

## **9<sup>th</sup> grade summer reading selections:**

**\*Ewing, Lynne – Party Girl** (low) ISBN: 9780375802102 \$5.99  
The death of her best friend, Ana, in a drive-by shooting causes fifteen-year-old Kata to question her position in the Los Angeles gang life.

**\*Anderson, Laurie Halse – Speak** (average) ISBN: 9780142414736 \$11.99  
A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

**\*Flynn, Alex – Breathing Underwater** (challenging) ISBN: 9780064472579 \$8.99  
Sent to counseling for hitting his girlfriend, Caitlin, and ordered to keep a journal, sixteen-year-old Nick recounts his relationship with Caitlin, examines his controlling behavior and anger, and describes living with his abusive father.

### **Additional selections:**

**\*Pfeffer, Susan Beth - Life As We Knew It** ISBN: 9780152061548 \$6.95  
Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

**\*Johnson, Angela – First Part Last** ISBN: 9780689849237 \$6.99  
Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.

**\*Fleischman, John – Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science** ISBN: 9780618494781 \$9.99  
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.

## **ALL GRADES**

**\*Obama, Barack - Dreams From My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance**  
ISBN: 9781400082773 \$14.95  
President Barack Obama tells the story of his life as the son of a black African father and a white American mother, searching for a workable meaning to his life as an African American.

## **10<sup>th</sup> grade summer reading selections:**

**\*McCormick, Patricia – Cut** (low) ISBN: 9780439324595 \$7.99  
While confined to a mental hospital, thirteen-year-old Callie slowly comes to understand some of the reasons behind her self-mutilation, and gradually starts to get better.

**\*Anderson, Laurie Halse – Catalyst** (average) ISBN: 9780142400012 \$7.99  
Eighteen-year-old Kate, who sometimes chafes at being a preacher's daughter, finds herself losing control in her senior year as she faces difficult neighbors, the possibility that she may not be accepted by the college of her choice, and an unexpected death.

**\*Anderson, M.T. – Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation: The Pox Party** (Challenging) ISBN: 9780763636791 \$10.99  
Various diaries, letters, and other manuscripts chronicle the experiences of Octavian, a young African American, as he is brought up as part of a science experiment in the years leading up to and during the Revolutionary War.

### **Additional Selections:**

**Johnson, Maureen – 13 Little Blue Envelopes** ISBN: 9780060541439 \$8.99  
Ginny's beloved, quirky Aunt Peg sends her on one more adventure when she dies, leaving Ginny a series of envelopes. The envelopes lead Ginny on a whirlwind tour of Europe where she finds answers to important questions about her aunt and about herself.

**\*Volponi, Paul – Black and White** ISBN: 9780142406922 \$6.99  
Two star high school basketball players, one black and one white, experience the justice system differently after committing a crime together and getting caught.

**\*Bartoletti, Susan Campbell - Hitler Youth** ISBN: 9780439353793 \$19.99  
A photo-illustrated look at the youth organizations Adolf Hitler founded and used to meet his sociopolitical and military ends; includes profiles of individual Hitler Youth members as well as young people who opposed the Nazis, such as Hans and Sophie Scholl.

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**\*Draper, Sharon – Tears of a Tiger** (low) ISBN: 9780689806988 \$6.99  
The death of high school basketball star Rob Washington in an automobile accident affects the lives of his close friend Andy, who was driving the car, and many others in the school.

**Frank, E.R. – America** (average) ISBN: 9780689857720 \$8.99  
Teenage America, a not-black, not-white, not-everything boy who has spent many years in institutions for disturbed, antisocial behavior, tries to piece his life together.

**\*Hosseini, Khaled – The Kite Runner** (challenging) ISBN: 9781594481772 \$15.95  
Amir, haunted by his betrayal of Hassan, the son of his father's servant and a childhood friend, returns to Kabul as an adult after he learns Hassan has been killed, in an attempt to redeem himself by rescuing Hassan's son from a life of slavery to a Taliban official.

### **Additional Selections:**

**\*Bray, Libba – A Great and Terrible Beauty** ISBN: 9780385732314 \$9.99  
After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world.

**\*Picoult, Jodi – My Sister's Keeper** ISBN: 9781439157268 \$7.99  
All her life, thirteen-year-old Anna has donated platelets, blood, and bone marrow to lengthen her sister Kate's life—until she hires a lawyer for a medical emancipation lawsuit to give her control over her own body.

**\*Roach, Mary – Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers**  
ISBN: 9780393329124 \$13.95  
Explores how human cadavers have been used throughout history, discussing how the use of dead bodies has benefited every aspect of human existence.

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