

2016 Summer Reading List Grade 11



Hello, I am Kells' Librarian, **Ms. Elaina** and welcome to your **Summer Reading List!** Did you know that there is a TON of research out there showing that students who don't read over the summer break can lose up to **3 months of reading progress** which can affect their **overall achievement** in the classroom come fall?

Translation: Reading over the summer will make the starting school next year MUCH easier!

With this in mind, and because I think reading is one of the true pleasures in life, I have prepared a list of **suggestions** for some great summer reads! Take a peek and see if anything captures your interest. Or, head to your local library or bookstore and discover a new title or author for yourself. 😊

Note: students are not required to read the titles recommended here, however, I strongly suggest that they do read over the summer be it a novel, a graphic novel/comic book or magazines.

Happy reading,
Ms. Elaina, MLIS
Librarian

A note to parents/guardians: I have included in this list books that discuss many different points of view. If you are concerned about what your child reads (ex.: you don't want them reading anything too violent) please read the synopsis and review the book before you allow them to proceed. Though I believe that students should read about a wide variety of topics, perspectives, worldviews, etc., I leave it up to the parents'/guardians' discretion.

Want some more suggestions? Check out these sites:

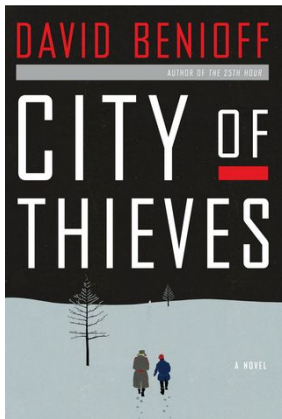
[Good Reads: Listopia - Young Adult Book Lists](#)

[NPR Books: Young Adults](#)

[Toronto Public Library: Recommended Books for Teens](#)

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City of Thieves (Historical Fiction)

David Benioff

During the Nazis' brutal siege of Leningrad, Lev Beniov is arrested for looting and thrown into the same cell as a handsome deserter named Kolya. Instead of being executed, Lev and Kolya are given a shot at saving their own lives by complying with an outrageous directive: secure a dozen eggs for a powerful Soviet colonel to use in his daughter's wedding cake. In a city cut off from all supplies and suffering unbelievable deprivation, Lev and Kolya embark on a hunt through the dire lawlessness of Leningrad and behind enemy lines to find the impossible.

By turns insightful and funny, thrilling and terrifying, *City of Thieves* is a gripping, cinematic World War II adventure and an intimate coming-of-age story with an utterly contemporary feel for how boys become men.



Everything Everything (Realistic Fiction)

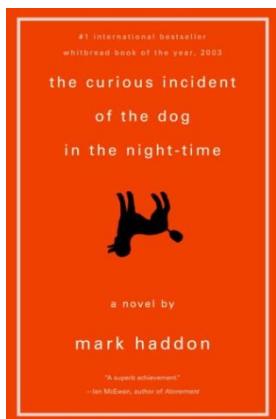
Nicola Yoon

My disease is as rare as it is famous. Basically, I'm allergic to the world. I don't leave my house, have not left my house in seventeen years. The only people I ever see are my mom and my nurse, Carla.

But then one day, a moving truck arrives next door. I look out my window, and I see him. He's tall, lean and wearing all black—black T-shirt, black jeans, black sneakers, and a black knit cap that covers his hair completely. He catches me looking and stares at me. I stare right back. His name is Olly.

Maybe we can't predict the future, but we can predict some things. For example, I am certainly going to fall in love with Olly. It's almost certainly going to be a disaster.

***Top choice for ESL students**



The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time (Realistic Fiction)

Mark Haddon

Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. And he detests the color yellow.

This improbable story of Christopher's quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog makes for one of the most captivating, unusual, and widely heralded novels in recent years.



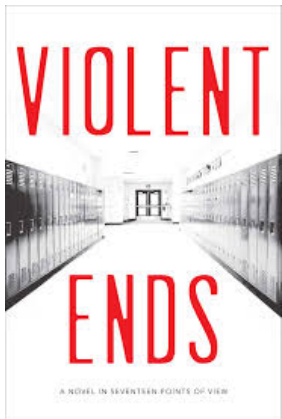
Red Queen (Dystopian Fiction)

Victoria Aveyard

Mare Barrow's world is divided by blood—those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities. Mare is a Red, scraping by as a thief in a poor, rural village, until a twist of fate throws her in front of the Silver court. There, before the king, princes, and all the nobles, she discovers she has an ability of her own.

