

**Springfield Public Schools  
Recommended Reading Literature List  
2019-2020  
Grade 7**



**Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School  
Springfield, New Jersey**

## **Genre: Contemporary Fiction<sup>1</sup>**

*Among Friends*

*Cages*

*Catalyst*

*Contender, The*

*Fallen Angels*

*Fifteen*

*Flipped*

*Girl Called Boy*

*Home of the Braves*

*Ironman*

*My Perfect Life*

*Red Kayak*

*Seek*

*Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, The*

*Someone Like You*

*Wednesday Wars, The*

*West Side Story*

*Whale Talk*

*When Pigs Fly*

*Where the Red Fern Grows*

*Zipped*

Cooney, Caroline

Kehret, Peg

Anderson, Laurie Halse

Lipsyte, Robert

Myers, Walter Dean

Cleary, Beverly

Van Draanen, Wendelin

Humence, Belinda

Klass, David

Crutcher, Chris

Sheldon, Dyan

Cummings, Pricilla

Fleischman, Paul

Brasheres, Ann

Dressen, Sarah

Schmidt, Gary D.

Shulman, Irving

Crutcher, Chris

Wood, June Rae

Rawls, Wilson

McNeal, Laura and Tom

## **Genre: Historical Fiction and Nonfiction<sup>2</sup>**

*A Boy No More*

*Across Five Aprils*

*Anne Frank and Me*

*Bird In A Box*

*Fighting Ground, The*

*Girl In A Cage*

*Hang A Thousand Trees With Ribbons*

*Hero On A Bicycle*

*Heroes*

*In My Father's House*

*Light In The Forest*

Mazer, Harry

Hunt, Irene

Bennett, Cherie

Pinkney, Andrea Davis

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Yolen, Jane and R. Harris

Rinaldi, Ann

Hughes, Shirley

Cormier, Robert

Rinaldi, Ann

Richter, Conrad

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*Nerdlandia*  
*One Crazy Summer*  
*Red Badge of Courage*  
*Upstairs Room, The*  
*What Have You Lost?*  
(A Collection of Young Adult Poems)  
*Where the Broken Heart Still Beats*  
*Year of the Hangman, The*  
*Esperanza Rising*

Soto, Gary  
Garcia, Rita Williams  
Crane, Stephen  
Reiss, Johanna  
  
Nye, Naomi Shihbab, Ed.  
Meyer, Carolyn  
Blackwood, Gary  
Ryan, Pam Munoz

**Genres: Motivational/Autobiography/Memoir<sup>3</sup>**

*A Child Called "It": One Child's Courage to Survive*  
(Book One of a Trilogy)  
*An Invisible Thread*  
*Anne Frank, Beyond the Diary*  
*Battlescars: An Inspirational Story of Triumph Over Adversity and Tragedy<sup>1</sup>*  
*Blind Side, The*  
*Clara's War*  
*Don't Sweat the Small Stuff For Teens*  
*Eleanor's Story: An American Girl In Hitler's Germany*  
*Fault In Our Stars, The*  
*Great Episodes Series*  
*I Hate Myselfie<sup>4</sup>*  
*I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up In The Holocaust*  
*Jacob Have I Loved*  
*Legit: The Rise of a Cyber Athlete*  
*Kids On Strike!*  
*Nerdlandia*  
*No Body's Perfect: Stories By Teens About Body Image, Self-Acceptance, and The Search for Identity*  
*Now Is Your Time! The African American Struggle For Freedom*  
*Pursuit of Happyness, The*  
*Short-Handed: A Young Boy's Triumph Over Adversity<sup>1</sup>*  
*Soldier Athletes*  
*Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and*

Pelzer, Dave  
Schroff, Laura  
Van Der Rol, Ruud  
  
Greene, Tracy  
Lewis, Michael  
Kramer, Clara  
Carlson, Richard  
Garner, Eleanor Ramrath  
Green, John  
Reit, Seymour  
Dawson, Shane  
  
Bitton-Jackson, Livia  
Paterson, Katherine  
Berman, Ron  
Bartoletti, Susan Campbell  
Soto, Gary  
  
Kirberger, Kimberly, Ed.  
  
Myers, Walter Dean  
Gardner, Chris  
Schultz, Bill  
Stout, Glenn

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*Fighting To Get Back On the Board*  
*Spare Parts*  
*Teens With the Courage to Give*  
*Three Cups of Tea (Young Adult Adaptation)*  
*Unbroken (Young Adult Adaptation): An Olympian's*  
*Journey From Airman to Castaway to Captive*

Hamilton, Bethany  
Davis, Joshua  
Waldman, Jackie  
Mortenson, Greg  
  
Hillenbrand, Laura

**Genres: Science Fiction and Young Adult Novels<sup>5</sup>**

**Science Fiction:**

*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*  
*Amber Spyglass, The*  
*Artemis Fowl*  
*City of Ember, The*  
*Freaky Friday*  
*Golden Compass, The*  
*i, Robot*  
*Maze Runner, The (Series)*  
*Neverending Story, The*  
*Paint By Magic*  
*Uglies*

Carroll, Lewis  
Pullman, Philip  
Colfer, Eoin  
Jane DuPrau  
Rodgers, Mary  
Pullman, Philip  
Asimov, Isaac  
Dasher, James  
Ende, Michael  
Reiss, Kathryn  
Westerfeld, Scott

**Young Adult Novels:**

*If I Stay*  
*Let The Circle Be Unbroken*  
*Out of My Mind*  
*My Sister's Keeper*  
*Who Do You Think You Are? Stories of Friends*  
*And Enemies*

Forman, Gayle  
Taylor, Mildred D.  
Draper, Sharon  
Piccoul, Jodi  
  
Rochman, Hazel, Ed.

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