8TH GRADE SUGGESTED READING

MELTING POT

Athletic Shorts

Breathing Underwater

Diary of a Young Girl

Double Helix

The Dream Keeper and Other Poems

Ender's Game

Fever 1793

Gospel According to Larry

The House of the Scorpion

Looking for Alaska

Maus: A Survivor's Tale

My Name is America (series)

The Race to Save the Lord God Bird

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story

Poison

Ruby in the Smoke

Summerland

Tomorrow, When the War Began

We Were There, Too! Young People in U.S. History

Chris Crutcher

Short stories/sports

Alex Flinn

Realistic fiction

Anne Frank

Biography

Nancy Werlin

Science fiction

Langston Hughes

Poetry

Orson Scott Card

Science fiction

Laurie Halse Anderson Historical fiction Janet Tashijan

Realistic fiction

Nancy Farmer

Science fiction

John Green

Realistic fiction

Art Spiegelman

Virginia Euwer Wolff

Graphic novel

Realistic fiction

varies

Historical fiction

Phillip Hoose John Fleischman Nonfiction

Nonfiction

Chris Wooding

Philip Pullman

Fantasy Historical mystery

Michael Chabon

Fantasy

John Marsden

Adventure

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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