

Arm in Arm, Heart to Heart



Uniondale High School

Start Talking! Parents and Teenagers Connect Through Books

Dear Parents,

We know you remember the days—not too long ago, it seems!—that the precious bedtime ritual of reading aloud to your children was a required part of your daily routine. Then your children moved, as if by magic, into mid- to late elementary school age when part of their independence was measured by their success at reading quietly to themselves. The characters and stories continued to come alive to your children, but in a

way that kept you separate from this new, amazing experience. We invite you to recapture that time! In the pages that follow, we have identified titles that broach topics deserving of conversation. Set aside some special time with your teenager to select and read titles that will provoke meaningful dialogue and will help you understand issues important to both of you. Look at how a favorite character copes with a troubling situation. Ask questions that reach deep into

motives. Identify admirable qualities. Acknowledge conundrums. Share points of view. At the end of the story, we hope what you've shared will nourish you both.

With our best wishes for a happy summer,

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Principal

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Director of Library Media Services and Instructional Integration



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Resources:

We brainstormed titles and topics that we felt would be most meaningful, but we would like to point you to a book that was particularly helpful:

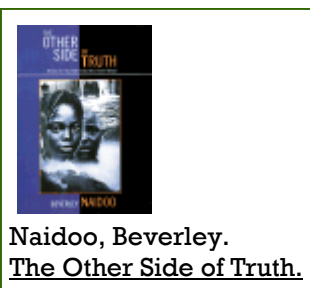
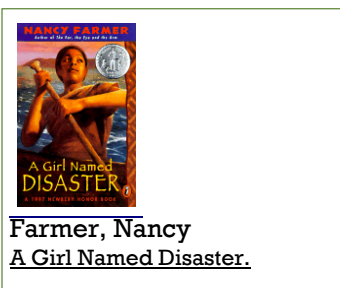
Great Books for High School Kids, edited by Rick Ayers and Amy Crawford.

For additional suggestions, refer to the district's summer reading newsletter, available online at http://district.uniondaleschools.org/www/uniondaleschools/site/hosting/uniondalenyorg/Summer_Reading/summerrdg.htm.





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Courage and Survival




Are You What You Eat? Eating Disorders Explored

	<p>Gottlieb, Lori.</p>	<p><u>Stick Figure: A Diary of My Former Self.</u></p>	 <p>Levenkron, Steven. <u>The Best Little Girl in the World.</u></p>
	<p>Kaslik, Ibi.</p>	<p><u>Skinny.</u></p>	 <p>Sparks, Beatrice, ed. <u>Kim: Empty Inside.</u></p>

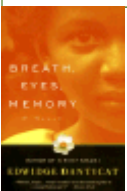



Shoved: Bullying, Anger, Abuse, and Violence

<p>Allison, Dorothy.</p> 	<p>Brooks, Kevin. <u>Kissing the Rain.</u></p> 	<p>Oates, Joyce Carol. <u>The Gravedigger's Daughter</u></p> 	<p>Sapphire. <u>Push.</u></p> 
 <p>Anderson, Laurie Halse. <u>Speak.</u></p>	 <p>Elliot, Stephen. <u>A Life Without Consequences.</u></p>	<p>Picoult, Jodi. <u>Nineteen Minutes.</u></p> 	<p>Wolff, Tobias. <u>This Boy's Life.</u></p> 
<p>Anderson, Laurie Halse. <u>Twisted.</u></p> 	<p>Kotlowitz, Alex. <u>There Are No Children Here.</u></p> 		
<p>Banks, Russell. <u>Rule of the Bone.</u></p> 			
<p>Bone, Ian. <u>Sleep Rough Tonight.</u></p> 			


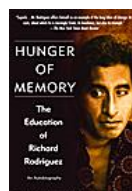
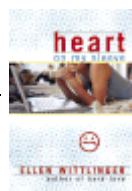

Race: Life's Rainbows

 <p>DeVoto, Pat Cunningham. <u>The Summer We Got Saved.</u></p>	<p>Kidd, Sue Monk. <u>The Secret Life of Bees.</u></p> 	 <p>Krech, Bob. <u>Rebound</u></p>
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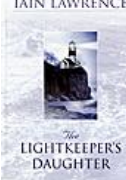


