

TGS Upper School English Department Summer Reading 2021

The Gregory School's book-loving English Department compiled this topical list for your summer reading pleasure. Please select one or more of these titles to read for fun this summer. Before you settle on a selection, make sure to read about the plot and author. These lists are not grade-level specific. Some selections are intended for mature audiences. Please feel free to email English faculty if you have any questions or want any specific recommendations: Ms. Lori Barnett, Ms. Anna Cain, Ms. Jessica Langan-Peck, Mr. Tim Milner, Ms. Elizabeth Young.

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Appropriate for 9th grade (but not necessarily YA) = *

Travel

A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson

Dispatches from Pluto: Lost and Found in the Mississippi Delta by Richard Grant

On the Road by Jack Kerouac

In the Kingdom of Ice by Hampton Sides *

The Places In Between by Rory Stewart

Mystery

My Sister, the Serial Killer by Oyinkan Braithwaite #

The Spy of Venice by Benet Brandreth #

The Name of the Rose by Umberto Eco

Paper Towns by John Green #

The Spy Who Came in from the Cold by John le Carré

The Secret History by Donna Tartt

Memoir

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates*

When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi

H is for Hawk by Helen MacDonal

Everything Sad is Untrue by Daniel Nayeri

If I Die in a Combat Zone by Tim O'Brien

Love & Family

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

A Room with a View by E.M. Forster

Less by Andrew Sean Greer

The Gallery of Unfinished Girls by Lauren Karcz #

Last Night at the Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo #

The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller *

The Travelers by Regina Porter

The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon #

Coming of Age

The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo #

The Brief, Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Diaz

Middlesex by Jeffrey Eugenides

A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens *

Normal People by Sally Rooney

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz #

One of the Good Ones by Maika and Maritza Moulite #

On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong

Salvage the Bones by Jesmyn Ward *

Revenge and Redemption

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson #

The Sense of an Ending by Julian Barnes

The Plague by Albert Camus

Atonement by Ian MacEwan

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds #

East of Eden by John Steinbeck

Native Son by Richard Wright

Sports

The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown *

The Art of Fielding by Chad Harbach

Seabiscuit by Laura Hillenbrand *

Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer *

Inverting the Pyramid: The History of Soccer Tactics by Jonathan Wilson

Historical

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shafer and Annie Barrows*

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro

Washington Black by Esi Edugyan

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak #

The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet by David Mitchell

I, Claudius by Robert Graves

Bring up the Bodies by Hilary Mantel

Parkland, Birth of a Movement by Dave Cullen