

Summer Reading Novel Options

Title	Author	Description
The Young Elites	<i>Marie Lu</i>	Set in a Renaissance-like world where magic is new, chaotic, and misunderstood, and three rival societies with supernatural abilities battle for power. And a girl transforms from an unwanted daughter into a fearsome leader, igniting panic and sparking war between seven nations.
Everything Sad is Untrue	<i>Daniel Nayeri</i>	A sprawling, evocative, and groundbreaking autobiographical novel told in the unforgettable and hilarious voice of a young Iranian refugee. It is a powerfully layered novel that poses the questions: Who owns the truth? Who speaks it? Who believes it?
Take Me with You When You Go	<i>David Levithan & Jennifer Niven</i>	As things unravel at home for Ezra, Bea will confront secrets about their past that will forever change the way they think about their family. Together and apart, broken by abuse but connected by love, this brother and sister must learn to trust themselves before they can find a way back to each other.
We Were Liars	<i>E. Lockhart</i>	In <i>We Were Liars</i> , Cadence Sinclair is the eldest granddaughter in the wealthy and attractive Sinclair family. All athletic and blond, the Sinclairs live off of Grandfather Harris's fortune and spend their summers vacationing on his private island. Cadence and her friends are nicknamed the Liars and are a tightly-knit group until one summer when Cadence ends up in a serious accident. As Cadence pieces together the circumstances of her accident, she will discover the truth about herself and her family.
Hey, Kiddo	<i>Jerrett J. Krosoczka</i>	<i>Hey, Kiddo</i> is a profoundly important memoir about growing up in a family grappling with addiction, and finding the art that helps you survive. In kindergarten, Jarrett Krosoczka's teacher asks him to draw his family, with a mommy and a daddy. But Jarrett's family is much more complicated than that.
Any Sign of Life	<i>Rae Carson</i>	High school senior and WNBA hopeful Paige wakes up from a coma to find herself the only living person in her Columbus, Ohio, neighborhood. What happens next is not for the faint of heart: Dead, decomposing bodies—beginning with Paige's own family—litter the pages of this smart, suspenseful thriller.
The One Summer	<i>Mariko Tamaki</i>	This <i>One Summer</i> is a graphic novel that is a coming of age story about two teenage friends, Rose and Windy, during a summer in Awago, a small beach town. Rose and Windy discover themselves and their sexuality while battling family dynamics and mental disabilities.
Furia	<i>Yamile Saied Mendez</i>	two childhood friends in Rosario, Argentina grow up to fall in love — with each other and with fútbol. But their paths diverge as the game becomes not just an expression of childhood joy, but a symbol of masculinity and its ties to wealth and resources.
The Sun is also a Star	<i>Nicolas Yoon</i>	The novel traces the difficulties that both Daniel and Natasha face as members of immigrant families, explores the question of what it means to be an American, and investigates what the "American Dream" means to different people.
Becoming	<i>Michelle Obama</i>	In her memoir, a work of deep reflection and mesmerizing storytelling, Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her - from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world's most famous address. With unerring honesty and lively wit, she describes her triumphs and her disappointments, both public and private, telling her full story as she has lived it - in her own words and on