We're On Our Way: Teens on the Cusp of Adulthood

 <p>Danticat, Edwidge. <u>Breath, Eyes, Memory.</u></p>	 <p>Kaysen, Susannah. <u>Girl, Interrupted.</u></p>
 <p>Eggers, Dave, editor. <u>The Best Nonrequired Reading, 2002.</u></p>	 <p>McCall, Nathan. <u>Makes Me Wanna Holler.</u></p>



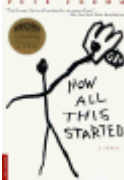
Teen Talk: What It All Means

 <p>Myracle, Lauren. <u>TTYL</u></p>	 <p>Rodriguez, Richard. <u>Hunger for Memory.</u></p>
<p>Wittlinger, Ellen. <u>Heart on My Sleeve.</u></p> 	 <p>Santiago, Esmeralda. <u>When I Was Puerto Rican.</u></p>

Loss

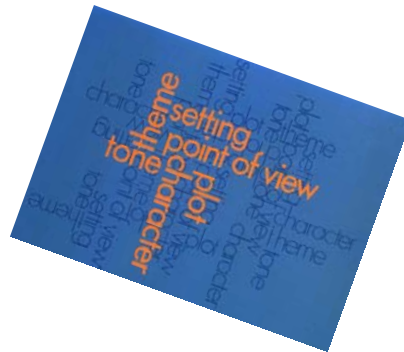
	<p>Block, Francesca Lia.</p>	<p><u>The Hanged Man.</u></p>	 <p>Kincaid, Jamaica. <u>My Brother.</u></p>	
	<p>Ellis, Deborah.</p>	<p><u>The Heaven Shop.</u></p>	 <p>Lawrence, Iain. <u>The Lightkeeper's Daughter.</u></p>	<p>Ung, Loung. <u>First They Killed My Father.</u></p>
	<p>Johnson, Angela.</p>	<p><u>Looking for Red.</u></p>	 <p>Sones, Sonya. <u>One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies.</u></p>	

People Imperfect

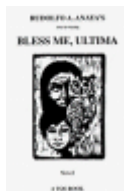
	<p>Konigsburg, E. L.</p>	<p><u>Silent to the Bone.</u></p>
	<p>Lowry, Lois.</p>	<p><u>The Silent Boy.</u></p>
	<p>Fromm, Pete.</p>	<p><u>How All This Started.</u></p>

Love: Understanding Differences

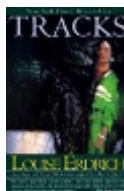
	<p>Bildner, Philip</p>	<p><u>Playing the Field.</u></p>
	<p>Freymann-Weyr, Garret.</p>	<p><u>My Heartbeat.</u></p>
	<p>Homes, A. M.</p>	<p><u>Jack.</u></p>
	<p>Koertge, Ron</p>	<p><u>Boy Girl Boy.</u></p>




The Spirit Within




Anaya, Rudolfo.
Bless Me, Ultima.




Erdrich, Louise.
Tracks.



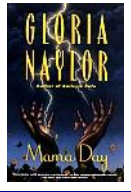
Fadiman, Ann.
The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down.



Garcia Marquez, Gabriel.
One Hundred Years of Solitude.

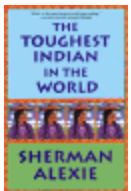


Hulme, Keri.
The Bone People.




Naylor, Gloria.
Mama Day.

Choices



Sherman, Alexie. The Toughest Indian in the World

Katz, Jon.
Geeks.

Cormier, Robert.
The Chocolate War.

Culture: Imprints On Our Soul

Colton, Larry.
Counting Coup.




Hurston, Zora Neale.
Their Eyes Were Watching God.



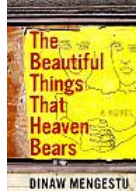
Johnson, Charles Richard.
Middle Passage.




Jones, LeRoi.
Blues People.




Mengestu, Dinaw.
The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears.



Morrison, Toni.
Beloved.



Spiegelman, Art.
Maus.



Wilson, August.
The Piano Lesson

