

8TH GRADE SUGGESTED READING

MELTING POT

<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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