		her own terms. Warm, wise, and revelatory, <i>Becoming</i> is the deeply personal reckoning of a woman of soul and substance who has steadily defied expectations - and whose story inspires us to do the same.
Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul	<i>Jack Canfield</i>	Being a teen is hard - but you are not alone. This book is filled with stories that will make you laugh and make you cry. It will act as a best friend, keep you company, motivate you, and reassure you that other teenagers have been through the same ups and downs and have come out okay.
One of Us is Lying	<i>Karen McManus</i>	Hala M.'s Review: Four ordinary high schoolers become murder suspects after the death of Simon Keheller, each with their own secrets. We follow Bronwyn, Nate, Addy, and Cooper as they navigate the daily adventures of being a high schooler all while trying to find a murderer.
PAX	<i>Sara Pennypacker</i>	A heart wrenching masterpiece about the relationship between a boy and his fox. Peter is a 12-year-old boy with a fox as a pet; his fox is named Pax. But when war strikes, Peter's father goes to war and Peter is left at his grandfather's house. But the worst part is that he is not with fox because Pax is in the wild
Ace of Spades	<i>Faridah Abike-Iyimide</i>	Follows two private high school students who couldn't be more different – Chiamaka, the rich, popular girl at the top of the social hierarchy, and Devon, a musician and scholarship student who has been fairly under the radar at his school.
This is Why We Lie	<i>Gabriella Lepore</i>	When Jenna Dallas and Adam Cole find Colleen O'Dell's body floating off the shore of their coastal town, the community of Gardiners Bay is shaken. But even more shocking is the fact that her drowning was no accident. Once Jenna's best friend becomes a key suspect, Jenna starts to look for answers on her own.
Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You	<i>Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi</i>	The construct of race has always been used to gain and keep power, to create dynamics that separate and silence. Racist ideas are woven into the fabric of this country, and the first step to building an antiracist America is acknowledging America's racist past and present. This book takes you on that journey, showing how racist ideas started and were spread, and how they can be discredited.
Turtles All the Way Down	<i>John Green</i>	16 year old Aza never intended to pursue the mystery of fugitive billionaire Russell Pickett, but there's a hundred-thousand-dollar reward at stake and her Best and Most Fearless Friend, Daisy, is eager to investigate. So together, they navigate the short distance and broad divides that separate them from Russell Pickett's son, Davis.
I Am Malala	<i>Malala Yousafzai</i>	When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education.
The Poet X	<i>Elizabeth Acevedo</i>	Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood—but secretly, she pours her dreams and frustrations onto the pages of her notebook like prayers.
Lovely War	<i>Julie Berry</i>	In the perilous days of World Wars I and II, the gods held the fates – and the hearts– of four mortals in their hands.
Almost American Girl	<i>Robin Ha</i>	For as long as she can remember, it's been Robin and her mom against the world. Growing up as the only child of a single mother in Seoul, Korea, wasn't always easy, but it has bonded them fiercely together. So when a vacation to visit friends in Huntsville, Alabama, unexpectedly becomes a permanent relocation – following her mother's announcement that she's getting married – Robin is devastated. Overnight, her life changes...Then one day Robin's mother enrolls her in a local drawing class, which opens the window to a future Robin could never have imagined.

Five Total Strangers	<i>Natalie D. Richards</i>	Mira needs to get home for the holidays. Badly. But when an incoming blizzard results in a canceled connection, it looks like Mira might get stuck at the Philadelphia airport indefinitely.
The Perks of Being a Wallflower	<i>Stephen Chbosky</i>	It is the story of what it's like to grow up in high school. More intimate than a diary, Charlie's letters are singular and unique, hilarious and devastating. We may not know where he lives. We may not know whom he is writing about. All we know is the world he shares. Caught between trying to live his life and trying to run from it puts him on a strange course through uncharted territory. The world of first dates, family dramas, and new friends. The world of sex, drugs, and <i>The Rocky Horror Picture Show</i> , where all you need is that perfect song and that perfect drive to feel intimate.
Incredibly Bright Creatures	<i>Shelby Van Pelt</i>	After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she's been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago. Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors--until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova
Salt & Sea	<i>Adrienne Young</i>	Book 1: Raised to be a warrior, seventeen-year-old Eelyn fights alongside her Aska clansmen in an ancient, rivalry against the Riki clan. Her life is brutal but simple: fight and survive. Until the day she sees the impossible on the battlefield—her brother, fighting with the enemy—the brother she watched die five years ago.
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Displacement	<i>Kiku Hughes</i>	Kiku is on vacation in San Francisco when suddenly she finds herself displaced to the 1940s Japanese-American internment camp that her late grandmother, Ernestina, was forcibly relocated to during World War II. These displacements keep occurring until Kiku finds herself "stuck" back in time
Shout	<i>Laurie Halse Anderson</i>	In her new memoir, <i>Shout</i> , Anderson reveals that she was raped when she was 13, and it took more than two decades before she could find the words to talk or write about it. The book begins: "This is the story of a girl who lost her voice and wrote herself a new one."
Lion: A Long Way Home	<i>Larry Buttrose and Saroo Brierley</i>	A little boy gets lost on a train and ends up thousands of miles from home. As an adult, he attempts to piece together his old memories and find his original family. Video: Lion is the true story of Saroo's tireless, obsessive search for the town where he grew up and his lost
The 57 Bus	<i>Dashka Slater</i>	A nonfiction book for teens about race, class, gender, crime, and punishment, tells the true story of an agender teen who was set on fire by another teen while riding a bus in Oakland, California.
Lone Survivor	<i>Marcus Luttrell and Patrick Robinson</i>	The 'Lone Survivor' Tells The Story Of A Tragic Navy Mission Former Navy SEAL Marcus Luttrell was the only survivor of a mission in Afghanistan in 2005, where along with three other SEALs he was tasked with killing a top Taliban commander.

