

# ORRHS 2017 SUMMER READING

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## ENTERING GRADES 9 & 10:

### 9A, 9H, & 10A students

Choose and read ONE book from the provided 9/10 list.

## NON-FICTION

### Coming-Of-Age / Identity

**Brown Girl Dreaming** by Jacqueline Woodson  
"In vivid poems that reflect the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, an award-winning author shares what it was like to grow up in the 1960s & 1970s in both the North & the South."

**Enchanted air** by Margarita Engle  
"Offers an account of the first fourteen years of the author's life in poems, telling of her time spent between her mother's native Cuba & her home in Los Angeles, until the revolution in Cuba dramatically alters relations between the two countries she loves."

**Tomboy: a graphic memoir** by Liz Prince  
"Eschewing female stereotypes throughout her early years & failing to gain acceptance on the boys' baseball team, Liz learns to embrace her own views on gender as she comes of age, in an anecdotal graphic novel memoir." **GN**

### Adventure

**Into the Wild** by Jon Krakauer  
"The story of Chris McCandless, a young man who embarked on a solo journey into the wilds of Alaska and whose body was discovered four months later, explores the fascinating allure that the wilderness has for the American imagination."

**Trapped** by Marc Aronson  
"Describes the rescue of thirty-three miners trapped in a copper-gold mine in San Jose, Chile & how experts from around the world, from drillers, to astronauts, to submarine specialists, came together to make their remarkable rescue possible."

### A Walk in the Woods

by Bill Bryson **OR ANY BOOK BY THIS AUTHOR**  
"Bryson shares his breath-taking adventures & the fascinating history of the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail, as he travels slowly on foot."

### Urban / Crime

**From the Barrio to the Board Room**  
by Robert Renteria & Corey Michael Blake  
"This poignant and often hard-hitting memoir traces Robert's life from a childhood of poverty and abuse in one of the poorest areas of East Los Angeles, to his proud emergence as a business owner today."

**Homicide: A Year on the Killing Streets**  
by David Simon  
"An account of a year inside a city homicide unit focuses on three detectives investigating murders in Baltimore--a city torn by racial tensions and plagued by drugs and crime, in a new edition of the book that became the basis for the acclaimed television series."

### The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace

by Jeff Hobbs  
"Presents the life of Robert Peace, an African American who became a brilliant biochemistry student at Yale University, but after graduation lived as drug dealer and was brutally murdered at the age of thirty."

**True Notebooks** by Mark Salzman  
"The author shares his experiences working with kids in Central Juvenile Hall, a jail for kids located near Los Angeles, assisting them with their writing."

### Journalism

**The Influencing Machine: Brooke Gladstone on the Media** by Brooke Gladstone  
"The cohost of NPR's "On the Media" narrates, in cartoon form, two millennia of history of the influence of the media on the populace, from newspapers in Caesar's Rome to the penny press of the American Revolution to today." **GN**

### Sports

**Cinderella Man** by Jeremy Schaap  
"Offers a portrait of an American icon, boxer James J. Braddock, who staged a remarkable comeback during the Depression that captured the imagination of millions of working-class Americans."

**Fall River Dreams** by Bill Reynolds  
"A profile of Fall River's Durfee High School basketball team is set against the backdrop of a once-prosperous textile mill town turned poor and disheartened and follows the team's annual rekindling of community spirit."

**Fever Pitch** by Nick Hornby  
"An autobiographical memoir by a humorous British author and obsessed soccer fan captures the intensity of a sports fan who measures his life in seasons rather than years."

**Francona: The Red Sox Years**  
by Dan Shaughnessy, Terry Francona, & Jeff Gurner  
"The former Red Sox coach discusses his eight-year tenure with the team, chronicling the challenges posed by managing difficult players, satisfying multiple owners with different expectations, and dealing with both championship and losing seasons."

**My Losing Season: A Memoir** by Pat Conroy  
"The author reflects on the place of sports in his life, describing his love of basketball, the role of the athlete for young men searching for their own identity, his education at the Citadel, and his journey to best-selling writer."

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Key: **GN** = Graphic Novel

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## NON-FICTION

### Historical / War

**Daughters of the Samurai** by Janice P. Nimura  
"In 1871, five young girls were sent by the Japanese government to the United States. Their mission: learn Western ways and return to help nurture a new generation of enlightened men to lead Japan."

**Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans** by Don Brown  
"In illustrated graphic novel style, this book tells the story of Hurricane Katrina from its beginnings as a wind over Africa to its destructive force and the enormous cost in lives and property." **GN**

**First They Killed My Father** by Loung Ung  
"Chronicles the brutality of the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia, from the author's forced "evacuation" of Phnom Penh in 1975 to her family's subsequent movements from town to town & eventual separation."