To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess, and betroths her to one of his own sons. As Mare is drawn further into the Silver world, she risks everything and uses her new position to help the Scarlet Guard—a growing Red rebellion—even as her heart tugs her in an impossible direction. One wrong move can lead to her death, but in the dangerous game she plays the only certainty is betrayal.

This sweeping story of palace intrigue, class hierarchy, and deception will keep readers hurtling along, desperate to find out Mare's fate. Her honesty and determination, quick wit, and no-holds-barred attitude will surely make readers fall in love with her.



Violent Ends (Realistic Fiction)

Shaun David Hutchinson

It took only twenty-two minutes for Kirby Matheson to exit his car, march onto the school grounds, enter the gymnasium, and open fire, killing six and injuring five others.

But this isn't a story about the shooting itself. This isn't about recounting that one unforgettable day.

This is about Kirby and how one boy—who had friends, enjoyed reading, playing saxophone in the band, and had never been in trouble before—became a monster capable of entering his school with a loaded gun and firing on his classmates.

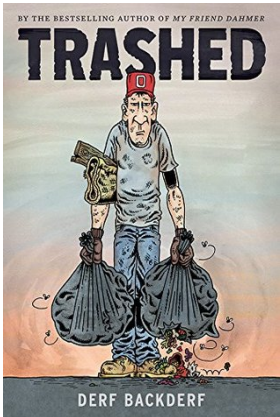
Each chapter is told from a different victim's viewpoint, giving insight into who Kirby was and who he'd become. Some are sweet, some are dark; some are seemingly unrelated, about fights or first kisses or late-night parties. This is a book of perspectives—with one character and one event drawing them all together—from the minds of some of YA's most recognizable names.



Skim (Graphic Novel)

Mariko Tamaki

"Skim" is Kimberly Keiko Cameron, a not-slim, would-be Wiccan goth who goes to a private girls' school in the early '90s. When her classmate Katie Matthews is dumped by her boyfriend, who then kills himself — possibly because he's (maybe) gay — the entire school goes into mourning overdrive. It's a weird time to fall in love, but that's what happens to Skim when she starts meeting secretly with her neo-hippie English teacher, Ms. Archer. But then Ms. Archer abruptly leaves the school, and Skim has to cope with her confusion and isolation while her best friend, Lisa, tries to pull her into "real" life by setting up a hilarious double-date for the school's semi formal. Suicide, depression, love, homosexuality, crushes, cliques of popular, manipulative peers — the whole gamut of teen life is explored in this poignant glimpse into the heartache of being 16.

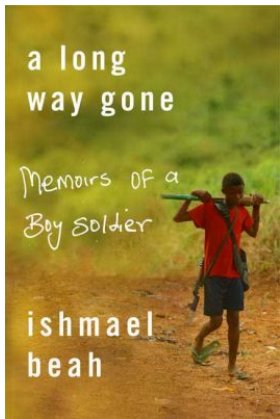


Trashed (Graphic Novel)

Derf Backderf

Every week we pile our garbage on the curb and it disappears—like magic! The reality is anything but, of course. *Trashed*, Derf Backderf's follow-up to the critically acclaimed, award-winning international bestseller *My Friend Dahmer*, is an ode to the crap job of all crap jobs—garbage collector. Anyone who has ever been trapped in a soul-sucking gig will relate to this tale. *Trashed* follows the raucous escapades of three 20-something friends as they clean the streets of pile after pile of stinking garbage, while battling annoying small-town bureaucrats, bizarre townfolk, sweltering summer heat, and frigid winter storms. *Trashed* is fiction, but is inspired by Derf's own experiences as a garbage-man. Interspersed are nonfiction pages that detail what our garbage is and where it goes. The answers will stun you. Hop on the garbage truck named Betty and ride along with Derf on a journey into the vast, secret world of garbage. *Trashed* is a hilarious, stomach-churning tale that will leave you laughing and wincing in disbelief.

***Top choice for reluctant readers**



A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier (Biography)

Ishmael Beah

This is how wars are fought now: by children, hopped-up on drugs and wielding AK-47s. Children have become soldiers of choice. In the more than fifty conflicts going on worldwide, it is estimated that there are some 300,000 child soldiers. Ishmael Beah used to be one of them.