Travel Team	<i>Mike Lupica</i>	Travel Team is a young adult novel by columnist Mike Lupica, about a boy named Danny Walker who is cut from his travel basketball team because of his short stature, so his father Richie responds by forming a new travel team made up of players who were cut or did not try out.
Dragon Hoops	<i>Gene Luen Yang</i>	Engaging, entertaining and full of insight about race and ethnicity, "Dragon Hoops" follows the real-life Bishop O'Dowd Dragons, an Oakland high school basketball team, in its quest to win the California state championship
Trust the Grind: How World-Class Athletes Got To The Top-	<i>Jeremy Bhandari</i>	Trust the Grind reveals how these men and women reached the height of their profession. Sixteen athletes from eleven sports. Each chapter tells a different story, as each superstar shares the habit that helped them accomplish their goals and reach the pinnacle of their profession. Sports fanatic or not.
Underdogs	<i>Zach Berman</i>	Following a season with incredible highs and heartbreaking lows, the Philadelphia Eagles went on to do what fans had all but written off as impossible: for the first time in the franchise's history, Philly won a Super Bowl.
What made Maddy Run	<i>Kate Fagan</i>	What Made Maddy Run began as a piece that Kate Fagan, a columnist for espnW, wrote about Maddy's life. What started as a profile of a successful young athlete whose life ended in suicide became so much larger when Fagan started to hear from other college athletes also struggling with mental illness.
Humans of New York	<i>Brandon Stanton</i>	Humans of New York (HONY) is a photoblog and book of street portraits and interviews collected on the streets of New York City. Started in November 2010 by photographer Brandon Stanton, Humans of New York has developed a large following through social media.
Almost Adulthood	<i>Arden Rose</i>	In Almost Adulthood—perfect for budding adults, failing adults, and eaters of microwave mug brownies—Arden tells you how to survive your future adulthood. Topics include: Making internet friends who are cool and not murderers. Flirting with someone in a way to make them think you are cool and not a murderer.
The Starbucks Experience	<i>Joseph Michelli</i>	The piece outlines that the lion's share of Starbucks' success comes from its creation of experience for customer and business culture. Once a business culture and leaders care enough to surprise their staff, employee morale soars, and chain reaction of surprises takes place.
Thunder Head	<i>Neal Shusterman</i>	The Thunderhead is the perfect ruler of a perfect world, but it has no control over the scythedom. A year has passed since Rowan had gone off grid. Since then, he has become an urban legend, a vigilante snuffing out corrupt scythes in a trial by fire. His story is told in whispers across the continent.
A Study In Charlotte	<i>Brittany Cavallaro</i>	Charlotte Holmes has always been a fascination of Jamie's but when they do meet, it doesn't go well. When a student turns up dead, taken right out of a Sherlock Holmes story, and Charlotte and Jamie find themselves as the main suspects, they team up to investigate and prove they're being framed.
Sadie	<i>Courtney Summers</i>	follows podcaster West McCray, a mid20s man investigating a two-sister disappearance for posterity. And in scenes throughout, we see Sadie herself, off to kill her sister's murderer. There's not exactly a wide cast of characters for a novel, but Sadie makes up for it.
No Exit	<i>Taylor Adams</i>	A brilliant, edgy thriller about four strangers, a blizzard, a kidnapped child, and a determined young woman desperate to unmask and outwit a vicious psychopath. A kidnapped little girl locked in a stranger's van.

The Lake	<i>Natasha Preston</i>	The Lake is a YA mystery/thriller centered around two young girls named Esme and Kayla who end up training to be counselors at a camp they attended as kids, and the two of them have been keeping a huge secret from the time they spent at the same camp ten years prior.
The Keeper: The Unguarded Story of Tim Howard by Howard	<i>Tim Howard</i>	The uplifting memoir of U.S. national soccer team goalkeeper Tim Howard, adapted for young readers and now in paperback. In this heartwarming and candid account, Tim Howard opens up about how a hyperactive kid from New Jersey with Tourette Syndrome defied the odds to become one of the world's premier goalkeepers.
Slay	<i>Brittney Morris</i>	By day, seventeen-year-old Kiera Johnson is an honors student, a math tutor, and one of the only Black kids at Jefferson Academy. But at home, she joins hundreds of thousands of Black gamers who duel worldwide as Nubian personas in the secret multiplayer online role-playing card game, SLAY.
Little Fires Everywhere	<i>Celeste Ng</i>	When old family friends of the Richardsons attempt to adopt a Chinese-American baby, a custody battle erupts that dramatically divides the town—and puts Mia and Elena on opposing sides. Suspicious of Mia and her motives, Elena is determined to uncover the secrets in Mia's past.
The Hate U Give	<i>Angie Thomas</i>	Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer.