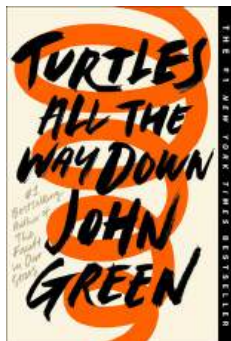


# Grade 9 Summer Reading

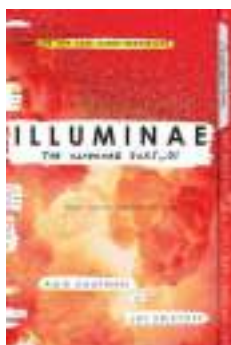
During the course of the summer, students *must read at least one* of the novels listed below.



## ***Turtles All the Way Down***

**By John Green**  
Realistic Fiction

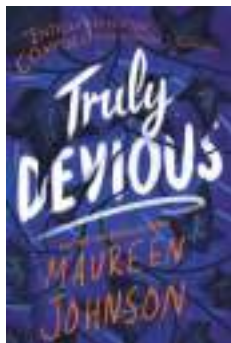
On the surface, *Turtles All the Way Down* is the story of 16-year-old Aza, trying to solve the mystery of a fugitive billionaire. But the novel is really a revelation of what it's like to live with anxiety and obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD).



## ***Illuminae***

**By Amie Kaufman**  
Science Fiction

The planet Kerenza is attacked, and Kady and Ezra find themselves on a space fleet fleeing the enemy, while their ship's artificial intelligence system and a deadly plague may be the end of them all.



## ***Truly Devious***

**By Maureen Johnson**  
Mystery Fiction

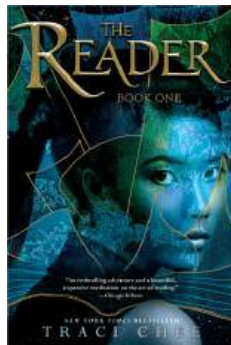
Ellingham Academy is a famous private school in Vermont for the brightest thinkers, inventors, and artists. Shortly after the school opened, his wife and daughter were kidnapped. The only real clue was a mocking riddle listing methods of murder, signed with the frightening pseudonym "Truly, Devious." It became one of the great unsolved crimes of American history. New student Stevie Bell has an ambitious plan: She will solve this cold case.



## ***The Berlin Boxing Club***

**Robert Sharenow**  
Historical Fiction

In 1936 Berlin, fourteen-year-old Karl Stern, considered Jewish despite a non-religious upbringing, learns to box from the legendary Max Schmeling while struggling with the realities of the Holocaust.

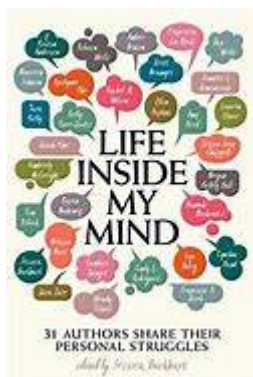


## ***The Reader***

by Traci Chee

Fantasy Dystopia

Sefia is a survivor. After her father was murdered, her grandmother taught her how to survive by hunting, stealing, and tracking. But when her grandmother disappears, she's left alone. Sefia sets out to find answers — and revenge. An instant New York Times bestseller, this glorious, epic adventure featuring pirates, assassins, and secret societies will keep you guessing until the last page.



## ***Life Inside My Mind: 31 Authors Share Their Personal Struggles***

By Jessica Burkhart

Non-Fiction

Life Inside My Mind is an anthology of true-life events from writers of this generation, for this generation. These essays tackle everything from neurodiversity to addiction to OCD to PTSD and much more.



## ***Rebelwing***

by Andrea Tang

Humorous Fiction

In a dystopian future, Pru's life is far from ordinary. She should be in jail but was rescued by a robot dragon, Rebelwing. And, although she looks like a regular prep school student, she moonlights as a smuggler selling contraband media. It is a thought-provoking story featuring characters you can't help but love.

### **\*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.

