vernesian world, finds adventure and romance among pirates and mysterious flying creatures on an uncharted island.

Paolini, Christopher

Eragon

Eragon, a young farm boy, finds a marvelous blue stone in a mystical mountain place. It hatches a beautiful sapphire-blue dragon, a race thought to be extinct. Eragon bonds with the dragon, and when his family is killed by the marauding Ra'zac, he discovers that he is the last of the Dragon Riders. **Eldest**, book two, continues the saga, **Brisingr**, continues the saga, one more to go!

\*Paulson, Gary

The Car

14 yr. old Terry Anders has been abandoned by his parents. He travels by car from Cleveland to Portland to search for an uncle he hardly knows. Along the way, he picks up a Vietnam veteran.

**Pearce, Philippa**

**Tom's Midnight Garden**

Story about Tom and his relationship with a Victorian girl who lives in his garden at night.

\*Peck, Richard

A Long Way From Chicago

Joey remembers his summer visits to rural Illinois where his amazing grandmother lives.

\*Peck, Richard

A Year Down Yonder

Mary Alice is fifteen and facing a whole year with grandma, a woman well known for shaking up the local populace.

Philbrick, Nathaniel

Revenge of the Whale

This true story is not for the weak of heart! The story is about the whaleship Essex that was attacked by a whale on November 20, 1820. Three months later, two boats were rescued, of the twenty men, only eight survived.

**Raskin, Ellen**

**The Westing Game**

A Newbery-medal winning mystery about 16 people who try to figure out who killed a millionaire, just so they can inherit the money.

Reeder, Carolyn

Captain Kate

Determined to take her father's barge on the C&O Canal from Cumberland, Maryland, to Georgetown in D.C., twelve-year-old Kate learns hurtful truths about herself.

Riordan, Rick

The Lightning Thief

The escapades of the Greek gods and heroes get a fresh spin in the first book in the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series, about a contemporary 12-year-old New Yorker who learns he's a demigod. Perseus, aka Percy Jackson, thinks he has big problems. He vaporizes his pre-algebra teacher, learns his best friend is a satyr, and is almost killed by a minotaur before his mother manages to get him to the safety of Camp Half-Blood--where he discovers that Poseidon is his father. Book #2 The Sea of Monsters , Book #3 The Titan's Curse , Book #4 The Battle of the Labyrinth, and Book #5 The Last Olympian

\*Rowling, J. K.

**Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows**

This will tie up all the loose ends to an awesome series!

Sage, Angie

Magyk

Infants switched at birth, spell casting, Brownies, boggarts, dastardly villains and wizards add lively scenery and action throughout. And since Septimus is the gifted-by-birthright seventh son of a seventh son, and this is the first in a planned trilogy, listeners are left with the anticipation of more to come. Book #2 *Flyte*, book #3 *Physik*, book #4 *Queste*

Schmidt, Gary

The Wednesday Wars

On Wednesday afternoons, while his Catholic and Jewish schoolmates attend religious instruction, Holling Hoodhood, the only Presbyterian in his seventh grade, is alone in the classroom with his teacher, Mrs. Baker, who Holling is convinced doesn't like him. Mrs. Baker assigns Shakespeare's plays for Holling to discuss during their shared afternoons. On the plus side, Mrs. Baker arranges a meeting between Holling and the New York Yankees, brokers a deal to save a student's father's architectural firm, and, after revealing her past as an Olympic runner, coaches Holling to the varsity cross-country team.

\*Sleator, William

Boxes

This science-fiction thriller takes on the human psyche as well as the very nature of time.

Smith, Sherwood

Crown Duel

Young Countess Meliara swears to her dying father that she and her brother will defend their people from the growing greed of the king.

\*Spinelli, Jerry

Crash

Seventh grader John "Crash" Coogan has always been comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior, until his relationship with an unusual Quaker boy and his grandfather's stroke make him consider the meaning of friendship and the importance of family.

Stewart, Trenton

The Mysterious Benedict Society

Not sure what this book is about but I heard it was good! If you read this book and tell me what it is about I will give you a prize! Book 2 "The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey"

Stroud, Jonathan

The Bartimaeus Trilogy: The Amulet of Samarkand

Nathaniel has been apprenticed to Mr. Underwood for several years. At the age of 12, he has finally been Named and is on his way to becoming a real magician. Suddenly, London is in an uproar. The Amulet of Samarkand has been stolen from the powerful magician Simon Lovelace. Only Nathaniel knows what really happened because it was he who commanded the 5000-year-old djinni, Bartimaeus to steal it for him. (Book 2 : *The Golem's Eye* Book 3: *Ptolemy's Gate*)

**Sutcliffe, Rosemary**

**The Lantern Bearers**

A historical adventure, set in A.D.450, tells about Aquila, a young soldier who fights to keep alight the lantern of civilization during the Barbarian invasion.

**Taylor, Mildred**

**Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry**

This book deals with what it is like to grow up black in the South.