**Grunt: the curious science of humans at war** by Mary Roach **OR ANY BOOK BY THIS AUTHOR**  
"Explores the science of keeping humans healthy and focused in the extreme environments of war, drawing on interviews with doctors, trainers, and weapons testers to illuminate how soldiers are conditioned to survive traumas."

**March. Book One** by John Lewis  
"A first-hand account of the author's lifelong struggle for civil and human rights spans his youth in rural Alabama, his life-changing meeting with Martin Luther King, Jr., and the birth of the Nashville Student Movement." **GN**

**Sachiko: a Nagasaki bomb survivor's story** by Caren Barzelay Stelson  
"Tells the story of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki through the eyes of Sachiko Yasui, who was six when the devastation was wrought, describing her experiences in the aftermath of the attack as well as her long journey to find peace."

**Symphony for the city of the dead** by M. T. Anderson  
"An account of the Siege of Leningrad reveals the role played by Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich and his Leningrad Symphony in rallying and commemorating their fellow citizens."

## FICTION

### Magical Realism

**City of the Beasts** by Isabel Allende  
"When fifteen-year-old Alexander Cold accompanies his individualistic grandmother on an expedition to find a humanoid Beast in the Amazon, he experiences ancient wonders and a supernatural world as he tries to avert disaster for the Indians."

**Everybody Sees the Ants** by A.S. King  
"Overburdened by his parents' bickering and a bully's attacks, fifteen-year-old Lucky Linderman begins dreaming of being with his grandfather, who went missing during the Vietnam War, but during a visit to Arizona, his aunt and uncle and their beautiful neighbor, Ginny, help him find a new perspective."

**Glory O'Brien's History of the Future** by A.S. King **OR ANY BOOK BY THIS AUTHOR**  
"As her high school graduation draws near, Glory O'Brien begins having powerful and terrifying visions of the future as she struggles with her long-buried grief over her mother's suicide."

### Horror / Supernatural

**Anya's ghost** by Vera Brosgol  
"Anya, embarrassed by her Russian immigrant family and self-conscious about her body, has given up on fitting in at school but falling down a well and making friends with the ghost there just may be worse." **GN**

**Raising Stony Mayhall** by Daryl Gregory  
"After a zombie attack, Wanda Mayhall rescues a near-dead infant on the side of a frozen Iowa highway and decides to raise him without telling the authorities, but as the boy gets older he realizes that there are other living dead in the world like him."

**Through the Woods** by Emily Carroll  
"Five mysterious, spine-tingling stories follow journeys into (and out of?) the eerie abyss. These chilling tales spring from the macabre imagination of acclaimed and award-winning comic creator Emily Carroll. Come take a walk in the woods and see what awaits you there..." **GN**

## Graphic Novels Are Serious Literature

They come in all shapes, sizes, and genres and can be found on our list with **GN**

### Historical / War

**City of Thieves** by David Benioff  
"When a dead German paratrooper lands in his street, Lev is caught looting the body and dragged to jail, fearing for his life. He shares his cell with the charismatic Kolya, a handsome young soldier arrested on desertion charges. Instead of the standard bullet in the back of the head, Lev and Kolya are given a shot at saving their own lives by complying with an outrageous directive: secure a dozen eggs for a powerful colonel to use in his daughter's wedding cake. In a city cut off from all supplies and suffering unbelievable deprivation, Lev and Kolya embark on a hunt to find the impossible."

**Code Name Verity** by Elizabeth Wein  
"After crash-landing in France in 1943 and being captured by Nazis, a female wireless operator for the British (who goes by Queenie, Eva, Verity, and various other aliases) reveals bits of code in exchange for reprieve from torture...and to postpone her execution."

**Purple Heart** by Patricia McCormick  
"While recuperating in a Baghdad hospital from a traumatic brain injury sustained during the Iraq War, eighteen-year-old soldier Matt Duffy struggles to recall what happened to him and how it relates to his ten-year-old friend, Ali."

**A Thousand Splendid Suns** by Khaled Hosseini  
"A breathtaking story set against the volatile events of Afghanistan's last thirty years. It is a tale of two generations of characters brought jarringly together by the tragic sweep of war, where personal lives-the struggle to survive, raise a family, find happiness-are inextricable from the history playing out around them."

