

# **SUMMER BOOK REVIEW**

## **DIRECTIONS AND GUIDELINES**

Choose a novel from the Summer Reading List for your grade level.  
Complete a Summer Book Review.

### **Summer Book Review Format:**

Type the following information about the book that you read.

- 1. Title**
- 2. Author**
- 3. Publisher**
- 4. Insert or draw a picture of the cover of the novel.**
- 5. In detail, describe the setting of the story. How did the setting influence the plot? Did the setting change throughout the story? Was the change effective in setting the mood?**
- 6. Describe the main characters and explain their importance to the story. Did the character change over the course of the novel? How did they change and was that change significant to the story line?**
- 7. Write a short summary. Explain the important events and conflicts within the novel.**
- 8. How did the story conclude? Was the ending what you expected? Why or why not?**
- 9. What is your opinion of the book? Would you recommend it to others? Why or why not?**

# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA SIXTH GRADE RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING LIST

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## \*\* Challenging Text

*Hatchet* by Gary Paulson

*Flush* by Carl Hiaasen

*Niagara Falls or Does It?* By Henry Winkler

*Lily's Crossing* by Patricia Giff

*Travel Team* by Mike Lupica

*The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan

*Ruby Holler* by Sharon Creech

*The Good Dog* by Avi

\*\**Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis

*Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Jennifer Holm

*The Wish Giver* by Bill Brittain

*Jim Thorpe: Original All American* by Joseph Bruchac

*The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had* by Kristine Levine

*The Girl Who Could Fly* by Victoria Forester

*Little Audrey* by Ruth White

*Boot Camp* by Eric Walters, Jerome Williams, and Johnnie Williams

*Woods Runner* by Gary Paulson

\*\**Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* by Wendy Mass

*The Total Tragedy of a Girl Named Hamlet* by Erin Dionne

*Models Don't Eat Chocolate Cookies* by Erin Dionne

*Runaway Twin* by Peg Kehret

*Red Pyramid: The Kane Chronicles (Book One)* by Rick Riordan

*Nobody's Princess* by Ester Friesner

*When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead

*The Roman Mysteries: The Thieves of Ostia* by Caroline Lawrence

*The Lost Hero* by Rick Riordan

*The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin

*Zach's Lie* by Roland Smith

*Tears of a Tiger* by Sharon M. Draper

*Peak* by Roland Smith

\*\**Summer Heat* by Mike Lupica

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*Boy at War* by Harry Mazer

*Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins

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- Define Normal* by Julie Anne Peters  
*Fairest* by Gail Carson Levine  
*Code Talker* by Joseph Bruchac  
*The Trail: a Novel* by Jen Bryant  
*The Last Apprentice: Revenge of the Witch* by Joseph Delaney  
*Never Mind: A Twin Novel* by Avi  
*Cover Up* by John Feinstein  
*How Angel Peterson Got His Name* by Gary Paulsen  
*Prince Caspian* by CS Lewis  
*Peter and the Shadow Thieves* by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson  
*Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini* by Sid Fleishman  
*The Merchant of Death* by D.J. MacHale  
*Sticks* by Joan Bauer  
*Fever 1793* by Laurie Hals Anderson  
*After Tupac and D Foster* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*All of the Above* by Shelley Pearsall  
*The London Eye of Mystery* by Sioban Dowd  
*Finally* by Wendy Mass  
*The Great Wide Sea* by M.H. Herlong  
*Waiting for Normal* by Leslie Connor  
*Project Sweet Life* by Brent Hartinger  
*Touch Blue* by Cynthia Lord  
*The Wild Girls* by Pat Murphy  
*The Case of the Missing Marquess: an Enola Holmes Mystery* by Nancy Springer  
*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman  
*When the Whistle Blows* by Fran Cannon Slayton  
*The Clone Codes* by Pat McKissack  
*Worldshaker* by Richard Harland  
*The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg* by Phillbrick, W.R.  
**\*\****Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip M. Hoose  
*The Children We Remember* by Chana Byers Abells  
*Summer of My German Soldier* by Bette Green  
*When the Soldiers Were Gone* by Vera W. Propp  
*When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit* by Judith Kerr

# ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA EIGHTH GRADE RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING LIST

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## \*\* Challenging Text

- The Maze Runner* by James Dashner  
*Dr. Franklin's Island* by Ann Halam  
*Bucking the Sarge* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
*John Madden's Heroes of Football* by John Madden  
*Hollow Kingdom* by Clare B. Dunkle  
*Autobiography of My Dead Brother* by Walter Dean Myers  
*Sleeping Freshman Never Lie* by David Lubar  
*Trembling Earth* by Kim Slegelson  
*Chew on This* by Eric Schlosser  
*Daniel Half Human and the Good Nazi* by David Chotjewitz  
*Life in Prison* by Stanley Williams  
*The Boys Who Saved Baseball* by John Ritter  
*Breath: A Ghost Story* by Cliff McNish  
*Shooting the Moon* by Frances O'Roark  
*T4: A Novel* by Ann Clare LeZotte  
*The Underneath* by Kathi Appelt  
*The Romeo and Juliet Code* by Phoebe Stone  
*Please Ignore Vera Dietz* by A.S. King  
*Z for Zachariah* by Robert O'Brien  
*Trouble with Lemons* by Daniel Hayes  
*Princess of the Midnight Ball* by Jessica Day George  
*The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod: Eighth Grade Bites* by Heather Brewer  
*The Compound* by S.A. Bodeen  
*Scat* by Carl Hiaasen  
*Mockingbird* by Kathryn Erskine  
\*\**The Adoration of Jenna Fox* by Mary E. Pearson  
*Moon Over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpoole  
*All the Broken Pieces* by Anne E. Burg  
*The Boy Who Dared* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti  
*Smiles to Go* by Jerry Spinelli  
\*\**Washington at Valley Forge* by Russell Freedman  
\*\**Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James Swanson  
*Toughing Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson  
*Ghost of Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson

*The Maximum Ride Series: The Angel Experiment* by James Patterson  
*\*\*Fellowship of the Rings (Lord of the Rings Series)* by J.R.R. Tolkien  
*Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery  
*Old Yeller* by Fred Gipson  
*Dacey's Song* by Cynthia Voight  
*Muchacho* by Louanne Johnson  
*\*\*Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*Why I Fight* by J. Adams Oaks  
*What I Saw and How I Lied* by Judy Blundell  
*Airman* by Eoin Colfer  
*Nation* by Terry Pratchett  
*Elephant Run* by Roland Smith  
*Twilight Director's Notebook* by Catherine Hardwicke  
*Hungry: A Young Model's Story of Appetite, Ambition, and the Ultimate Embrace of Curves* by  
Crystal Renn  
*\*\*Captains Courageous* by Rudyard Kipling  
*\*\*20,000 Leagues under the Sea* by Jules Verne  
*The Secret Garden* by Frances Burnett Parker  
*Kidnapped* by Robert Louis Stevenson  
*The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle  
*Sphere* by Michael Crichton  
*\*\*War Horse* by Michael Morpugo  
*The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn* by Dorothy Hoobler  
*Brain Jack* by Brian Falkner  
*The Thief* by Megan Whalen Turner  
*The Duel: The Parallel Lives of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr* by Judith St. George  
*Football Genius* by Tim Green  
*Shark Girl* by Kelly Bingham  
*Dairy Queen* by Catherine Gilbert Murdock