

9th Grade Summer Reading 2011

(For Students Entering 9th Grade)

CP students can select from any book on the list. Honors students must select from the titles in the grey boxes.

<p><i>The Red Pyramid</i> by Rick Riordan Brilliant Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kane accidentally unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes the doctor to oblivion and forces his two children to embark on a dangerous journey, bringing them closer to the truth about their family and its links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.</p>	<p><i>Fade to Black</i> by Alex Flinn An HIV-positive high school student hospitalized after being attacked, the bigot accused of the crime, and the only witness, a classmate with Down Syndrome, reveal how the assault has changed their lives as they tell of its aftermath.</p>
<p><i>Here There be Dragons</i> by James Owen Three young men are entrusted with the Imaginarium Geographica, an atlas of fantastical places to which they travel in hopes of defeating the Winter King, whose bid for power is related to the First World War raging in the Real World.</p>	<p><i>Crossing the Wire</i> by Will Hobbs Fifteen-year-old Victor Flores journeys north in a desperate attempt to cross the Arizona border and find work in the United States to support his family in central Mexico.</p>
<p><i>Run Baby Run</i> by Nicky Cruz The story of the conversion of Nicky Cruz, a vicious street gang president, to a Christian.</p>	<p><i>A Spell for Chameleon</i> by Piers Anthony Exiled from the land of Xanth, twenty-five-year-old Bink must prove to his people that he holds magical powers.</p>
<p><i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> by Maya Angelou Poet Maya Angelou chronicles her childhood in 1930s rural Arkansas which was filled with disappointment, frustration, tragedy and finally hard won independence.</p>	<p><i>Reservation Blues</i> by Sherman Alexie Robert Johnson sold his soul to the devil in 1931, and was murdered seven years later. He reappears in 1992 on the Spokane Indian Reservation and meets Thomas Builds-the-Fire, who starts Coyote Springs, an all-Indian Catholic rock-and-roll band.</p>
<p><i>The Secret Life of Bees</i> by S. Kidd Fourteen-year-old Lily and her companion, Rosaleen, an African-American woman who has cared for Lily since her mother's death ten years earlier, flee their home after Rosaleen is victimized by racist police officers, and find a safe haven in Tiburon, South Carolina, at the home of three beekeeping sisters, May, June, and August.</p>	<p><i>Three Threads Woven</i> by Lucinda Stein Wenona Black Elk is woven from three threads-Dakota Sioux, Navajo, and white. Her father trades his soul to keep the secret that he has created a child with a white woman. After asking his parents to raise Wenona, Joseph Black Elk is determined to never have anything to do with the baby again.</p>
<p><i>The Color of Water</i> by James McBride An African-American male tells of his mother, a white woman, who refused to admit her true identity.</p>	<p><i>Picture Bride</i> by Yoshiko Uchida Hana Omiya arrives in San Francisco, California, in 1917 to marry Taro Takeda, an Oakland shopkeeper. Together they build a business and home, raise a daughter, and find tragedy when sent to a detention camp during World War II.</p>

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