

8TH Grade Summer Reading List 2019

1. The Honest Truth by Dan Gemeinhart

Mark is a normal kid in many ways, except he is sick, very sick. He makes a life-changing decision to fulfill a final wish of his grandfather's to climb Mt. Rainer. He sets out with his dog, Beau, on an incredible journey. Will this be his last?

2. The Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings

This is a story about three teenage who make a life-changing decision leading them through a web of lies. This tests their friendship and moral compass.

3. The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Josh and Jordan Bell are 12 year old twin brothers and basketball legends in the making. They are best friends until Jordan takes an interest in a new girl in class. They must work out their differences when their father faces some difficult health issues.

4. Rescued by Eliot Schrefer

Raja, an orangutan, was adopted by a young boy, John, as a gift from his father. They become like brothers until John's parents separate and John and his mother move away leaving Raja behind. When John learns that Raja must be moved to a 'zoo', John believes he must help Raja adapt to his new environment. What John discovers takes them both on the journey of a lifetime.

5. Legend by Marie Lu

From two very different worlds, June's and Day's path have no reason to cross until the day June's brother is murdered. Day becomes the prime suspect and June sets out to destroy him. Two very powerful secrets come out that change the course of both of their paths for ever.

6. Summerlost by Ally Condie

An accident kills Cedar's father and younger brother and it takes a new friend to help her to help her through it.

7. Peak by Roland Smith

After 14-yr-old Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he is reunited with his long-lost father who wants him to be the youngest person to reach the Everest summit.

8. The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor

Mason Buttle lost his very best friend and while there is no proof to suggest it was Mason who killed him, he continues to be the prime suspect. Mason is a bit of an outcast at school and continues to be bullied by neighborhood boys. As he struggles with his grief, we get to know this loveable, gentle character. We learn even more about him as he is now accused of almost causing the death of his new friend.

9. Elijah by Christopher Paul Curtis

Elijah is the first black boy in his town to be born free. While most people see him as someone frightened boy, when something tragic happens to his best friend's family, he needs to find the inner courage to make a dangerous journey to help his friend out.

10. The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin

When Suzy's best friend dies, everyone says it was an accident. But Suzy and Franny had a falling out just before Franny died and Suzy doesn't believe it was an accident. Her grief causes her to stop talking altogether and sets her on a mission to prove that Franny's death was not an accident.

11. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

Set in the South during the height of the Depression, this is the story of one family's struggle to maintain their integrity, pride, and independence in the face of racism and social injustice. It is also Cassie's story as she learns to draw strength from her own sense of dignity and self-respect.

12. The Benefits of Being an Octopus by Ann Broden

Zoey is in 7th grade and carries the weight of the world on her shoulders. She is responsible for the care of her younger siblings in a very dysfunctional family. At school she tries to go unnoticed while at home she tries to keep her siblings out of the adults way. Sometimes it take the courage of a child to help a struggling adult see clearly.