



2011 Suggested Summer Reading for Grades 11-12

Compiled from lists of highly recommended and award-winning books

Title	Author	Notes	Copyright	Award
Logicomix: An Epic Search for Truth	Doxiadis & Papadimitriou Papadatos & Di Donna	This innovative, dramatic graphic novel is about the treacherous pursuit of the foundations of logic and mathematics and Bertrand Russell's search for absolute truth.	2009	Maverick Graphic Novel Reading List
The House of Tomorrow	Peter Bognanni	Sebastian lives in a geodesic dome with his eccentric grandmother. Homeschooling has taught him lots, but he has no experience with girls, junk food, or loud, angry music.	2011	Alex Award
Revolution	Jennifer Donnelley	After the death of her brother, Andi is deeply depressed and flunking school. Her father takes her to Paris where she finds a diary from the French Revolution that changes everything.	2010	Best Fiction for Young Adults
Heist Society	Ally Carter	The daughter of notorious thieves, Kat enrolled in the exclusive Colgan School to escape the family business. But when she is kicked out, Kat has to return to her roots.	2010	Texas Lone Star Reading List
Who Fears Death	Nnedi Okorafor	In post-apocalyptic Saharan Africa, as the young sorceress Onyesonwu grows into her powers, it becomes clear that her fate is mingled with the fate of her people, the oppressed Okeke.	2010	Amelia Bloomer Book List
The Freak Observer	Blythe Woolston	Sixteen-year-old Loa's family is in shreds following the death of her younger sister Plagued by PTSD and nightmares, Loa clings to chores, her younger brother, and her beloved physics.	2010	William C. Morris
Please Ignore Vera Dietz	King, A.S.	Vera's secret love, Charlie, first betrays her, then dies in dark circumstances. She has kept his secrets. This complex book explores mature issues with glimmers of grace and hope.	2010	Printz Honor Book
Room	Emma Donoghue	Room is home to Jack, but to Ma, it is prison. With determination, ingenuity, and motherly love, Ma has created a kind of life for Jack. It's not enough...but escape holds its own dangers.	2010	Alex Awards
Salem Brownstone	Nikhil Singh, John Harris Dunning	It seems the father that Salem never knew was actually a powerful magician, and the son has inherited his dark legacy — and an unfinished battle for life or death.	2010	Maverick Graphic Novel Reading List
Flash Burnout	L. K. Madigan	Class clown and amateur photographer Blake has a girlfriend and a friend who's a girl. One loves him; one needs him. (Mature themes)	2009	Morris Award
Sorta Like a Rock Star	Matthew Quick	Amber, the self-proclaimed princess of hope, lives in a school bus with her dog and alcoholic mom, nurturing and protecting everyone else – until tragedy strikes.	2010	TAYSHAS
Shooting Star	Fredrick McKissack	Jomo is a talented but undersized defensive back; one of the "Five to Watch Next Year". But if he's to play in college, he needs to grow - and fast. The question is – will he like what he sees?	2009	TAYSHAS
Shiver	Maggie Stiefvater	Grace and Sam are so close, they could be siblings – or lovers. But Sam's wolf identity cannot be denied and each winter he seems to become more wolf and less human...	2010	TAYSHAS
Every Bone Tells a Story: Hominin Discoveries, Deductions, and Debates	Jill Rubalcaba, Peter Robertshaw	Paleontologists and archaeologists study mankind through the Turkana Boy, Lapedo Child, Kennewick Man, and Ötzi the Iceman. Full-color photos and a time line give context.	2010	Excellence in Nonfiction Award
Lost Discoveries: The Ancient Roots of Modern Science – from the Babylonians to the Maya	Dick Teresi	This multicultural history of science explores the ancients' amazing contributions to mathematics, astronomy, cosmology, physics, geology, chemistry, and technology.	2010	Book Club Pick
Janis Joplin: Rise Up Signing	Ann Angel	Joplin's husky, passionate singing deeply influenced rock-n-roll, yet she loved to sing the blues with the misery and pain that dominated the lyrics. Pictures and letters illustrate her short life.	2010	Excellence in Nonfiction

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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