

Suggested Summer Reading! Class of 2022

Submit a 1-page book reflection for each book you read on the first day of school and earn 50 wolverine bucks for each report! You can trade your bucks for prizes and other cool stuff when school starts.

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1. *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas

After Starr and her childhood friend Khalil leave a party together, they are pulled over by a white police officer, who kills Khalil. The sole witness to the homicide, Starr must testify before a grand jury.

2. *Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes

At a high school in the Bronx, an english assignment on the Harlem Renaissance sparks "Open Mike Fridays" where stars are born.

3. *Bodega Dreams* by Ernesto Quinonez

Growing up in Spanish Harlem, Chino knew he needed three things to survive: a solid friend, a decent nickname and a reputation that he would rather lose a tooth than back out of a fight. When Sapo introduces him to the mysterious, powerful Willie Bodega, Chino finds himself helplessly drawn into a criminal network.

4. *The Art of Being Normal* by Lisa Williamson

On the first day at his new school, Leo Denton has one goal: to be invisible. Attracting the attention of the most beautiful girl in his class is definitely

not part of that plan--especially because Leo is a trans guy and isn't out at his new school. Set in modern day England, this novel is ideal for people who want to learn more about gender identity and what it means to be transgender.

5. The Glass Castle: A Memoir Jeannette Walls

When sober, Jeannette's brilliant and charismatic father but when he drank, he was dishonest and destructive. Her mother was a free spirit who didn't want the responsibility of raising a family. The Walls children learned to take care of themselves. They fed, clothed, and protected one another, and eventually found their way to New York. Based on a true story.

6. The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Twins Josh and Jordan are stars on the basketball court and comrades in life. While there are some differences, both twins adhere to the Bell basketball rules: In this game of life, your family is the court, and the ball is your heart.

7. Not Otherwise Specified by Hannah Moskowitz

Etta is tired of dealing with all of the labels and categories that seem so important to everyone else in her small Nebraska hometown. She's not gay enough for her ex-clique, not tiny and white enough for ballet; not sick enough to look anorexic (partially thanks to recovery). Etta doesn't fit anywhere—until she meets Bianca in her therapy group. Bianca might be Etta's salvation...but can Etta be saved by a girl who needs saving herself?

8. The Absoluteness of Nothing by C. G. Watson

After Caleb Tosh survives a major trauma, his favorite video-game, Boneyard, becomes his go-to coping mechanism. Caleb gladly gets lost in the maps of the game rather than move through the landscape of his own grief. What will it take for Caleb Tosh to leave the safety of the Boneyard, to rejoin reality, and deal with the wreckage of his actual life?

9. **The House on Mango Street** by Sandra Cisneros

What is life like for a young Chicana girl growing up in a male-dominated neighborhood in Chicago? Esperanza describes how her family came to live at the house on Mango Street. She, her parents, her brothers, Carlos and Kiki, and her sister, Nenny had dreamed of a white house with lots of space and bathrooms, but the house on Mango Street has only one bedroom and one bathroom.

10. **Skunk Girl** by Sheba Karim

Sixteen-year-old Nina Khan feels like an outsider. She is a Muslim Pakistani-American, and her parents have very firm views on social behavior: she is not allowed to date or attend parties. She has always chafed at the restrictions, but she becomes even more resentful after she develops a mutual attraction with a handsome classmate.

11. **Beyond the Red** by Ava Jae

An alien queen and a half-human, half-alien rebel soldier find themselves thrown together and on the run after being framed for an attempted assassination.

12. **Miles Morales: Spider-Man** by Jason Reynolds

Miles Morales is the new Spider-Man. As a Puerto Rican teen attending an elite boarding school in Brooklyn, Miles is not only fighting crime but also navigating a complicated adolescent world.

13. Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has an unusual way of looking at the world. When the two meet at the swimming pool, they seem to have nothing in common. But as the loners start spending time together, they discover that they share a special friendship—the kind that changes lives and lasts a lifetime.