

Grade 8 Summer Reading



During the course of the summer, students must read at least one of the novels from the list below *



Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute

by Talia Hibbert

Fiction, Romance and Humour

Once upon a time, Bradley and Celine were childhood best friends. Now they're academic rivals competing for a once-in-a-lifetime scholarship. Begrudgingly, they work together, and the forced proximity has them revisiting old memories and wondering why things fell apart.

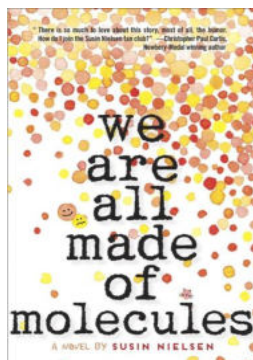


I Must Betray You

by Ruta Sepetys

Historical Fiction

Attention history lovers, this one is for you! It's 1989, and Cristian Florescu lives in Romania, ruled by the tyrant Nicolae Ceaușescu. When Cristian becomes an informer for the government against his will, he joins the revolution and shows the world the oppression in his country. With her masterful storytelling skills, #1 New York Times bestselling author Ruta Sepetys sheds light on the deprivation in communist Europe and the incredible grit and resilience of the Romanian people.

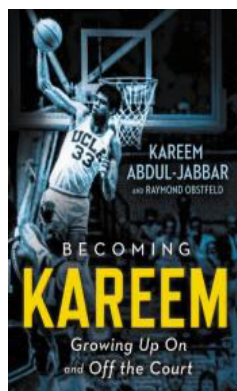


We Are All Made of Molecules

by Susin Nielsen

Fiction

Both Ashley and Stewart are as different as two 13 - 14 year olds can get! When Stewart's father moves in with Ashley's mother, both teens struggle with the new "Brady Bunch" structure. Readers follow along with both Ashley and Stewart's hilarious perspectives as they find common ground with each other.



Becoming Kareem

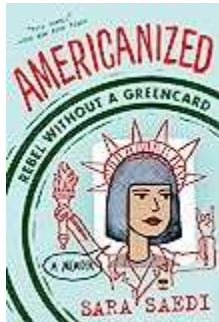
by Kareem Abdul Jabbar

Non-Fiction, Autobiography

An inspiring memoir written by the renowned basketball star and civil rights icon. Follow along with Kareem as he discusses the trials and tribulations he

experiences in America during the 50's and 60's and how he found his inner strength and voice amongst the racism that tried to tear him down. *

Please be aware there are racial slurs and language mentioned in the book as Kareem shares his real life experiences with readers.



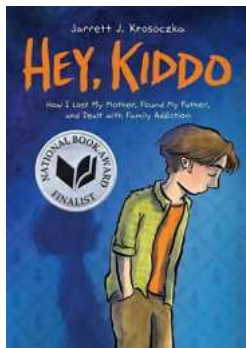
Americanized Rebel Without a Green

By Sara Saeid

Nonfiction, Autobiography, Memoir

Americanized follows Sara's progress toward getting her green card, but that's only a portion of her experiences as an Iranian-"American" teenager. From discovering that her parents secretly divorced to facilitate her mother's green card application to learning how to tame her unibrow, Sara pivots from the terrifying prospect that she might be kicked out of the country at any time to the almost-as-terrifying possibility that she might be the only one of her

friends without a date to the prom.



Hey Kiddo A Graphic Novel

By Jarrett Krosoczka

The powerful, unforgettable graphic memoir explores life from growing up with a drug-addicted mother, a missing father, and two unforgettably opinionated grandparents. Only as a teenager can Jarrett begin to piece together the truth of his family, reckoning with his mother and tracking down his father. *Hey, Kiddo* is a profoundly important memoir about growing up in a family grappling with addiction, and finding the art that helps you survive.

***A note to parents/guardians:**

Included in this list are books that discuss many different points of view. If you are concerned about what your child reads (ex.: you don't want them reading anything too violent) please read the synopsis and review the book before you allow them to proceed. Though it is good for students to read about a wide variety of topics, perspectives, worldviews, etc., it is ultimately left up to the parents'/guardians' discretion.

