

INDEPENDENT READING LIST ENGLISH 10 H+ CP

YOU MAY NOT CHOOSE A BOOK THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY READ | NO ABRIDGED VERSIONS

CLASSICS

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Anne of Green Gables by L. M. Montgomery

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All Quiet on the Western Front Erich Remarque
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**TITLES WITH AN ASTERISK
REQUIRE A PARENT EMAIL
GRANTING PERMISSION**

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Following the lives of four sisters on a journey out of adolescence, Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women* explores the difficulties associated with gender roles in a Post-Civil War America.

Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen

Marianne Dashwood wears her heart on her sleeve. Meanwhile Elinor, always sensitive to social convention, is struggling to conceal her own romantic disappointment, even from those closest to her. Through their parallel experience of love and loss, the sisters learn that sense must mix with sensibility if they are to find happiness.

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

When orphaned Mary Lennox comes to live at her uncle's great house, she finds it full of secrets. The mansion has nearly one hundred rooms, and her uncle keeps himself locked up. The gardens are Mary's only escape. Then, Mary discovers a secret garden, surrounded by walls and locked with a missing key.

White Fang by Jack London

White Fang is part dog and part wolf, and the lone survivor of his family. In his lonely world, he soon learns to follow the harsh law of the North--kill or be killed. Will White Fang ever know the kindness of a gentle master?

Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery

The spunky redhead Anne Shirley, begins her adventures at Green Gables, a farm outside Avonlea, Prince Edward Island. When the freckled girl realizes that the elderly Cuthberts wanted to adopt a boy, she tries to win them over.

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death narrates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family, a Jewish man, and their neighbors.

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

The heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant. A sweeping story of family, love, and friendship told against the devastating backdrop of the history of Afghanistan over the last thirty years, *The Kite Runner* is an unusual and powerful novel.

The Scarlet Pimpernel by Emmuska Orczy

Armed with only his wits and cunning, one man recklessly defies the French revolutionaries and rescues innocent men, women, and children from the guillotine. He is known only as the Scarlet Pimpernel. But the ruthless French agent Chauvelin is sworn to discover his identity and to hunt him down.

All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque

Paul Bäumer enlists with his classmates in the German army of World War I. These young men become enthusiastic soldiers, but their world breaks into pieces under the first bombardment in the trenches. Through years of horror, Paul holds fast to a single vow: to fight against hatred-- if only he can come out of the war alive.

Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys

Lina is like any other fifteen-year-old Lithuanian girl in 1941. Until one night when Soviet officers barge into her home, tearing her family from the comfortable life they've known. Lina slowly makes her way north to a work camp in the coldest reaches of Siberia. She finds solace in her art and documents events by drawing.

Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

Winter, 1945. Four teenagers. Four secrets. Each one born of a different homeland; each one hunted, and haunted, by tragedy, lies, and war. As thousands of desperate refugees flock to the coast in the midst of a Soviet advance, four paths converge. Ruta Sepetys lifts the veil on a little-known event of World War II.

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

First published as a serial in the Saturday Evening Post in 1903, *The Call of the Wild* has never been out of print. Follow a dog named Buck through violence and hardship, loyalty and loss, finally finding himself and his home in the Yukon wilderness.

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

Esperanza thought she'd always live with her family on their ranch in Mexico--she'd always have fancy dresses, a beautiful home, and servants. But a tragedy forces Esperanza to California during the Great Depression. When their new life is threatened, Esperanza must find a way to rise above her difficult circumstances.

Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan

Otto finds himself entwined in a puzzling quest involving a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica. Decades later, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California each, in turn, become interwoven. All the children face daunting challenges: rescuing a father, protecting a brother, holding a family together.

Life of Pi by Yann Martel

Life of Pi is a fantasy adventure and survival novel. Piscine Molitor "Pi" Patel, a Tamil boy from Pondicherry, explores issues of spirituality and practicality from an early age.

Holes by Louis Sachar

Stanley Yelnats is under a curse from his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather. At Camp Green Lake, boys build character every day digging holes. Stanley tries to dig up the truth in this humorous tale.

The Last Sin Eater by Francine Rivers

All that matters for Cadi Forbes is finding the one man who can set her free from the sin that plagues her, that has stolen her mother's love and made her wish she could flee. Cadi and the sin eater must face themselves and the One who will demand everything from them. A captivating tale of suffering, seeking, and redemption.

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Each district must yield one boy and one girl between the ages of 12 and to participate in the games. The 'tributes' are forced to fight to the death, leaving only one survivor to claim victory.

Divergent by Veronica Roth

In dystopian Chicago, society is divided into five factions—Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and Erudite (the intelligent). For Beatrice Pryor, the decision is between staying with her family and being who she really is—she can't have both.

Steelheart by Brandon Sanderson

Ten years ago, Calamity came. It was a burst in the sky that gave ordinary men and women extraordinary powers. The awed public started calling them Epics. But Epics are no friend of man. With incredible gifts came the desire to rule. And to rule man you must crush his will. Nobody fights the Epics...nobody but the Reckoners.

The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau

Many hundreds of years ago, the city of Ember was created by the Builders to contain everything needed for human survival. It worked...but now the storerooms are almost out of food, crops are blighted, corruption is spreading through the city and worst of all—the lights are failing. Soon Ember could be engulfed by darkness.

The Maze Runner by James Dashner

When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his name. He's surrounded by strangers—boys whose memories are also gone. Outside the towering stone walls that surround the Glade is a limitless, ever-changing maze. It's the only way out—and no one's ever made it through alive.

Scythe by Neal Shusterman

Thou shalt kill. A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery. Humanity has conquered all those things, even conquered death. Now scythes are commanded to end life in order to control the size of the population.