**Tolkein, J.R.R.**

**The Hobbit (series)**

The classic fantasy adventure of Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit.

Tolan, Stephanie

Surviving the Applewhites

Jake Semple had been kicked out of every school in Rhode Island. Now there was only one place left that will take him, a home school run by the most outrageous, forgetful, chaotic, quarrelsome family you'll ever meet.

Van Draanen, Wendelin

Flipped

The first time she saw him, she flipped. The first time he saw her, he ran. And from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to the 7<sup>th</sup>, that's how it was. But in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, their views of the world—and each other—turn upside down.

**Dear America Series**

**A Journey to the New World: The Diary of Remember Patience Whipple, Mayflower, 1620 by Kathryn Lasky**

**Standing in the Light: The Captive Diary of Catharine Carey Logan, Delaware Valley, Pennsylvania, 1763, by Mary Pope Osborne**

**Love Thy Neighbor: The Tory Diary of Prudence Emerson, Greenmarsh, Massachusetts, 1774 by Ann Turner**

**The Winter of Red Snow: The Revolutionary War Diary of Abigail Jane Stewart, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, 1777 by Kristiana Gregory**

**A Line in the Sand: The Alamo Diary of Lucinda Lawrence, Gonzales, Texas, 1836 by Sherry Garland**

**Valley of the Moon: The Diary of Maria Rosalia de Milagros, Sonoma Valley, Alta California, 1846 by Sherry Garland**

**So Far From Home: The Diary of Mary Driscoll, an Irish Mill Girl, Lowell, Massachusetts, 1847 by Kristiana Gregory**

**Across the Wide and Lonesome Prairie: The Oregon Trail Diary of Hattie Campbell, 1847 by Kristiana Gregory**

**Seeds of Hope: The Gold Rush Diary of Susanna Fairchild, California Territory, 1849 by Kristiana Gregory**

**A Picture of Freedom: The Diary of Clotee, A Slave Girl, Belmont Plantation, Virginia, 1859 by Patricia C. McKissack**

**A Light in the Storm: The Civil War Diary of Amelia Martin, Fenwich Island, Delaware, 1861 by Karen Hesse**

**When Will This Cruel War be Over?: The Civil War Diary of Emma Simpson, Gordonsville, Virginia, 1864 by Barry Denenberg**

**The Girl Who Chased Away Sorrow: The Diary of Sarah Nita, A Navajo Girl, New Mexico, 1864 by Ann Turner**

**I Thought My Soul Would Rise And Fly: The Diary of Patsy, a Freed Girl, Mars Bluff, South Carolina, 1865 by Joyce Hansen**

**The Great Railroad Race: The Diary of Libby West, Utah Territory, 1868 by Kristiana Gregory**

**Land of the Buffalo Bones: The Diary of Mary Ann Elizabeth Rodgers, an English Girl in Minnesota, New Yeovil, 1873 by Marion Dane Bauer**

**My Hear is on The Ground: The Diary of Nannie Little Rose, a Sioux Girl, Carlisle Indian School, Pennsylvania, 1880 by Ann Rinaldi**

**My Face to the Wind: The Diary of Sarah Jane Price, A Prairie Teacher, Broken Bow, Nebraska, 1881 by Jim Murphy**

**West to a Land of Plenty: The Diary of Teresa Angelino Viscardi, New York to Idaho Territory, 1883 by Jim Murphy**

**A Coal Miner's Bride: The Diary of Anetka Kaminska Lattimer, Pennsylvania, 1896 by Susan Campbell Bartoletti**

**Dreams in the Golden Country: The Diary of Zipporah Feldman, a Jewish Immigrant Girls, New York City, 1903 by Kathry Lasky**

**Voyage on the Great Titanic: The Diary of Margaret Ann Brady, R.M.S. Titanic, 1912 by Ellen Emerson White**

**A Time for Courage: The Suffragette Diary of Kathleen Bowen, Washington, D.C., 1917 by Kathryn Lasky**

**When Christmas Comes Again: The World War I Diary of Simone Spencer, New York City to the Western Front, 1917 by Beth Seidel Levine**

**Color Me Dark: The Diary of Nellie Lee Love, The Great Migration North, Chicago, Illinois, 1919 by Patricia C. McKissack**

**Mirror, Mirror on the Wall: The Diary of Bess Brennan, The Perkins School for the Blind, 1932 by Barry Deneberg**

**Christmas After All: The Great Depression Diary of Minnie Swift, Indianapolis, IN, 1932 by Kathryn Lasky**

**One Eye Laughing The Other Weeping: The Diary of Julie Weiss, Vienna, Austria to New York, 1938 by Barry Deneberg**

**My Secret War: The World War II Diary of Madeline Beck, Long Island, New York, 1941 by Mary Pope Osborne**

**Where Have All the Flowers Gone? The Diary of Molly Mackenzie Flaherty, Boston, Massachusetts, 1968 by Ellen Emerson White**