

## **9th Grade Summer Reading List, 2009**

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

**Alexie, Sherman. Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian. - Fiction - Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Native American is the school mascot.**

**Anderson, M.T. Feed. - Fiction - In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.**

**Asher, Jay. Thirteen Reasons Why: A Novel. – Fiction - High school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing seven cassette tapes recorded by his crush, Hannah Baker, who committed suicide, and spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death.**

Asimov, Isaac. I, Robot. Fiction - Dr. Susan Calvin, the first great practitioner of the new science of robopsychology in 2008, looks back on her career with U.S. Robotics. . . telling stories of how the mechanical race developed.

**Coy, John. Crackback. Miles barely recalls when football was fun after being sidelined by a new coach, constantly criticized by his father and pressured by his best friend to take performance-enhancing drugs.**

Crowe, Chris. Getting Away With Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case. Non-fiction - Presents a true account of the murder of fourteen-year-old, Emmett Till, in Mississippi, in 1955.

Duncan, Lois. Stranger with My Face. Fiction - A seventeen-year-old senses she is being spied on and probably impersonated, but when she discovers what actually is occurring, it is more unbelievable than she ever imagined.

**Ferguson, Alane. The Christopher Killer: A Forensic Mystery. - Fiction - On the payroll as an assistant to her coroner father, seventeen-year-old Cameryn Mahoney uses her knowledge of forensic medicine to catch the killer of a friend while putting herself in terrible danger. (serial killer novel)**

**Grogan, John. Marley & me: life and love with the world's worst dog. – Non-fiction - A tender story of his family's love for their yellow Labrador retriever, Marley, and recalls how he grew from a mischievous puppy into a nearly impossible adult that no amount of obedience school training could correct, and of the love they felt for him.**

**Hayden, Torey. One Child. - Non-fiction - A case study of a young emotionally disturbed child.**

**Korman, Gordon. Son of the Mob. - Fiction - Seventeen-year-old Vince's life is constantly complicated by the fact that he is the son of a powerful Mafia boss, a relationship that threatens to destroy his romance with the daughter of an FBI agent.**

**McCormick, Patricia. Sold. – Fiction – A novel in vignettes, in which Lakshmi, a thirteen-year old girl from Nepal, is sold into prostitution in India.**

Mosher, Richard. Zazoo. Fiction - Amis old secrets revealed and rifts healed, a thirteen year old Vietnamese orphan raised in rural France by her aging "Grand-Pierre" learns about life, death, and love.

**Murdock, Catherine Gilbert. Dairy Queen. – Fiction -After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.**

Myers, Walter Dean. Slam. Fiction – Sixteen-year-old "Slam" Harris is counting on his noteworthy basketball talents to get him out of the inner city and give him a chance to succeed in life, but his coach sees things differently.

Napoli, Donna Jo. Zel. Fiction - Adapted from the fairy tale Rapunzel, the story is told in alternating chapters from the point of view of Zel, her mother, and the prince. As Zel falls in love with the prince, her mother tries everything she can to prevent Zel from leaving her.

**Runyon, Brent. Burn Journals. - Autobiography – True story of Brent Runyon, who at fourteen set himself on fire and sustained burns over 80% of his body. He describes the months of physical and mental rehabilitation that followed as he attempted to put his life together.**

**Salzma, Mark. Iron & Silk. – Biography - An American describes his experiences after his arrival in Hunan Province in 1982 to teach English, including his wushu training and life in post-Mao China.**

**Sebold, Alice. Lovely Bones. - Fiction – Fourteen year old Susie Salmon, a murder victim, looks on from the afterlife as her family deals with their grief and waits for her killer to be brought to some type of justice.**

**Shaw, George Bernard. Pygmalion. – Play - About a professor of languages who sets out to transform a Cockney girl into a sophisticated lady,**

Staples, Suzanne Fisher. Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind. Fiction - Shabanu (aged 11), the daughter of a nomad in the Cholistan Desert of present-day Pakistan, is pledged to marry an older man who will bring prestige to the family. She must either accept the decision, as is the custom, or risk the consequences of defying her father's wishes.

**Steinbeck, John. The Pearl. – Fiction - Terrible events follow the discovery of a magnificent pearl by a poor Mexican fisherman.**

Tolkien, J. R. R. The Hobbit, or There and Back Again. Fantasy Fiction - The adventures of hobbit Bilbo Baggins in a land inhabited by dwarfs, elves, goblins, dragons and humans.

**Yang, Gene Luen. American Born Chinese. – Graphic Novel - Alternates three interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in the popular culture.**

Yolen, Jane. Briar Rose. Fiction - In this retelling of "Sleeping Beauty," a young woman learns that her grandmother had a secret past tied to the Holocaust.

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