

# 8TH GRADE SUGGESTED READING

## MELTING POT

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|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Athletic Shorts</i>                                  | Chris Crutcher        | Short stories/sports |
| <i>Breathing Underwater</i>                             | Alex Flinn            | Realistic fiction    |
| <i>Diary of a Young Girl</i>                            | Anne Frank            | Biography            |
| <i>Double Helix</i>                                     | Nancy Werlin          | Science fiction      |
| <i>The Dream Keeper and Other Poems</i>                 | Langston Hughes       | Poetry               |
| <i>Ender's Game</i>                                     | Orson Scott Card      | Science fiction      |
| <i>Fever 1793</i>                                       | Laurie Halse Anderson | Historical fiction   |
| <i>Gospel According to Larry</i>                        | Janet Tashjian        | Realistic fiction    |
| <i>The House of the Scorpion</i>                        | Nancy Farmer          | Science fiction      |
| <i>Looking for Alaska</i>                               | John Green            | Realistic fiction    |
| <i>Maus: A Survivor's Tale</i>                          | Art Spiegelman        | Graphic novel        |
| <i>Make Lemonade</i>                                    | Virginia Euwer Wolff  | Realistic fiction    |
| <i>My Name is America (series)</i>                      | varies                | Historical fiction   |
| <i>The Race to Save the Lord God Bird</i>               | Phillip Hoose         | Nonfiction           |
| <i>Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story</i>          | John Fleischman       | Nonfiction           |
| <i>Poison</i>   | Chris Wooding         | Fantasy              |
| <i>Ruby in the Smoke</i>                                | Phillip Pullman       | Historical mystery   |
| <i>Summerland</i>                                       | Michael Chabon        | Fantasy              |
| <i>Tomorrow, When the War Began</i>                     | John Marsden          | Adventure            |
| <i>We Were There, Too! Young People in U.S. History</i> | Phillip Hoose         | Nonfiction           |

## TEEN FAVORITES

*Acceleration*, Graham McNamee  
*Blood and Chocolate*, Annette Curtis Klause  
*Chicken Soup for the Soul* series  
*Daughters of the Moon* series  
*Eragon*, Christopher Paolini  
*Eye of the World*, Robert Jordan  
*Go Ask Alice*, Anonymous  
*Twilight*, Stephanie Meyer

## CHALLENGES/CLASSICS

*Animal Farm*, George Orwell  
*The Bell Jar*, Sylvia Plath  
*Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury  
*Jane Eyre*, Charlotte Bronte  
*Johnny Tremain*, Esther Forbes  
*Watership Down*, Richard Adams  
*Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*,  
 Robert Persig

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