



# Summer Reading Suggestions

**Grades 6-8**



***Anne Frank and Me* by Cherie Bennett**

After suffering a concussion while on a class trip to a Holocaust exhibit, Nicole finds herself living the life of a Jewish teenager in Paris during the Nazi occupation.



***The Blue Sword* by Robin McKinley**

Harry, bored with her sheltered life in the remote orange-growing colony of Daria, discovers magic in herself when she is kidnapped by a native king with mysterious powers.

***Empress of Elsewhere* by Theresa Nelson**

There are many mysteries behind the grandiose exterior of Grandmother Monroe's mansion, in which Jimmy and his younger sister, Mary Al, have been cajoled to baby-sit a capuchin monkey that keeps escaping – which is more than J.D. can do.

***Getting Near to Baby* by Audrey Coulombis**

Although 13-year-old Willa Jo and her Aunt Patty seem to be constantly at odds, staying with her and Uncle Hob helps Willa Jo and her younger sister come to terms with the death of their family's baby.

***Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson**

The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

***Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt**

The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing older.

***A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle**

Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

***I Am the Cheese* by Robert Cormier**

A young man searches for his identity but is afraid that if he finds out who is he, he will be killed.

***Lord of the Flies* by William Golding**

The war has just ended. A group of boys is marooned on an island -- no adults have survived. There are some horrific scenes of violence. Parents may want to read this book before sharing it with their children.

***The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton**

This book takes a realistic look at the lives of two brothers caught up in gangs and violence.



***Complete Anne of Green Gables (Box Set)* by L.M. Montgomery**

Red-headed Anne Shirley will delight intermediate readers. An eleven-year-old orphan, Anne is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression.



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