

## NON-FICTION SUMMER READING SELECTIONS

### The Greatest: Muhammad Ali - Walter Dean Myers

A look at the life and times of the great boxer who was crowned Heavyweight Champion of the World three times.

### Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution - Ji-Li Jiang

This autobiography details the author's experiences as a teenager during the Cultural Revolution. Jiang and her family are subjected to many problems because her grandfather was once a landlord. Memoirs of the period contain murders, suicides, mass brainwashing, cruel and unusual bullying, and injustices.

### Sparky: The life and Art of Charles Schultz - Beverly Gherman

A biography of Peanuts creator Charles Schulz, illustrated with photographs and selections from the comic strip featuring Charlie Brown.

### Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift's "Chocolate Pilot" - Michael O. Tunnell

Describes the efforts of US Air Force Lieutenant Gail Halvorsen to aid the children in Russian-blockaded West Berlin by dropping packages filled with candy from the air. Features personal photographs, along with letters and drawings from the children of Berlin.

### Bouncing Back: Dealing with the Stuff Life Throws at You - Jami L. Jones

Offers advice to teens on how to handle stress, discussing the importance of developing resiliency, describing strategies designed to help teens manage, or even escape their problems for short periods of time, and including personal stories in which teens tell how they dealt with difficult situations.

### Liberty or Death: The Surprising Story of Runaway Slaves Who Sided with the British During the American Revolution - Margaret Whitman Blair

Recounts the experiences of the slaves who answered Lord Dunmore's 1775 promise that any slave who left his master and fought for the British would have their freedom.

### Temple Grandin: How the Girl Who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World - Cy Montgomery

Examines the life and accomplishments of Temple Grandin, whose childhood diagnosis of autism and love of cows led her to revolutionize the livestock industry.

### How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous - Georgia Bragg

Shares the sometimes gruesome details of the deaths of nineteen famous historical figures, including King Tut, Pocahontas, George Washington, Edgar Allan Poe, and Marie Curie.

### The Omnivore's Dilemma for Kids: The Secrets Behind What You Eat - Michael Pollan

"What's for dinner?" seemed like a simple question-until journalist and supermarket detective Michael Pollan delved behind the scenes. From fast food and big organic to small farms and old-fashioned hunting and gathering, this young readers' adaptation of Pollan's famous food-chain exploration encourages kids to consider the personal and global health implications of their food choices.

### Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance - Jennifer Armstrong

Describes the events of the 1914 Shackleton Antarctic expedition when, after being trapped in a frozen sea for nine months, their ship, Endurance, was finally crushed, forcing Shackleton and his men to make a very long and perilous journey to reach inhabited land.

### Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science - John Fleischman

The true story of Phineas Gage, whose brain had been pierced by an iron rod in 1848, and who survived and became a case study in how the brain functions.

### Air Raid--Pearl Harbor!: The Story of December 7, 1941 - Theodore Taylor

Examines from both the American and Japanese points of view the political and military events leading up to the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption - Laura Hillenbrand

An unforgettable testament to the resilience of the human mind, body, and spirit, brought vividly to life by the main character Louis Zamperini.

Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg – Irin Carmon

You can't spell truth without Ruth.

Only Ruth Bader Ginsburg can judge me.

The Ruth will set you free.

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg never asked for fame she was just trying to make the world a little better and a little freer. But along the way, the feminist pioneer's searing dissents and strength have inspired millions. This book takes you behind the myth for a look at the justice's life and work. As America struggles with the unfinished business of gender equality and civil rights, Ginsburg stays fierce. And if you don't know, now you know.

The 57 Bus – Dashka Slater

If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes. But one afternoon on the bus ride home from school, a single reckless act left Sasha severely burned, and Richard charged with two hate crimes and facing life imprisonment. The case garnered international attention, thrusting both teenagers into the spotlight.

Chasing Lincoln's Killer – James L. Swanson

Based on rare archival material, obscure trial manuscripts, and interviews with relatives of the conspirators and the man hunters, this book is a fast-paced thriller about the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth: a wild twelve-day chase through the streets of Washington, D.C., across the swamps of Maryland, and into the forests of Virginia.