

## **10<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading List**

*Warning: Any of the following young adult literature may contain mature reading material.*

**Anderson, Laurie Halse. Twisted. Fiction - After finally getting noticed by someone other than school bullies and his ever-angry father, seventeen-year-old Tyler enjoys his tough new reputation and the attentions of a popular girl, but when life starts to go bad again, he must choose between transforming himself or giving in to his destructive thoughts.**

Axline, Virginia Mae. Dibs in Search of Self. Non-fiction - An account of the psychotherapy of an emotionally disturbed young boy who overcomes his problems to become a normal child.

Baldwin, James. Go Tell It on the Mountain. Fiction - Describes a day in the life of several members of a Harlem fundamentalist church. The saga of three generations of people is related through flashbacks.

**Black, Holly. Valiant : a modern tale of faerie. – Fiction - Seventeen-year-old Valerie Russell runs away to New York City and befriends a group of very unusual characters who live in the city's subway tunnels and soon finds herself bound into service by a troll named Ravus.**

**Brooks, Kevin. Road of the Dead. – Fiction - Two brothers, sons of an incarcerated gypsy, leave London traveling to an isolated and desolate village, in search of the brutal killer of their sister.**

**Cary, Lorene. Black Ice. - Non-fiction - An autobiographical narrative of the author's days at Saint Pauls, a private prep school in New Hampshire and of her adolescent turmoil.**

Cormier, Robert. After the First Death. Fiction – The hijacking of a bus of children by terrorist is described from the perspectives of a hostage, a terrorist, an Army general involved in the rescue operation, and the general's son who has been chosen as the go-between.

**Crichton, Michael. Timeline. - Fiction – A group of scientists, having learned how to travel through time, enter life in fourteenth-century feudal France and threaten the history of the world.**

**Deuker, Carl. Night Hoops. - Fiction - While trying to prove that he is good enough to play on his high school's varsity basketball team, Nick must also deal with his parents' divorce and erratic behavior of a troubled classmate who lives across the street.**

Ferris, Jean. Bad. Fiction - In an attempt to please her boyfriend, sixteen-year-old Dallas goes along with a plan to rob a convenience store, and when her father refuses the judge's offer to let her come home on probation, she is sentenced to six months in the Girls' Rehabilitation Center.

Haddon, Mark. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time. Fiction – Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.

Hemingway, Ernest. The Old Man and the Sea. Fiction - An old fisherman battles the sea and sharks to bring home the giant marlin he caught.

**Jenkins, A. M. Repossessed. Fiction - A fallen angel, tired of being unappreciated while doing his pointless, demeaning job, leaves Hell, enters the body of a seventeen-year-old boy, and tries to experience the full range of human feelings before being caught and punished, while the boy's family and friends puzzle over his changed behavior.**

Krakauer, Jon. Into the Wild. Non-fiction – Tells the story of Chris McCandless, a twenty-four-year-old who walked into the Alaskan wilderness on an idealistic journey and was found dead of starvation four months later. Attempts to discover what led the young man to that point.

**Letts, Billie. Where the Heart is. – Fiction - Novalee Nation, seventeen, pregnant, and living in a Wal-Mart store discovers friendship, encouragement, direction and love with a group of caring people in Sequoyah, Oklahoma**

**McNamee, Graham. Acceleration. Fiction - Stuck working in the lost and found department of the Toronto Transit Authority for the summer, seventeen-year-old Duncan finds the diary of a serial killer and sets out to stop him.**

Meyer, Stephenie. Twilight. Fiction - When seventeen-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not wholly human.

Myers, Walter Dean. The Beast. Fiction – A teenager from Harlem struggles to save his girlfriend from herself when she develops a drug problem while he is away at a Connecticut prep school.

Nix, Garth. Lirael: Daughter of the Clayr. Fiction – When a dangerous necromancer threatens to unleash a long-buried evil, Lirael and Prince Sameth are drawn into a battle to save the Old Kingdom and reveal their true destinies.

**Nolan, Han. Born Blue. Fiction - Janie was four years old when she nearly drowned due to her mother's neglect. Through an unhappy foster home experience, and years of feeling that she is unwanted, she keeps alive her dream of someday being a famous singer.**

Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft. Frankenstein. Fiction - Victor Frankenstein has discovered the secret of generating life from lifeless matter, and has created a monster being by using this terrible power.

Stratton, Allan. Chanda's Secrets. Fiction - Chandra Kabelo, a sixteen-year-old in a small South African town, faces down shame and stigma in her efforts to help friends and family members who are dying of AIDS.

Zevin, Gabrielle. Elsewhere. Fiction – After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to “live.”

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