

Recommended Summer Reading

Note: The recommended grade levels are approximations. While it may be quite challenging to read a book for a grade that is a few years higher than yours, there is also nothing wrong with reading a book for a lower grade and up.

Traditional Literature:

[1984, by Orwell](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[All Quiet on the Western Front, by Remarque](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[Animal Farm, by Orwell](#) (Grade 9 and up)
[As I Lay Dying, by Faulkner](#) (Grade 12)
[The Awakening, by Chopin](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[The Bear, by Faulkner](#) (Grade 12)
[Candide, by Voltaire](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[The Catcher in the Rye, by Salinger](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[The Cherry Orchard, by Chekhov](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[Crime and Punishment, by Dostoevsky](#) (Grade 12)
[Dracula, by Stoker](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[Frankenstein, by Shelley](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[The Grapes of Wrath, by Steinbeck](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[Great Expectations, by Dickens](#) (Grade 9 and up)
[Gulliver's Travels, by Swift](#) (Grade 9 and up)
[Invisible Man, by Ellison](#) (Grade 12)
[Journey to the West, by Wu Cheng'en](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[Light in August, by Faulkner](#) (Grade 12)
[Little Women, by Alcott](#) (Grade 9 and up)
[Medea, by Euripides](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[Madame Bovary, by Flaubert](#) (Grade 12)
[Mrs. Dalloway, by Woolf](#) (Grade 12)
[One Hundred Years of Solitude, by Márquez](#) (Grade 12)
[A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man, by Joyce](#) (Grade 12)
[Pride and Prejudice, by Austen](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[Siddhartha, by Hesse](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[The Time Machine, by Wells](#) (Grade 9 and up)
[The Trial, by Kafka](#) (Grade 12)
[The Turn of the Screw, by James](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[Wuthering Heights, by Brontë](#) (Grade 11 and up)

Modern Fiction:

[*The Alchemist*, by Coelho](#) (Grade 9 and up)
[*All Our Yesterdays*, by Morris](#) (Grade 9 and up)
[*All the Light We Cannot See*, by Doerr](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*Atonement*, by McEwan](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*The Beekeeper of Aleppo*, by Lefteri](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions*, by Wallace](#) (Grade 9 and up)
[*Bless Me, Ultima*, by Anaya](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*Blindness*, by Saramago](#) (Grade 12)
[*The Bonesetter's Daughter*, by Amy Tan](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*Brave New World*, by Huxley](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*Brown Girl, Brownstones*, by Marshall](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Catch-22*, by Heller](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Ceremony*, by Silko](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Chains*, by Anderson](#) (Grade 9 and up)
[*Circe*, by Miller](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*Cloud Cuckoo Land*, by Doerr](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Coraline*, by Gaiman](#) (Grade 9 and up)
[*Coming through Slaughter*, by Ondaatje](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Crossing Stones*, by Frost](#) (Grade 9 and up)
[*Cry, the Beloved Country*, by Paton](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, by Haddon](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*Demon Copperhead*, by Kingsolver](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Dreaming in Cuban*, by García](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine*, by Honeyman](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*Elsewhere*, by Zevin](#) (Grade 9 and up)
[*Everything I Never Told You*, by Ng](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*The Fountains of Silence*, by Sepetys](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*Gabi, a Girl in Pieces*, by Quintero](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*The Girl with the Louding Voice*, by Daré](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*Go as a River*, by Read](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*The God of Small Things*, by Arundhati Roy](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Grendel*, by Gardner](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*Hamnet*, by O'Farrell](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*The Handmaid's Tale*, by Atwood](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*The Hate U Give*, by Thomas](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*, by McBride](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Homegoing*, by Yaa Gyasi](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*A House for Mr. Biswas*, by Naipaul](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*The House of Spirits*, by Allende](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*House Made of Dawn*, by Momaday](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*If Beale Street Could Talk*, by Baldwin](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*The Inheritance of Loss*, by Desai](#) (Grade 11 and up)

[*In the Time of the Butterflies*, by Alvarez](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*, by Schwab](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*The Island of Missing Trees*, by Shafak](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*The Italian Teacher*, by Rachman](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*James*, by Everett](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*The Joy Luck Club*, by Amy Tan](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*Kafka on the Shore*, by Haruki Murakami](#) (Grade 12)
[*The Kite Runner*, by Hosseini](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Lady Tan's Circle of Women*, by See](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*Last Night in Brooklyn*, by Gonzales](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Lessons in Chemistry*, by Garmus](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*The Lion Women of Tehran*, by Kamali](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*Listen, Slowly*, by Thanhha Lai](#) (Grade 9 and up)
[*Long Day's Journey into Night*, by O'Neill](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Long Way Down*, by Reynolds](#) (Grade 9 and up)
[*"Master Harold"...and the Boys*, by Fugard](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*The Namesake*, by Lahiri](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*Native Speaker*, by Chang-Rae Lee](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*The Nightingale*, by Hannah](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Obasan*, by Kogawa](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*, by Solzhenitsyn](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Oryx and Crake*, by Atwood](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Pale Fire*, by Nabokov](#) (Grade 12)
[*The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, by Chbosky](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*The Poisonwood Bible*, by Kingsolver](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Playground*, by Powers](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Pnin*, by Nabokov](#) (Grade 12)
[*Project Hail Mary*, by Weir](#) (Grade 9 and up)
[*Purple Hibiscus*, by Adichie](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*Rebecca*, by du Maurier](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*Salvage the Bones*, by Ward](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Slaughterhouse-Five*, by Vonnegut](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*The Secret Life of Bees*, by Sue Monk Kidd](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*Snow*, by Pamuk](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Speak*, by Anderson](#) (Grade 9 and up)
[*Station 11*, by Mandel](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*Stoner*, by Williams](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*The Sun is also a Star*, by Yoon](#) (Grade 9 and up)
[*A Thousand Splendid Suns*, by Hosseini](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*The Things They Carried*, by O'Brien](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*, by Zevin](#) (Grade 10 and up)
[*Typical American*, by Gish Jen](#) (Grade 11 and up)
[*Uglies*, by Westerfeld](#) (Grade 9 and up)
[*The Underground Railroad*, by Whitehead](#) (Grade 11 and up)

[Vicious, by Schwab](#) (Grade 9 and up)

[The Women, by Hannah](#) (Grade 11 and up)

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Literary Memoirs:

[Beautiful Country, by Qian Julie Wang](#) (Grade 10 and up)

[Born a Crime, by Noah](#) (Grade 10 and up)

[Crying in H Mart, by Zauner](#) (Grade 11 and up)

Graphic Novels:

[American Born Chinese, by Gene Luen Yang](#) (Grade 9 and up)

[Hey, Kiddo, by Krosoczka](#) (Grade 10 and up)

[Long Way Down, by Reynolds and Novgorodoff \(Graphic Novel Version\)](#) (Grade 9 and up)

[Maus, by Spiegelman](#) (Grade 11 and up)

[Persepolis, by Satrapi](#) (Grade 10 and up)