



2011 Suggested Summer Reading for Grades 9-10

Compiled from lists of highly recommended and award-winning books

Title	Author	Notes	Copyright	Award
Ship Breaker	Paolo Bacigalupi	Nailer is a ship breaker, tearing up old hulks of ships for anything valuable, a dangerous job. When a rich girl's futuristic ship runs ashore in a storm, his life gets really dangerous.	2010	ALA 10 Best
Heart of a Samurai	Margi Preus	At 14 in 1841, Manjiro, is shipwrecked. Rescued by an American whaler and taken to America, he learns a new culture – which becomes a danger to him when he returns to Japan.	2011	Newbery
A Time of Miracles	Anne-Laure Bondoux	Young Koumail and his mother escape to France from the war-torn Republic of Georgia where they are separated. Koumail must find his own way to citizenship and learns the truth.	2010	Batchelder
Tantalize	Cynthia Leitich Smith	Is everyone in Austin a shapeshifter? Orphaned Quincie Morris is re-opening her parent's café with a vampire theme when the chef is murdered. The new chef is serious trouble. [Mature themes].	2008	Top Ten Pick
Labyrinth	Pearl North	Haly is a Librarian preserving knowledge in a world where technology is magic and wars are fought with the Eradicants over books. [Mature themes].	2009	Amelia Bloomer
Lockdown	Walter Dean Myers	<i>"When I first got to Progress, it freaked me out to be locked in a room and unable to get out. But after a while, when you got to thinking about it, you knew nobody could get in, either."</i>	2010	Coretta Scott King
The Face on the Milk Carton	Caroline B. Cooney	Janie Johnson suspects she is the face on the milk carton, Jennie Spring, who disappeared twelve years ago at the age of three. [series]	2009	Children's Choice
Feed	M.T. Anderson	Titus' world is controlled by the computer chip in his brain – everyone's is. When a hacker temporarily cuts the Feed, Titus' new friend Violet gets some radical ideas about the meaning of life.	2010	National Book Award Finalist
Bruiser	Neal Shusterman	Sixteen-year-old Tennyson worries when his twin sister starts dating Brewster "Bruiser" Rawlins, an antisocial delinquent with a secret: he takes on the pain and injuries of those he cares about.	2010	Texas Lone Star Reading List
Incarceron	Catherine Fisher	Seventeen-year-old Finn, imprisoned in the metal cities and forests of Incarceron, cannot recall life Outside, but communicates with Claudia, the warden's daughter, who also wants to escape...	2010	Texas Lone Star Reading List
Leviathan	Scott Westerfeld	Young Prince Aleksandar flees Austria in a Cyklop Stormwalker as Deryn, disguised as a boy, flies on the Leviathan, a massive biological airship. When it crashes, they become unlikely allies.	2010	Best Books for Young Adults
Into the Wild Nerd Yonder	Julie Halpern	Things are not going well for Jess as her best friends have gone "punk" and her brother's leaving for college. An invite to join the Dungeons and Dragons crowd just might work out.	2009	Best Books for Young Adults
The Boy Who Couldn't Sleep and Never Had To	D.C. Pierson	Darren and Eric share a love of drawing, the bottom rung on the cruel high school social ladder and a pathological fear of girls. Then Eric reveals a secret that someone wants to exploit.	2010	Alex Award
Bamboo People	Mitali Perkins	Scholarly Chiko, 15, is conscripted to fight as a child soldier in Myanmar's civil war. Tu Reh fights on the other side. When Tu Reh finds Chiko injured in the forest, the two boys forge a friendship.	2010	Alex Award
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian	Sherman Alexie	When 14-year old Junior transfers from the Reservation to the White school, he becomes an apple, (red on the outside), but tragedy, his humor, and his cartoons keep him whole.	2010	Outstanding Books
The Firefly Letters: A Suffragette's Journey to Cuba	Margarita Engle	A plantation owner's daughter conspires with a Swedish feminist, Fredrika Bremer, to free an African-born slave. (based on a true story)	2010	Pura Belpré
Curveball, the Remarkable Story of Toni Stone	Martha Ackmann	This biography chronicles life and times of a talented and determined black woman who played professional baseball amid the racism and sexism of midcentury America.	2010	Amelia Bloomer Book List
Spies of Mississippi: The True Story of the Spy Network that Tried to Destroy the Civil Rights Movement	Rick Bowers	In 1956 the Civil Rights Movement was a force across the nation – except in the Mississippi where a secret propaganda, espionage and dirty tricks agency was developed to protect white supremacy.	2010	Caldecott

This list does not represent required reading, nor are students restricted to the suggested grade level. The list is intended to give students a wide variety of reading levels, genres, points of view and ideas for summer reading. We hope that every student will find something of interest or will, while looking for a book in the library, find other titles of interest. Questions may be referred to SAISD Library Media Services 299-3766.

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