

According to Literature in the Secondary School, NCTE Research Report 25, the following books and plays are taught in more high schools in the United States than any other selections. Most colleges would expect students to have read them. (All of these titles are taught either as choices or as required reading in the literature classes offered by Norfolk Public Schools.)

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
Hamlet by William Shakespeare
Lord of the Flies by William Golding
Macbeth by William Shakespeare
Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare
The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

This list can be used to guide you as you select books for summer reading. Ask your librarian for help in locating these and other good books. This list offers a wide range of literature which differs in subject matter, reading level, and sophistication. **Not all books are appropriate for all students. Parents may want to participate in the selection process.**

Although a few titles may appear under two grade levels, students in either grade may desire to read them.

Those with an asterisk (*) are offered in one or more literature classes in Norfolk Public Schools.

GRADE 9

All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot
Animal Farm by George Orwell
Band of Angels by Julian F. Thompson
Because I Am Furniture by Thalia Chaltas
Beyond the Chocolate War by Robert Cormier
Children of the River by Linda Crew
Copper Sun by Sharon Draper
Crazy Horse Electric Game by Chris Crutcher
David Copperfield by Charles Dickens
*Ellen Foster by Kaye Gibbons
Fallen Angels by Walter D. Myers

*Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien
The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
I am the Messenger/The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury

Maus I and Maus II by Art Spiegelman
Monster by Walter Dean Myers

The Knife of Never Letting Go (Book One of the Chaos Walking Series) by Patrick Ness

Nothing But the Truth by Avi

*River, Cross My Heart by Breena Clark

*A Separate Peace by John Knowles

*Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

White Darkness, The by Geraldine McCaughrean

GRADE 10

All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren

The Book of Ruth by Jane Hamilton

Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns

Copper Sun by Sharon Draper

*The Crucible by Arthur Miller

David Copperfield by Charles Dickens

The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks by E. Lockhart

*Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton

*A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway

Ferris Beach by Jill Mcorkle

*A Gathering of Old Men by Ernest J. Grimes

The Hunt for Red October by Tom Clancy

*I know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

*Julius Caesar/ Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare

The Killer Angels by Michael Shaara

*A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines

Maus I and Maus II by Art Spiegelman
River Secrets by Shannon Hale

Marcelo in the Real World by Francisco X

*The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

The Secret Story of Sonia Rodriguez by Alan Sitomer

The Red Necklace by Sally Gardner

Sophie's World by Jostein Gaarder

*The Tempest by William Shakespeare

The Uglies series by Scott Westerfield

GRADE 11

Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt

Bean Trees, The by Barbara Kingsolver

Black Boy by Richard Wright

The Book of Ruth by Jane Hamilton

*Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger

*The Crucible by Auther Miller

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

*A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway

For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway

The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams

*The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

Hold Still by Nina LaCour

*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

Jesse by Gary Soto

Light in August/As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner

A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare

Moby Dick by Herman Melville

The Natural by Bernard Malamud

The Old Man and Sea by Ernest Hemingway

The Orange Houses by Paul Griffin

Paper Towns by John Green

*A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry

Roots by Alex Haley

The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway

The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells

Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty by Geri Neri



GRADE 12

- 1984 by George Orwell
- *The Accidental Tourist/Saint Maybe by Ann Tyler
- After by Amy Efaw
- *The Awakening by Kate Chopin
- Beloved by Toni Morrison
- Boot Camp by Todd Strasser
- *Catch 22 by Joseph Heller
- Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier
- Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen
- *Fasting, Feasting by Anita Desai
- Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison
- *Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
- *Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan
- *July's People by Nadine Gordimer
- Meridian by Alice Walker
- Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka
- The Millstone by Margaret Drabble
- My Son's Story by Nadine Gordimer
- Nervous Conditions by Tsitsi Dangarembga
- Othello by William Shakespeare
- *A Portrait of the Artist... by James Joyce
- Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen
- *Slaughterhouse-Five by Kurt Vonnegut
- *Sons and Lovers by D.H. Lawrence

- *Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
- The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells
- *Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys
- *Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

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**SUGGESTED
SUMMER READING
GRADES 9-12
2015**



2015- Virginia Readers' Choice Nominees

- Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell
- Fake ID by Lamar Giles
- Forgive Me, Leonard Peacock by Matthew Quick
- I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban by Malala Yousafzai
- March: Book One by John Lewis
- Out of the Easy by Ruta Sepetys
- Reality Boy by A.S. King
- The Testing by Joelle Charbonneau
- Unbreakable by Kami Garcia
- We Were Liars by E. Lockhart

**2015- Young Adult Library Association
Recommendations (YALSA)**

- The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
- I'll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson
- The Young Elites by Marie Lu. Putnam

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