Enders Game by Orson Scott Card

The result of genetic experimentation, Ender may be the military genius Earth desperately needs in a war against an alien enemy seeking to destroy all human life. The only way to find out is to throw Ender into harsh training.

Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton

A billionaire is able to grow dinosaurs from DNA in his laboratories and lock them away on an island behind electric fences. He asks scientists from different fields to visit the park, but something goes terribly wrong.

Red Rising by Pierce Brown

Darrow is a Red, a member of the lowest caste in the color-coded society of the future. Like his fellow Reds, he works all day, believing that he and his people are making the surface of Mars livable for future generations. Darrow sacrifices everything to infiltrate the legendary Institute, a proving ground for the dominant Gold caste.

The Martian by Andy Weir

Astronaut Mark Watney became one of the first people to walk on Mars. Now, he's sure he'll be the first person to die there. Chances are, though, Mark won't have time to starve to death. The damaged machinery, unforgiving environment or plain-old "human error" are much more likely to kill him first. But Mark's not ready to quit.

The False Prince by Jennifer A. Nielsen

In a discontent kingdom, civil war is brewing. Conner devises a cunning plan to find an impersonator of the king's long-lost son and install him as a puppet prince. Four orphans are recruited to compete for the role, including a defiant boy named Sage. An adventure filled with danger and action, lies and deadly truths.

The Rithmatist by Brandon Sanderson

Rithmatists are humanity's only defense against the Wild Chalklings, two-dimensional figures infused with life. Having nearly overrun the territory of Nebraska, the Wild Chalklings now threaten all of the American Isles.

Mistborn by Brandon Sanderson

In a world where evil cloaks the land, the future of the empire rests on the shoulders of a troublemaker and his young apprentice. Sanderson introduces a new kind of magic — Allomancy, a magic of the metals.

The Fellowship of the Ring by J.R.R. Tolkien

In a sleepy village in the Shire, young Frodo Baggins finds himself faced with an immense task. He must leave his home and make a perilous journey across Middle-earth to the Cracks of Doom to destroy the Ring.

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a millionaire, a genius—and a criminal mastermind. But even Artemis doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy. These aren't the fairies of bedtime stories—they're dangerous! Full of unexpected twists and turns, *Artemis Fowl* is a riveting, magical adventure.

Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

When Gregor falls through a grate in the laundry room of his apartment building, he hurtles into the dark Underland, where spiders, rats, cockroaches coexist uneasily with humans. This world is on the brink of war, and Gregor's arrival is no accident. Reluctantly, Gregor embarks on a dangerous adventure.

Princess Academy by Shannon Hale

For generations, Miri's family has quarried stone and lived a simple life, but soon the prince will come to her village to choose a bride. The king's ministers set up an academy, and every teenage girl must learn to be a princess.

First Light by Rebecca Stead

Peter is thrilled to join his parents on an expedition to Greenland. He will get to skip school and drive a dogsled. But on the ice cap, Peter struggles to understand a series of visions that both frighten and entice him.

The Wrath & the Dawn by Renee Ahdieh

In a land ruled by a murderous boy-king, each dawn brings heartache. Khalid, the Caliph, is a monster. Each night he takes a new bride only to have her killed come morning. Inspired by *A Thousand and One Nights*.

The Goose Girl by Shannon Hale

The Crown Princess of Kildenree develops the skills of animal speech, but is never comfortable speaking with people. This is a magical fairy tale of a girl who must find her voice and use her unusual talents.

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Nobody Owens is known to his friends as Bod. He would be completely normal if he didn't live in a sprawling graveyard, raised and educated by ghosts, with a guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living or dead.

Cinder by Marissa Meyer

Sixteen-year-old Cinder is a cyborg with an ability to fix things, making her the best mechanic in New Beijing. An inventive sci-fi retelling of the Cinderella fairy tale.

Heartless by Marissa Meyer

Catherine may be one of the most desired girls in Wonderland, but she wants to open a bakery. For her mother, such a goal is unthinkable for a woman who could be a queen. A new prequel to *Alice in Wonderland*.

Book of a Thousand Days by Shannon Hale

When Dashti and Lady Saren are shut in a tower for seven years, the two prepare for a long imprisonment. During that time, Dashti must make desperate choices. Inspired by a classic fairy tale from the Brothers Grimm.

Norse Mythology by Neil Gaiman

Gaiman fashions stories that begins with the legendary nine worlds, delves into the exploits of the Norse gods, and culminates in Ragnarok. Gaiman stays true to the myths while vividly bringing Odin, Thor, and Loki to life.

The Sword of Summer by Rick Riordan

Since his mother's death, Magnus Chase has lived on the streets of Boston. One day, he's tracked down by a man he's never met who tells him an impossible secret: the Norse myths are true, and monsters are stirring for doomsday.

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Percy Jackson can't seem to focus on his schoolwork. Lately, it's only getting worse—Percy could have sworn his pre-algebra teacher turned into a monster. At Camp Half Blood, a mystery unfolds and Percy sets out on a quest.

The Lost Hero by Rick Riordan

Jason doesn't remember anything before waking up in a bus full of kids on a field trip. Piper's father has been missing for three days. Leo has a way with tools, but his bunkmates insist they're all related to *gods*.

The Scorpio Races by Maggie Stiefvater

Every November, riders attempt to hold their water horses long enough to make it to the finish line. Some riders live. Others die. Sean Kendrick, a young man of few words, is the returning champion. Puck Connolly is different.

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

A young girl named Minli spends her days in the fields and her nights listening to her father spin fantastic tales about the Jade Dragon and the Old Man of the Moon. Minli embarks on an extraordinary journey to find them.