

Recommended Summer Reading List for High School Students

This list of recommended books is presented in no particular order (including alphabetical), and is hardly complete. These are **title suggestions** gathered from the members of the English Department of books they have read and enjoyed. The key to good summer reading is finding a story you like, and, hopefully that book is at or around your reading level. Enjoy!

FICTION:

Fantasy/Adventure

The Once and Future King by T.H. White

The Mists of Avalon by Marion Zimmer

Bradley *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

The Eyre Affair by Jasper Fforde

American Gods by Neil Gaiman

Interview with the Vampire by Anne Rice

Cloud Atlas by David Mitchell

Sci-Fi

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams

The Illustrated Man by Ray Bradbury

Dune by Frank Herbert

The Sparrow by Mary Doria Russell

Dystopian:

1984 by George Orwell

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

The Blind Assassin by Margaret Atwood

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess

Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad

Graphic Novels:

Maus by Art Spiegelman

Families Good and Bad:

The Awakening by Kate Chopin

The House of the Spirits by Isabel Allende

Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison

Interpreter of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri

Poboy and Dingan by Ben Rice

People by Judith Guest

Liar's Club by Mary Karr

How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents by Julia Alvarez

Fall on Your Knees by Anne Marie McDonald

The Unthinkable Thoughts of Jacob Green by Joshua Braff

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

Bastard Out of Carolina by Dorothy Allison

Romance

Possession by A.S. Byatt

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier

Pride and Prejudice/Sense and Sensibility/Emma by Jane Austen

The Map of Love by Ahdaf Soueif

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

Growing Up and Coming of Age

A Separate Peace by John Knowles

Middlesex by Jeffery Eugenides

A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

Geek Love by Katharine Dunn

Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

Historical Fiction

Brideshead Revisited by Evelyn Waugh

Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks

Ragtime by E. L. Doctorow

All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich
Maria Remarque

The God of Small Things by Arundhati

Roy Les Miserable by Victor Hugo

Band of Brothers by Stephan Ambrose

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

In the Time of Butterflies Julia Alvarez

The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay
by Michael Cabon

Deus Lo Volt: Chronicle of the Crusades by
Evan Connell

East of Eden by John Steinbeck

Humor

Catch-22 by Joseph Heller

Love in a Cold Climate by Nancy Mitford

Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha by Roddy Doyle

Psychology

Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken

Kesey *The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath

Sports

The Natural by Bernard Malamud

The Basketball Diaries by Jim Carroll

Hoop Dreams by Ben Joravsky

Mystery/Suspense

The Secret History by Donna Tartt

Bel Canto by Ann Patchett

The House of Leaves by Mark Z. Danielewski

The Beach by Alex Garland

Motherless Brooklyn by Jonathan Lethem

Great novels that don't fit into any one category:

The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway

Watership Down by Richard Adams

Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel

One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel
Garcia Marquez

High Fidelity by Nick Hornby

NON-FICTION:

Biographies and Autobiographies

The Flame Trees of Thika by Elseph Huxley:

The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien

West with the Sun by Beryl Markham

Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight by Alexandra
Fuller

The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat by Oliver
Sacks

Me Talk Pretty One Day by David Sedaris

A Girl Named Zippy by Haven Kimmel

Girl, Interrupted by Susanna Keysen

Cleopatra by Stacey Schiff *Out of Africa*

by Isak Dinsen

Marie Antoinette by Antonia Frasier

Nicholas and Alexandra by Robert Massie

Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt

Geeks: How Two Lost Boys Rode the Internet

Out of Idaho by Jonathan Katz

Seabiscuit by Laura Hillenbrand

Science:

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by
Rebecca Skloot

*The Hedgehog, the Fox, and the Magister's
Pox: Mending the Gap between Science and the
Humanities* by Stephan Jay Gould

Fast Food Nation by Eric Schlosser

Catapult by Jim Paul

Current Events:

Behind the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo

Into Thin Air by John Krakauer

Young Men and Fire by Norman Maclean

Jarhead by Anthony Swofford