

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading List

### **1. Found (Book 1 of “The Missing” Series) by Margaret Peterson Haddix**

Jonah has always known he was adopted. Now, at age 13, he and his new friend begin receiving mysterious letters. “You are one of the missing.” “Beware. They’re coming back to get you.”

### **2. Fish in a Tree by Lynda Hunt**

Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people by creating clever yet disruptive distractions to hide her inability to read. Her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally discovers that there’s a lot more to her—and to everyone—than a label, and that great minds don’t always think alike.

### **3. A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen**

When the Berlin Wall went up, twelve-year-old Gerta’s family is suddenly divided. She, her mother, and one brother live on the eastern side, controlled by the Soviets. But her father and other brother who had gone west to find work cannot return home. Four years later, Gerta sees her father on a viewing platform and realizes he wants her to risk her life trying to tunnel to freedom.

### **4. Matched (series) by Ally Condie**

Cassia is part of a futuristic society where the officials decide who you love, where you work and when you die. Cassia believes she has been perfectly matched until she sees another face pop up on the screen.

### **5. Heat by Mike Lupica**

Michael has a pitching arm with some serious heat. How can a twelve year old be so good? Orphaned after his family escapes from Cuba, he has no proof of who he is. Michael’s secret world is blown apart when he discovers that family can come in unexpected ways.

### **6. The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Bradley**

Ten-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada’s twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn’t waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him.

### **7. City of Ember (series) by Jeanne DuPrau**

The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she’s sure it holds a secret that will save the city. She and her friend Doon must race to figure out the clues before the lights go out on Ember forever!

### **8. Ender’s Game (series) by Orson Scott Card**

In order to develop a secure defense against a hostile alien race's next attack, government agencies breed child geniuses and train them as soldiers. A brilliant young boy, Andrew "Ender" Wiggin lives with his kind but distant parents, his sadistic brother Peter, and his sister Valentine. Peter and Valentine were candidates for the soldier-training program but didn't make the cut--young Ender is the Wiggin drafted to the orbiting Battle School for rigorous military training.

### **9. Gregor the Overlander (1st book of “Underland” series) by Suzanne Collins**

When Gregor falls through a grate in the laundry room of his apartment building, he hurtles into the dark Underland, where spiders, rats, cockroaches coexist uneasily with humans. This world is on the brink of war, and Gregor's arrival is no accident. A prophecy foretells that Gregor has a role to play in the Underland's uncertain future. Gregor wants no part of it -- until he realizes it's the only way to solve the mystery of his father's disappearance. Reluctantly, Gregor embarks on a dangerous adventure that will change both him and the Underland forever.

### **10. Pop by Gordon Korman**

When Marcus moves to a new town in the dead of summer, he doesn't know a soul. While practicing football for impending tryouts, he strikes up a friendship with a man named Charlie, the best football player Marcus has ever seen. He can't believe his good luck when he finds out that Charlie is Charlie Popovich, or "the King of Pop," as he'd been nicknamed during his career as an NFL linebacker.