### Cultural Identity

**American Born Chinese** by Gene Luen Yang  
"Alternates three interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in the popular culture." **GN**

**The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven** by Sherman Alexie  
"In this brilliantly amusing fiction, Alexie artfully couples the harsh details of the struggle to survive on the Spokane Indian Reservation with a wry and often wise humour."

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## FICTION

### Biographical

#### **Half Broke Horses: A True-Life Novel** by

Jeannette Walls

"Presents a novel based on the life of the author's grandmother, Lily Casey Smith, who learned to break horses in childhood, journeyed five hundred miles as a teen to become a teacher, and ran a vast ranch in Arizona with her husband while raising two children."

#### **A River Runs Through It** by Norman Maclean

"Two novellas and one short story, based on the author's own experiences, center on a young man's discovery of life and art in the woods of western Montana."

#### **What Is the What** by Dave Eggers

"A biographical novel traces the story of Valentino Achak Deng, who as a boy of seven was separated from his family when his village in southern Sudan was attacked by government helicopters and became one of the estimated 17,000 "lost boys of Sudan" before relocating from a Kenyan refugee camp to Atlanta in 2001."

#### **Yummy: the last days of a Southside Shorty**

by Greg Neri

"A graphic novel based on the true story of Robert "Yummy" Sandifer, an eleven-year old African American gang member from Chicago who shot a young girl and was then shot by his own gang members" **GN**

### Thriller/Suspense/Mystery

#### **Defending Jacob** by William Landay

"Andy Barber has been an assistant district attorney in his suburban Massachusetts county for more than twenty years. He is respected in his community, but when a shocking crime shatters their New England town, Andy is blindsided by what happens next. His fourteen-year-old son is charged with the murder of a fellow student."

#### **I Am the Messenger**

by Markus Zusak **OR ANY BOOK BY THIS AUTHOR**

"After capturing a bank robber, nineteen-year-old cab driver Ed Kennedy begins receiving mysterious messages that direct him to addresses where people need help, and he begins getting over his lifelong feeling of worthlessness."

### Thriller/Suspense/Mystery cont.

#### **Monster: A Graphic Novel** by Walter Dean

Myers, Guy A. Sims

"While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken." **GN**

#### **Stormbreaker**

by Anthony Horowitz **OR ANY BOOK BY THIS AUTHOR**

"After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6."

#### **We Were Liars** by E. Lockhart

"This brilliant and heartbreaking novel tells the story of a prestigious family living on a private island off the coast of Massachusetts. Full of love, lies, secrets, no shortage of family dysfunction, and a shocking twist that you won't see coming."

### Science / Fantasy

#### **The Circle** by Dave Eggers

"Hired to work for the Circle, the world's most powerful Internet company, Mae Holland begins to question her luck as life beyond her job grows distant, a strange encounter with a colleague leaves her shaken, and her role at the Circle becomes increasingly public."

#### **Daytripper** by Gabriel Ba & Fabio Moon

"Presents key moments in the life of Bras de Oliva Domingos, a Brazilian writer and sometime journalist, and the son of a prominent author, as if each episode would turn out to be the day in which he was about to die." **GN**

#### **Hidden Talents** by David Lubar

"A 13-year-old boy who has been sent to an alternative school for mouthing off, discovers that he and his classmates have psychic powers."

#### **The Hobbit**

by J. R. R. Tolkien **OR ANY BOOK BY THIS AUTHOR**

"Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return."

### Science / Fantasy cont.

#### **Marvels** by Kurt Busiek & Alex Ross

"Follows thirty-five years of Marvel superhero action from the perspective of Phil Sheldon, a newspaper photographer who witnessed some of the more spectacular battles and events." **GN**

#### **Ms. Marvel Volume 1: No Normal**

by G. Willow Wilson

"Kamala Khan, a Pakistani American girl from Jersey City who lives a conservative Muslim lifestyle with her family, suddenly acquires superhuman powers and, despite the pressures of school and home, tries to use her abilities to help her community." **GN**

#### **Nimona** by Noelle Stevenson

"Lord Blackheart, a villain with a vendetta, and his sidekick, Nimona, an impulsive young shapeshifter, must prove to the kingdom that Sir Goldenloin and the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics aren't the heroes everyone thinks they are." **GN**

#### **Ready Player One: A Novel** by Ernest Cline

"Immersing himself in a mid-twenty-first-century technological virtual utopia to escape an ugly real world of famine, poverty, and disease, Wade Watts joins an increasingly violent effort to solve a series of puzzles by the virtual world's creator."