In *A Long Way Gone*, Beah, now twenty-five years old, tells a riveting story: how at the age of twelve, he fled attacking rebels and wandered a land rendered unrecognizable by violence. By thirteen, he'd been picked up by the government army, and Beah, at heart a gentle boy, found that he was capable of truly terrible acts.

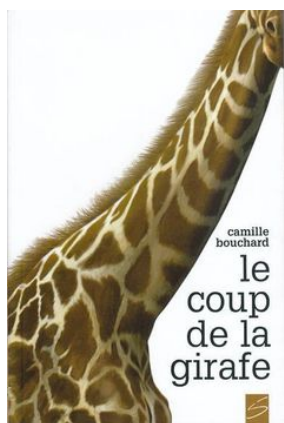
This is a rare and mesmerizing account, told with real literary force and heartbreaking honesty.



Les Têtes réduites (French Fiction)

Maxime Roussy

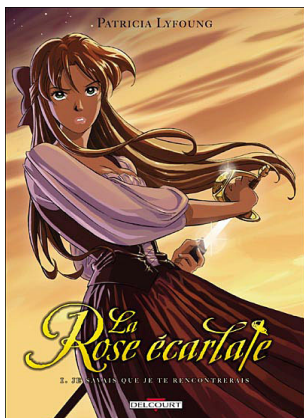
Les têtes réduites est le premier roman d'horreur de la collection "Grand peur". Il raconte l'histoire d'une adolescente de 16 ans, Nadia Walker, aux prises avec un problème de timidité malade. Contre toute attente, elle devient l'amie de la fille la plus populaire de l'école, Mélina Bérubé, après avoir assisté à un horrible accident impliquant le copain de cette dernière.



Le Coup de la giraffe (French Fiction)

Camille Bouchard

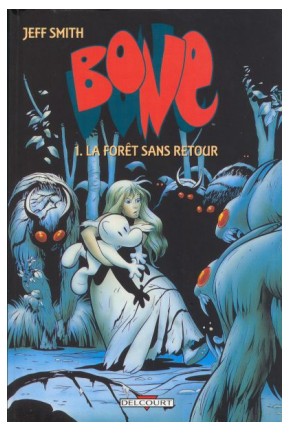
Jacob vit seul avec sa mère. Il fréquente une classe spéciale au secondaire. Il a un corps d'ado, mais une tête d'enfant. C'est un être doux, un sensible introverti qui souffre d'onirisme. Dans l'autobus, à la polyvalente, à la cafétéria, Jacob est constamment harcelé, malmené ou ridiculisé par trois imbéciles-sans-cœur de la pire espèce. Heureusement, deux amis sincères le côtoient, le protègent. Ils l'aident à s'ouvrir, à exprimer ses opinions. Un jour, l'école fait une sortie au zoo. Les trois élèves sadiques abusent de la naïveté de Jacob. Sous prétexte qu'il reverra la belle girafe, ils l'entraînent dans la fosse aux lions. Une fin atroce. Un roman qui fait réfléchir sur la tendresse, l'amitié et la différence; ou mieux encore, un roman qui nous force à méditer sur l'indifférence, l'ignorance et l'imbécilité humaine nourries par la pitié, le déni, l'aversion et le harcèlement. Le coup de la girafe est un grand roman !



La Rose écarlate : je savais que je te rencontrerais (French Comic Book)

Patricia Lyfoung

Maud une jeune fille rêveuse et éprise de justice, vit en France au XVIIIe siècle. L'assassinat incompréhensible de son père l'oblige à rejoindre Paris où vit son grand-père, un noble dont elle ignorait jusqu'à l'existence. Elle y croise la route du Renard, un brigand des grands chemins qu'elle admire. Mais elle ne sait encore rien du secret que lui a légué son père et que convoite un mystérieux individu.



Bone : la forêt sans retour (French Comic Book)

Jeff Smith

Chassés de Boneville, les trois cousins Bone arrivent dans une forêt qui ne figure sur aucune carte, et découvrent un monde où une guerre ancestrale est sur le point de reprendre. Ils sont projetés dans un univers peuplé de dragons fumeurs de cigarettes, de rats-garous mangeurs de quiches, dans lequel vivent la jolie Thorne et sa grand-mère, capable de battre un troupeau de vaches à la course.

***Top choice for students who have difficulty with French**