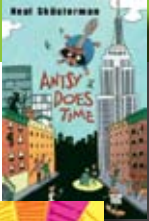


8th GRADE

Summer reads



Antsy Does Time by Neal Shusterman

When classmate Gunnar Ümlaut announces that he is going to die in six months from a rare disease, Antsy Bonnano prints up a formal contract that signs over a month of his own life to his gloomy buddy.



Audrey, Wait! By Robin Benway

Within a few weeks after their breakup, Audrey's boyfriend, Evan, writes and performs a rock song about their split that catches the attention of a music executive and catapults Evan and his band to stardom, making Audrey an unwilling celebrity.



Bonechiller by Graham McNamee

Something is out there, in the cold nothing of the Canadian winter, making teenagers disappear.



A Curse Dark As Gold by Elizabeth Bunce

After her father's death, Charlotte and her younger sister, Rosie, take over the family business, a mill shadowed by a curse that goes back generations.



Here Lies Arthur by Philip Reeve

A retelling of the King Arthur legend from a fresh perspective.



Guardian by Julius Lester

Set in a Southern town in 1946, an innocent black man is lynched for a crime that he didn't commit, but fourteen-year-old Ansel knows the truth.



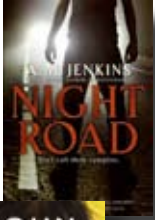
Jellicoe Road by Melina Marchetta

Taylor Markham isn't just one of the new student leaders of her boarding school, she's also the heir to the Underground Community, one of three battling school factions in her small Australian community fighting territory wars rife with surprise attacks and physical violence.



Nation by Terry Pratchett

Set in the nineteenth century, a tidal wave wipes out the population of a small island and the survivors must rebuild a community while working through language barriers, questions of leadership, and problems of survival.



Night Road by A.M. Jenkins

A book about teenage “hemovores” (blood-drinkers who eschew the term “vampire”) as they train in new recruits.



Paper Towns by John Green

Weeks before graduating from their Orlando-area high school, Quentin Jacobsen’s childhood best friend, Margo, reappears in his life, specifically at his window, commanding him to take her on an all-night, score-settling spree, before mysteriously disappearing the next day.



Skim by Mariko Tamaki (graphic)

Pudgy Asian American Skim suffers the contempt of the popular crowd at her all-girl school and ponders the repercussions of the recent suicide of a local boy.



Stealing Heaven by Elizabeth Scott

18-year-old Danielle and her mom move from town to town, stealing from rich men in the process, until they settle in the town of Heaven and Danielle starts to date a cop.



Suite Scarlett by Maureen Johnson

On Scarlett’s 15th birthday, she is given the care of a suite in the family’s Manhattan hotel and its resident, an eccentric drama-queen named Mrs. Amberson.



What I Saw and How I Lied by Judy Blundell

After her stepfather abruptly moves her family down to a posh hotel in Florida after his return from WWII, fifteen-year-old Evie meets a string of wealthy and intriguing guests, including Peter, a handsome young veteran.

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