#### **The Shadow Hero** by Gene Luen Yang

"In the comics boom of the 1940s, a legend was born: the Green Turtle. He solved crimes and fought injustice just like the other comics characters. But this mysterious masked crusader was hiding something more than your run-of-the-mill secret identity... The Green Turtle was the first Asian American super hero." **GN**

#### **Y: The Last Man, Vol. 1**

by Brian K. Vaughan **OR ANY BOOK BY THIS AUTHOR**

"A plague suddenly kills every mammal and cell on earth with a Y chromosome except, inexplicably, a man named Yorick and his pet monkey. Yorick's escape artist talents come in handy as various groups try to kill him, protect him, study him, or use him for purposes he cannot even imagine." **GN**

#### **Zeroboxer** by Fonda Lee

"As seventeen-year-old Carr 'the Raptor' Luka rises to fame in the weightless combat sport of zeroboxing, he learns a devastating secret that jeopardizes not only his future in the sport, but interplanetary relations."

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### Realistic Fiction

#### **All American Boys** by Jason Reynolds

"When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend. Told through Rashad and Quinn's alternating viewpoints."

#### **Beneath a Meth Moon** by Jacqueline Woodson

"After losing her mother and grandmother during Hurricane Katrina, Laurel moves to another town and becomes a methamphetamine addict."

#### **Eleanor & Park** by Rainbow Rowell

"Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits--smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try."

#### **Freaks and Revelations** by Davida Wills Hurwin

"Tells, in two voices, of events leading up to a 1980 incident in which fourteen-year-old Jason, a gay youth surviving on the streets as a prostitute, and seventeen-year-old Doug, a hate-filled punk rocker, have a fateful meeting in a Los Angeles alley."

#### **In Real Life** by Cory Doctorow and Jen Wang

"Immersing herself in an online role-playing game where she enjoys fantasy heroics, Anda confronts a difficult choice when she befriends a disadvantaged Chinese kid who works illegally to collect valuable objects and sell them to other players for real money." **GN**

#### **Marcelo in the Real World** by Francisco X. Stork

"Marcelo Sandoval, a seventeen-year-old boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum, faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father in the mailroom of a corporate law firm."

#### **The Running Dream** by Wendelin Van Draanen

"When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a wonderful way to help rekindle her dream of running again."

\* Summaries were not written by ORRHS staff members. They were provided by publishers and/or review sites. \*

### Realistic Fiction cont.

#### **The Silver Star** by Jeannette Walls

"Abandoned by their artist mother at the age of 12, Bean and her older sister, Liz, are sent to live in the decaying antebellum mansion of their widowed uncle, where they learn the truth about their parents and take odd jobs to earn extra money before an increasingly withdrawn Liz has a life-shattering experience."

#### **Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda**

by Becky Albertalli

"Sixteen-year-old, not-so-openly-gay Simon Spier is blackmailed into playing wingman for his classmate or else his sexual identity--and that of his pen pal--will be revealed."

#### **The Skin I'm In** by Sharon Flake

"Thirteen-year-old Maleeka, uncomfortable because her skin is extremely dark, meets a new teacher and makes some discoveries about how to love who she is and what she looks like."

#### **This One Summer** by Mariko Tamaki &

Jillian Tamaki

"Rose's latest summer at a beach lake house is overshadowed by her parents' constant arguments, her younger friend's secret sorrows, and the dangerous activities of older teens." **GN**

#### **The Tragedy Paper** by Elizabeth LaBan

"While preparing for the most dreaded assignment at the prestigious Irving School, the Tragedy Paper, Duncan gets wrapped up in the tragic tale of Tim Macbeth, a former student who had a clandestine relationship with the wrong girl, and his own ill-fated romance with Daisy."

Please let us know if you have any books that you think should be on the 2018 Summer Reading List. Thank you!

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## REQUIREMENTS

### 9A

All entering grade 9A students will choose and read one book from the list of grades 9th/10th choices or a teacher approved book of their choice.

### STEPS

1. Read a book of your choice from the 9th/10th grade list
2. Complete the assignment

### 9Honors

All entering 9 Honors students will read the introduction and PART ONE: "The Gods, the Creation, and the Earliest Heroes" in *Mythology* by Edith Hamilton AND a book of your choice from the 9th/10th grade list.

### STEPS

1. Read the introduction and part 1 of *Mythology* by Edith Hamilton
2. Complete the assigned study guide for *Mythology*
3. Read a book of your choice from the 9th/10th grade list

### 10A

All entering grade 10A students will choose and read one book from the list of grades 9th/10th choices or a teacher approved book of their choice.

### STEPS

1. Read a book of your choice from the 9th/10th grade list
2. Complete the assignment