

2021

SUMMER READS FOR TEENS

Recommended Reads for Grades 9-12

Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley

Daunis, who is part Ojibwe, defers attending the University of Michigan to care for her mother and reluctantly becomes involved in the investigation of a series of deaths.

In the Shadow of the Moon: America, Russia, and the Hidden History of the Space Race by Amy Cherrix

You've heard of the space race, but do you know the whole story? The most ambitious race humankind has ever undertaken was masterminded in the shadows by two engineers on opposite sides of the Cold War. This is

We Are Inevitable by Gayle Forman

Ira and his 19-year-old son, Aaron, are on the brink of losing the family business. They've lost much more – a son (and brother) to overdose and a wife (and mother) to grief. Somehow, the community comes together to help them become whole again.

Off the Record by Camryn Garrett

Seventeen-year-old Josie Wright, a budding teen journalist, gets the opportunity to write about an up-and-coming film star. But the real story, as she discovers, is less about charming celebrities and more about #MeToo scandals.

Switch by A. S. King

The story of Tru Beck, a girl who lives in a house with a single mysterious switch at its center. No one knows what the switch controls, but Tru's father spends all his time building progressively larger boxes around the switch, until each of his children is safely isolated in their own box.



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From Little Tokyo, With Love by Sarah Kuhn

From Little Tokyo, With Love is written like a modern-day fairy tale. But for Rika Rakuyama, who is half-Japanese, it's not about finding her prince – it's about finding her lost mother and her place in the world.

Luck of the Titanic by Stacey Lee

We all know what happens to the Titanic. But for 17-year-old Valora Luck – an aspiring acrobat – the luxury ocean liner is her ticket from England to America. Even though you know how it ends, Luck of the Titanic is a lively, layered piece of historical fiction.

Two Can Keep a Secret by Karen M. McManus

Follow 17-year-old twins Ellery and Ezra Corcoran as they arrive in Echo Ridge, Vermont – a mysterious town where teen girls keep disappearing.

House of Hollow by Krystal Sutherland

In this dark, modern-day fairy tale, three sisters experience the inexplicable. As children, they disappeared from a street in Scotland, only to reappear a month later with no memory of where they'd gone. Ten years later, one of the sisters goes missing – again.

Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas

Yadriel summons the angry spirit of his high school's bad *boy*, and agrees to help him learn how he died, thereby proving himself a brujo, not a bruja, to his conservative family.

Sunkissed by Kasie West

In this Dirty Dancing tale, 17-year-old Avery finds love on a two-month family vacation at a remote California resort. This easy, breezy summer read is perfect for reading on a relaxing beach day.

