

**McCall Middle School
Summer Reading 2025
Incoming Grade 8**

Choose **at least one book** from the list below (detailed descriptions available here). Read it at any point during the summer. After you have completed the book, compose a response on the Google Form linked on the McCall Middle School website by the first day of school, Thursday, September 4. The response will be used as a completion grade in your English class. Please know that you are encouraged to read as many books as you wish, regardless of whether they come from this list, a series on this list, or your own inspiration.

Links are provided to the Winchester Public Library's Overdrive ebook listing of the text, but you may access the book through purchase or library loan as well. Happy reading!

Classic Authors

[Flowers for Algernon](#) by Daniel Keyes [Student Recommendation](#)

[Anne of Green Gables](#) by Lucy Maud Montgomery

Science Fiction and Dystopian Fiction

[Legend](#) by Marie Lu (part of a series) [Student Recommendation](#)

[Scythe](#) by Neal Shusterman (part of a series) [Student Recommendation](#)

[The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy](#) by Douglas Adams (part of a series)

[Uglies](#) by Scott Westerfeld (part of a series)

[The Space Between Here and Now](#) by Sarah Suk

Fantasy

[Children of Blood and Bone](#) by Tomi Adeyemi

[The Selection](#) by Kiera Cass

[Six of Crows](#) by Leigh Bardugo [Student Recommendation](#)

Graphic Novels

[Gaijin: American Prisoner of War](#) by Matt Faulkner [Student Recommendation](#)

[Mooncakes](#) by Suzanne Walker

[The Magic Fish](#) by Trung Le Nguyen

[Nimona](#) by Noelle Stevenson

[Mexikid](#) by Pedro Martin

Historical Fiction

[Between Shades of Gray](#) by Ruta Sepetys [Student Recommendation](#)

[Chains](#) by Laurie Halse Anderson [Student Recommendation](#)

[The Book Thief](#) by Markus Zusak

[The Paper Girl of Paris](#) by Jordyn Taylor

Nonfiction

[Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown](#) by Steve Sheinkin

[The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind](#) by William Kamkwamba (Young Reader's Edition) [Student Recommendation](#)

[I Will Always Write Back](#) by Caitlin Alifirenka, Liz Welch, and Martin Ganda

Mystery/Thriller

[Fracture](#) by Megan Miranda

[Shift](#) by Jennifer Bradbury

[The Inheritance Games](#) by Jennifer Lynn Barnes [Student Recommendation](#)

[The Naturals](#) by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

[White Smoke](#) by Tiffany Jackson

Realistic Fiction

[The Thing About Jellyfish](#) by Ali Benjamin [Student Recommendation](#)

[The Hate U Give](#) by Angie Thomas [Student Recommendation](#)

[Son of the Mob](#) by Gordon Korman [Student Recommendation](#)

[The Year I Stopped Trying](#) by Katie Heaney

[Orbiting Jupiter](#) by Gary Schmidt

Sports

[The Girl Who Threw Butterflies](#) by Mick Cochrane [Student Recommendation](#)

[True Legend](#) by Mike Lupica [Student Recommendation](#)

[Born to Play: My Life in the Game](#) by Dustin Pedroia [Student Recommendation](#)

[When the Game Was Ours](#) by Jackie MacMullan, Larry Bird, and Magic Johnson [Student Recommendation](#)

[Eleven Seconds: A Story of Tragedy, Courage, and Triumph](#) by Travis Roy [Student Recommendation](#)

[Rising Above: Inspiring Women in Sports](#) by Gregory Zuckerman

[Rez Ball](#) by Byron Graves