

**According to Literature in the Secondary School, NCTE Research Report 25, the following books and plays are taught in more high schools in the United States than any other selections. Most colleges would expect students to have read them. (All of these titles are taught either as choices or as required reading in the literature classes offered by Norfolk Public Schools.)**

*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain  
*Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens  
*The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
*Hamlet* by William Shakespeare  
*Lord of the Flies* by William Golding  
*Macbeth* by William Shakespeare  
*Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck  
*Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen  
*Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare  
*The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne  
*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

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This list can be used to guide you as you select books for summer reading. Ask your librarian for help in locating these and other good books. This list offers a wide range of literature which differs in subject matter, reading level, and sophistication. Not all books are appropriate for all students. Parents may want to participate in the selection process.

**Although a few titles may appear under two grade levels, students in either grade may desire to read them.**

Those with an asterisk (\*) are offered in one or more literature classes in Norfolk Public Schools.

## **GRADE 9**

*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie  
*All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot  
*Animal Farm* by George Orwell  
*Archived* by Victoria Schwab  
*Band of Angels* by Julian F. Thompson  
*Because I Am Furniture* by Thalia Chaltas  
*Beyond the Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier  
*Children of the River* by Linda Crew  
*Copper Sun* by Sharon Draper  
*Crazy Horse Electric Game* by Chris Crutcher  
*David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens

*Eleanor and Park* by Rainbow, Rowell  
*\*Ellen Foster* by Kaye Gibbons  
*Every Day* by David Levithan  
*Fallen Angels* by Walter D. Myers  
*Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck  
*The Hobbit* by JRR Tolkien  
*The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros  
*I am the Messenger/ The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak  
*The Martian Chronicles* by Ray Bradbury  
*Maus I and Maus II* by Art Spiegelman  
*Midwinterblood* by Marcus Sedgwick  
*Monster* by Walter Dean Myers  
*The Knife of Never Letting Go. (Book One of the Chaos Walking Series)* by Patrick Ness  
*Nothing But the Truth* by Avi  
*\*River, Cross My Heart* by Breena Clark  
*\*A Separate Peace* by John Knowles  
*\*Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe  
*The White Darkness* by Geraldine McCaughrean

## **GRADE 10**

*All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren  
*The Book of Ruth* by Jane Hamilton  
*Boy 21* by Mathew Quick  
*Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns  
*Copper Sun* by Sharon Draper  
*Crown of Midnight* by Sarah Maas  
*\*The Crucible* by Arthur Miller  
*David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens  
*The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks* by E. Lockhart  
*Discovering Wes Moore* by Wes Moore  
*The End Games* by Martin T. Michael  
*\*Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton  
*\*A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway  
*Ferris Beach* by Jill Mcorkle  
*\*A Gathering of Old Men* by Ernest J. Grimes  
*The Hunt for Red October* by Tom Clancy

*\*I know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou  
*\*Julius Caesar/ Merchant of Venice* by William Shakespeare  
*The Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara  
*\*A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines  
*Maus I and Maus II* by Art Spiegelman  
*River Secrets* by Shannon Hale  
*Marcelo in the Real World* by Francisco X  
*Pieces* by Chris Lynch  
*\*The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd  
*The Secret Story of Sonia Rodriguez* by Alan Sitomer  
*The Red Necklace* by Sally Gardner  
*Sophie's World* by Jostein Gaarder  
*\*The Tempest* by William Shakespeare  
*The Uglies* series by Scott Westerfield

## **GRADE 11**

*Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt  
*The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver  
*Black Boy* by Richard Wright  
*The Book of Ruth* by Jane Hamilton  
*\*Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger  
*\*The Crucible* by Arthur Miller  
*Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury  
*\*A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway  
*For Whom the Bell Tolls* by Ernest Hemingway  
*The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams  
*\*The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck  
*Hold Still* by Nina LaCour  
*Kindness for Weakness* by Shawn Goodman  
*\*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou  
*Jesse* by Gary Soto  
*Light in August/As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner  
*A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare  
*Moby Dick* by Herman Melville  
*The Natural* by Bernard Malamud  
*The Old Man and Sea* by Ernest Hemingway  
*The Orange Houses* by Paul Griffin  
*Paper Towns* by John Green  
*\*A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry

Roots by Alex Haley

The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway

The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells

Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty by Gregory Neri

**GRADE 12**

1984 by George Orwell

\*The Accidental Tourist/Saint Maybe by Ann Tyler

After by Amy Efaw

\*The Awakening by Kate Chopin

Beloved by Toni Morrison

Boot Camp by Todd Strasser

\*Catch 22 by Joseph Heller

Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier

Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoyevsky

A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen

\*Fasting, Feasting by Anita Desai

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

\*Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

\*Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

\*July's People by Nadine Gordimer

Meridian by Alice Walker

Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka

The Millstone by Margaret Drabble

My Son's Story by Nadine Gordimer

Nervous Conditions by Tsitsi Dangarembga

Never Fall Down by Patricia McCormick

Othello by William Shakespeare

\*A Portrait of the Artist... by James Joyce

Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen

\*Slaughterhouse-Five by Kurt Vonnegut

\*Sons and Lovers by D.H. Lawrence

\*Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells

\*Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys

\*Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

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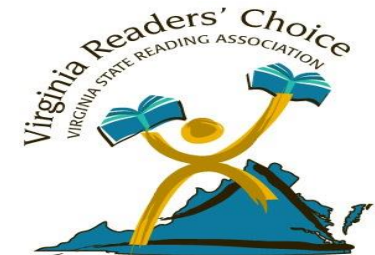
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SUMMER READING  
GRADES 9-12  
2017**



**2017-2018  
Virginia Readers' Choice Winners**

*The Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik

*Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys

*Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda* by Becky Albertalli

*Out of Darkness* by Ashely Hope Perez

*More Happy Than Not* by Adam Silvera

*An Ember in the Ashes* by Saba Tahir

*Dumplin'* by Julie Murphy

*Everything, Everything* by Nicola Yoon

*All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely

*All the Bright Places* by Jennifer Niven