

NCTE recommends the YA Novels below.

Turtles All the Way Down by John Green
I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L. Sanchez
Tyler Johnson was Here by Jay Coles
Refugee by Alan Gratz
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
Tradition by Brendan Kiely
Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys
Dear Martin by Nic Stone
I am Alfonso Jones by Toney Medina
Speak: The Graphic Novel by Laurie Halse Anderson
The Smell of Other People's Houses by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock
Incognegro by Mat Johnson
Goodbye Days by Jeff Zenter

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<https://ncte.org/blog/category/booklists/>

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.

GRADE 9

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian
by Sherman Alexie
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot
American Indian Stories by Zitkala-Sa
Animal Farm by George Orwell
Archived by Victoria Schwab
The Awakening by Kate Chopin
Band of Angels by Julian F. Thompson
Because I Am Furniture by Thalia Chaltas
Begging for Change by Sharon Flake
Beyond the Chocolate War by Robert Cormier
Call of the Wild by Jack London
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
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
The Fault in our Stars by John Green
Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift
Go Tell it On the Mountain by James Baldwin
The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
I am the Messenger/ The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

The Knife of Never Letting Go. (Book One of the Chaos Walking Series) by Patrick Ness
Life of Pie by Yann Martel
Lord of the Flies by William Golding
The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury
Midwinterblood by Marcus Sedgwick
Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare
Monster by Walter Dean Myers
Nothing But the Truth by Avi
The Odyssey by Homer
The Pact by Davis and Jenkins
River, Cross My Heart by Breena Clark
The Road by Cormac McCarthy
Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare
The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
A Separate Peace by John Knowles
They Had a Dream by Jules Archer
The White Darkness by Geraldine McCaughrean

GRADE 10

All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
Amos Fortune, Free Man by Elizabeth Yates
Annie John by Jamaica Kincaid
Beowulf
Blindness by Jose Saramago
The Book of Ruth by Jane Hamilton
Boy 21 by Mathew Quick
Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger
Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns
Copper Sun by Sharon Draper
Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas
Crown of Midnight by Sarah Maas
David Copperfield by Charles Dickens
The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks
by E. Lockhart
Discovering Wes Moore by Wes Moore
Dracula by Bram Stoker
The End Games by Martin T. Michael
A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway
Ferris Beach by Jill Mcorkle
A Gathering of Old Men by Ernest J. Grimes
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
Hamlet by William Shakespeare
The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien
The Hunt for Red October by Tom Clancy
Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl by Harriet Jacobs
I know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
Invisible Man by H. G. Wells
Julius Caesar/ Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare
The Killer Angels by Michael Shaara
Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines
A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah
The Lottery Rose by Irene Hunt
Maus I and Maus II by Art Spiegelman
River Secrets by Shannon Hale
Marcelo in the Real World by Francisco X
Moby Dick by Herman Melville
Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
Othello by William Shakespeare

Pieces by Chris Lynch
A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry
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
Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
To Be a Slave by Julius Lester
The Uglies series by Scott Westerfield

GRADE 11

1776 by David McCullough
Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt
An Island Like You by Judith Ortiz Cofer
Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man by James Weldon Johnson
The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver
Black Boy by Richard Wright
The Book of Ruth by Jane Hamilton
The Color Purple by Alice Walker
Columbine by Dave Cullen
The Crucible by Auther Miller
Devil in the White City by Erik Larson
Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton
Eyes on the Prize by Juan Williams
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway
Federalist Papers by Alexander Hamilton
For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway
Freedom Walkers by Russell Freedman
The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams
The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls
The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
The Help by Kathryn Stockett
Hold Still by Nina LaCour
I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer
Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer
Jesse by Gary Soto
The Jungle by Upton Sinclair
Kindness for Weakness by Shawn Goodman
Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving
Light in August/As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner
Maus I and Maus II by Art Spiegelman
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
Out of Dust by Karen Hesse
Paper Towns by John Green
Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane
Roots by Alex Haley
The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne
A Separate Peace by John Knowles
The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway
The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien
Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe
The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells
Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty by Gregory Neri

GRADE 12

100 Days of Cake by Shari Goldhagen
1984 by George Orwell
The Accidental Tourist/Saint Maybe by Ann Tyler
After by Amy Efav
The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
The American Reader
Beloved by Toni Morrison
The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
Boot Camp by Todd Strasser
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer
Catch 22 by Joseph Heller
Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier
The Color of Water by James McBride
Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
Dreaming in Cuban by Christina Garcia
A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen
Fasting, Feasting by Anita Desai
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad
How Does it Feel to be a Problem? by Moustafa Bayoumi
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
In Cold Blood by Truman Capote
The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde
Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare
July's People by Nadine Gordimer
King Lear by Julius Caesar
Macbeth by William Shakespeare
Meridian by Alice Walker
Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka
The Millstone by Margaret Drabble
My Son's Story by Nadine Gordimer
The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri
Narrative of Sojourner Truth by Sojourner Truth
Nervous Conditions by Tsitsi Dangarembga
Never Fall Down by Patricia McCormick
Paths to Peace by Jane Berskin Zalben
A Portrait of the Artist... by James Joyce
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen
Slaughterhouse-Five by Kurt Vonnegut
Sons and Lovers by D.H. Lawrence
The Taming of the Shrew by William Shakespeare
The Tempest by William Shakespeare
Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
A Thousand Splendid Sons by Khaled Hosseini
Travels with Charley by John Steinbeck
The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells
Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

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Darius the Great Is Not Okay by Adib Khorram
Frankly in Love by David Yoon
How We Became Wicked by Alexander Yates
Jackpot by Nic Stone
Rules for Vanishing by Kate Alice Marshall
The Downstairs Girl by Stacey Lee
The Rise and Fall of Charles Lindbergh by Candace Fleming
Three Things I Know Are True by Betty Culley
With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo

