

# Summer Reading List 2018

## Going Into 9th Grade

Dear Parent / Guardian,

This year, our students developed their reading skills and **vastly** improved their Lexile scores using the Achieve3000 site. We applaud them.

Summer vacation is a time when many students fall behind academically. Many enter 9<sup>th</sup> grade losing as much as 3 months of skill and progress from where they were in June of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We encourage students to remain life-long learners and readers during the summer months.

Attached below is a list of **100 books** for students entering High School. We provide this many in order to cater to the tastes and skills of our varying levels of 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Help your students keep up with their skills and maintain a love for all types of literature this summer. Most books on this list can be found at your **local library, bookstore or online book retailer**. Whether it's Biography, Sci-Fi, Romance, Adventure, Non-fiction, Historical Fiction, Comedy, or Horror, we suggest reading at least 30 minutes per day during summer months and the school year.

Research shows students best develop reading skills when working with text matched to their independent reading levels. For this reason, **the 100 books are listed with the Lexile score**. Please read the info below regarding Lexile ranges and the Achieve 3000 program.

The Common Core State Standards offer the following overlapping Lexile bands to rate texts by complexity. States now use realigned Lexile ranges to match CCSS standards.

Achieve3000 is a computer-based reading program that reaches every student at his or

her own level. Your child received reading materials that were not too easy nor too difficult, but at just the right level to help increase his/her literacy skills and to prepare for college and career.

This Lexile score may have been adjusted over the course of the school year as your child's reading abilities progress. Your Lexile level is available in the College and Career Center of your A3000 account. **Contact us if you need the exact Lexile score of your student.**

The chart below shows typical Lexile levels by grade. To interpret the chart, find your child's grade level and refer to the right-hand column to find the typical Lexile range for students in that grade. For example, most students enter 9<sup>th</sup> grade reading between 1040L and 1350L.

Grade	Typical Lexile Level
1	Up to 295
2	170L to 545L
3	415L to 760L
4	635L to 950L
5	770L to 1080L
6	855L to 1165L
7	925L to 1235L
8	985L to 1295L
9	1040L to 1350L
10	1085L to 1400L
11/12	1130L to 1440L

\*The lower number represents the 25th percentile and the higher number represents the 75th percentile for typical students at that grade level.

*Keep in mind that the reading abilities of young people in the same grade at school can vary just as much as their shoe sizes.* For more information about Lexiles visit: <https://lexile.com/about-lexile/lexile-overview/>. If you have any questions about these results or how they will be used, please contact us over [www.pupilpath.com](http://www.pupilpath.com)

Rock on & Read On,

*House 60 Teachers*

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### 1. **Airframe by Michael Crichton** 640 Lexile

1996 best seller, Airframe is a novel about one of the hottest consumer topics of the nineties, airline safety. A lethal mid-air disaster aboard an overseas commercial airliner sets off a pressured and frantic internal investigation. The airline's safety director juggles politics, union muscle, and television reporters.

### 2. **Alive by Piers Paul Read** Lexile 1160

A plane goes down in burning flames amidst the snowcapped Andes; its surviving passengers are forced to eat the flesh of their dead friends in order to live. With the question of "What are people willing to do to survive?" simmering in the back of your mind, you won't be able to put this one down.

### 3. **All the Pretty Horses by Cormac McCarthy** Lexile 940

Chronicling a young man's adventures in 1950s Mexico, this modern-day cowboy tale crossed with the pains of a teenager's lost innocence is perfect reading for a hot Texas summer. This is one the whole family will want to pass around.

### 4. **All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria** **Remarque** Lexile 830

Considered one of the greatest war stories ever written -- and one of the classics of antiwar literature -- Remarque's 1929 masterpiece tells the story of young Paul Baumer, who enlists in the German Army in World War I and takes his place with his comrades in the trenches.

### 5. **Be More Chill by Vizinni, Ned** Lexile 700

Badly in need of self-confidence and a change of image, high school nerd Jeremy Heere swallows a pill-sized super computer that is supposed to help him get whatever he wants.

### 6. **Blood and Chocolate by Klause, Annette Curtis** Lexile 720

Having fallen for a human boy, a beautiful teenage werewolf must battle both her packmates and the fear of the townspeople to decide where she belongs and with whom.

### 7. **Brave New World by Aldous Huxley** Lexile 870

This novel looks at a fictional future society where everything is orderly and planned; anything unplanned or undesirable is destroyed or removed from sight. It examines what happens when someone outside this ordered world is brought in and forced to live in a stagnant, inhuman existence void of feelings and friendships.

### 8. **Bunheads by Flack, Sophie** Lexile 770

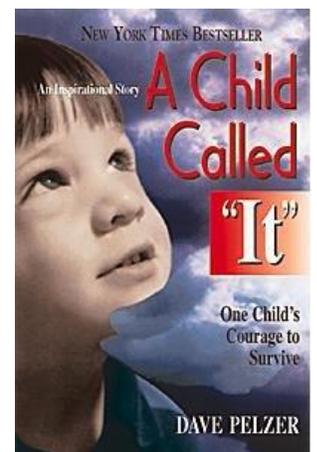
A young dancer must decide if she wants to continue to devote her whole life to ballet when a handsome musician enters the picture. The author danced with the New York City Ballet for nine years and gives the reader an authentic glimpse into the world of ballet.

### 9. **Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith by** **Heiligman, Deborah** Lexile 1020

Heiligman reveals a personal look at the life and love of the man whose ideas have caused a stir in the scientific and religious communities since the 1800s. Charles Darwin, a brilliant man who was unsure of his faith in God, married Emma Wedgwood who was devoutly religious. The story of their lives together is one filled with science, religion, history, but -- most of all -- love.  
Michael L. Printz Honor

### 10. **A Child Called "It" by** **Pelzer, Dave** Lexile 850

David Pelzer, victim of one of the worst child abuse cases in the history of California, tells the story of how he survived his mother's brutality and triumphed over his past.

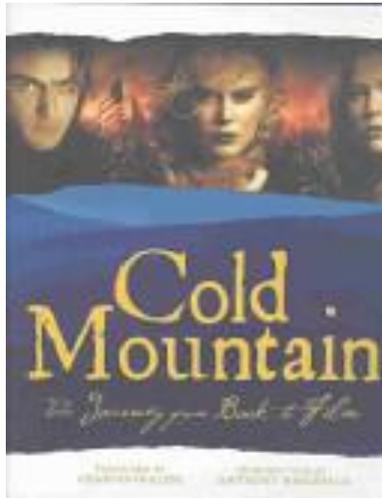


**11. City of Bones by Clare, Cassandra Lexile 740**

Clary Fray is suddenly seeing fairies and demons and finds herself drawn into an alternate reality as Shadowhunter, teens dedicated to saving the world. Her mother, who is the only one who knows where the Mortal Cup is hidden, disappears and Clary finds herself committed to the Shadowhunter cause. Series Shelter:

**12. Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier Lexile 1210**

This novel is set in the Blue Ridge Mountains in the last years of the Civil War. It appeals to history buffs, outdoorsmen, and those concerned with roles of women. It has a love story and an amazing ending.



**13. Contact by Carl Sagan Lexile 1010**

When Ellie, a radio astronomer, receives an intelligent signal from outer space, the event stirs debate, excitement, and fear. Ellie becomes instrumental in decoding the message and building the machine which will take her and her team on a controversial trip into outer space. This tale by renowned science writer Carl Sagan is told with intelligence and credibility.

**14. The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas Lexile 780**

The intricate plot centers on a ship captain who is betrayed by those he trusts and sent to prison on a remote island. Watch how he plans his escape and carries out his revenge.

**15. Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton Lexile 860**

Alan Paton's *Cry, the Beloved Country* (1948) remains a topical story detailing the struggles of both blacks and whites in apartheid-governed South Africa. But the novel contrasts more than race. Two men with vastly different backgrounds, men who have every reason to hate each other, form an unusual friendship based in a mutual tragedy.

**16. Dances with Wolves by Michael Blake Lexile 940**

Originally assigned to an army unit at a fort on the frontier, Lieutenant John Dunbar becomes intrigued by the character and life style of the Comanche people. When he falls in love with an Indian woman, Dunbar abandons his military duties and takes on a new name and identity as *Dances with Wolves*.

**17. Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown Lexile 850**

See why everyone is buzzing about this controversial contemporary best seller.

**18. Days of Grace by Arthur Ashe Lexile 1160**

Days of Grace is a memoir by the late Arthur Ashe, professional tennis player, social activist, and victim of AIDS. Ashe modeled grace and courage in every aspect of life, from triumphs as a great tennis champion and determined social activist to his ordeal in the face of death.

**19. Dash & Lily's Book of Dares by Cohn, Rachel, and David Levithan Lexile 860**

While perusing his favorite bookstore, Dash stumbles across a hidden red journal. After accepting the dare written within the journal, he and Lily begin a mysterious, witty scavenger hunt. As they get to know each other only through the journal entries, they both wonder if they should meet.

**20. Deadline by Crutcher, Chris Lexile 880**

Eighteen-year-old Ben Wolf has been given less than a year to live, but he chooses not to tell anyone so his senior year will be as normal as possible. This surprisingly humorous story tracks that final year as Ben goes out for football, finds romance, and realizes that his secret has a serious impact on others.

**21. Death on the Nile by Agatha Christie Lexile 660**

A honeymoon cruise turns deadly when a jilted bride stalks two young newlyweds. This story is classic Christie.

**22. Delights & Shadows: Poems by Kooser, Ted**  
**Lexile 990**

This collection of poems by Poet Laureate of the United States describes the habits and struggles of daily life.

**23. Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood by**  
**Rebecca Wells Lexile 850**

This funny page-turner is perfect for the poolside. The author explores the serious and humorous sides of sisterhood, motherhood, and daughterhood in the Louisiana Bayou. (P.S. Boys will like it, too.)

**24. A Dog's Life by Peter Mayle Lexile 700**

This is a delightful book written from the point of view of Mayle's dog Boy, who "overcomes humble beginnings" to become master of the Mayle household. His obedience training has to do with training the family to do what he wants, rather than the other way around. For all lovers of dogs, irony, and good humor.

**25. Dune by Herbert, Frank Lexile 800**

Young prince, Paul Atreides, of a star-crossed dynasty, and of his journey from boy to warrior to ruler of a dying planet destined to become a paradise regained.

**26. A Farewell to Arms by Hemingway, Ernest**  
**Lexile 730**

A British nurse and an American ambulance driver fall in love during World War I.

**27. Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-**  
**American Meal by Eric Schlosser Lexile 1240**

This book may just make you think twice about fast food, advertising, and our consumerist culture.

**28. Finnikin of the Rock by Marchetta, Melina**  
**Lexile 780**

Finnikin was a child when the royal family of Lumatere was brutally murdered and replaced by an imposter. Now on the cusp of manhood, he reluctantly joins forces with an enigmatic young novice and fellow-exile who claims that her dark dreams will lead them to a surviving royal child and a way to regain the throne of Lumatere.

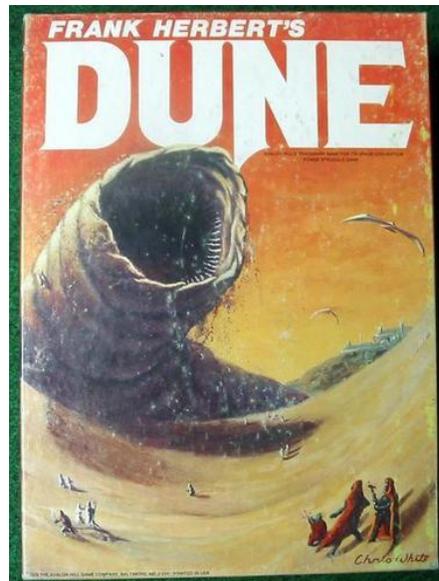
**29. Flags of our Fathers by James Bradley**  
**Lexile 950**

This historical work focuses on the lives of the men who are the subject of the famous statue of the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima.

**30. Friday Night Lights by H.G. Bissinger**  
**Lexile 1260**

If you're a student, a teacher, or a Texan, you need to read this book regardless of your degree of affection for football. This easy-reading account of a football season in the west Texas town of Odessa is a wonderfully effective portrait of modern Texas.

**31. The Ghost Map: The Story of London's Most**  
**Terrifying Epidemic—And How It Changed Science,**  
**Cities, and the Modern World by Johnson, Steven**  
**Lexile 720**



In 1854, when the existence of bacteria and the concept of waterborne diseases are still unknown, two men, one a physician and the other a priest, successfully trace the source of a cholera epidemic to a contaminated well in an impoverished part of London.

**32. The Girl who Loved Tom Gordon by Stephen King**  
**Lexile 1040**

On a family hiking trip, a young girl takes the wrong path in the woods and is lost. Her admiration for Tom Gordon, a one-time baseball player for the Boston Red Sox, keeps her going. This is not your typical gruesome Stephen King novel but still a definite thriller.

**33. Gods and Generals by Jeff Shaara Lexile 610**

Sequel to [the Killer Angels](#) - through the Battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg.

**34. Great Expectations by Charles Dickens Lexile 860**

The narrator of this classic is Pip, a young orphan whose encounters with an escaped convict; an eccentric, even maniacal old woman; and a beautiful girl teach him a great deal about life, love, and the true definition of success.

**35. Hate List by Brown, Jennifer Lexile 760**

Outsiders Nick and Valerie create a “hate list” to vent their anger at the students who bully them, but Nick takes the list too far. Valerie tries to stop him, but she herself is shot before Nick kills himself. What we are left with is a heart-wrenching journey of guilt, hate, fear and self-discovery as Valerie returns to school to finish her senior year.

**36. The Help by Kathryn Stockett Lexile 730**

Set in the South in the early years of the civil-rights movement, this novel offers several perspectives of America’s racial divide from characters old and young, black and white, privileged and powerless.



**37. Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams Lexile 1000**

This book is about another book, also called The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy, a travelogue for adventurers in the space/time continuum. Its first injunction to the reader is this: DON’T PANIC! Part science fiction, part Monty Python comedy, Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy has been a cult favorite since the seventies.

**38. Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Ford, Jamie Lexile 850**

A story of commitment and enduring hope, this novel is set in Seattle during one of the most conflicted and volatile times in American history. Henry, a Chinese American, raised by a fiercely nationalistic father, and Keiko, a young Japanese American, develops a bond of friendship and innocent love that transcends time and the longstanding prejudices of their Old World ancestors.

**39. The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skoort Lexile 1140**

Scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells became vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, and more. Henrietta's cells were bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown, and her family can't afford health insurance.

**40. The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde Lexile 1390**

This play, a comedy written in the early twentieth century, has several qualities typical of comedies: mistaken identities, misplaced objects, verbal witticisms, and parodies of typical characters. Wilde uses his own brilliant wit to satirize the hypocrisy of the late-Victorian British aristocracy that rejected him.

**41. Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer Lexile 1200**

You’ll definitely want to discuss this true story with someone after you have read it. Experienced hitchhiker Chris McCandless walks into the Alaska wilderness below Mount McKinley. His emaciated corpse is found four months later. How McCandless comes to die is the unforgettable tale of Into the Wild.

**42. Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer Lexile 1270**

Hired by Outside Magazine to write a first-hand account of the out-of-control commercialization of summiting Mount Everest, Krakauer delivers a day-by-day account of the deadliest Everest tragedy to date. Krakauer withholds no punches in showing the absurdity of the expedition industry and the lack of respect paid to the world’s highest peak. This thriller will leave you gasping for air!

**43. Jellicoe Road by Marchetta, Melina Lexile 820**

Abandoned by her drug-addicted mother at the age of eleven, high school student Taylor Markham struggles with her identity and family history at a boarding school in Australia.

**44. The Jester by James Patterson Lexile 720**

In this novel set during the Crusades, a man sets off to find his kidnapped wife and must pose as a court jester in order to do so. One reader describes this book as “even better than Michael Crichton's Timeline.”

**45. Killer Angels by Michael Shaara Lexile 650**

A vivid portrayal of Gettysburg. In alternating chapters the commanders of both armies reveal their strategies and personal fears. Forcefully captures the psychology and pathos of a major military confrontation.

**46. The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini Lexile 840**

Set in war-torn Afghanistan, this is the story of Amir and Hassan. While Amir's childhood is at first blissful, the mounting ethnic, religious, and political tensions soon bring him to some painful realities about himself and his country. When the Soviets invade Afghanistan, Amir and his father flee to America, leaving Hassan and his father to fend for themselves. Nagged by guilt, the adult Amir must return to his homeland to repay the debt he feels he owes to Hassan and his family.

**47. The Last Full Measure by Jeff Shaara Lexile 680**

This is the prequel to Killer Angels, written by Michael Shaara's son. A must for Civil War buffs! Amazing genre of historical fiction.

**48. Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery by Feinstein, John Lexile 760**

After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.

**49. Lone Survivor: The Eyewitness Account of Operation Redwing and the Lost Heroes of SEAL Team 10 by Luttrell, Marcus - Lexile 900**

American Navy SEAL and team leader Marcus Luttrell tells his story of the loss of his teammates in July 2005 along the mountainous Afghanistan-Pakistan border to al-Qaida insurgents.

**50. A Lost Lady by Willa Cather Lexile 730**

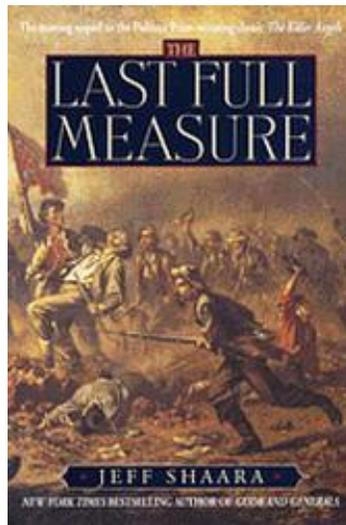
A mysterious and beautiful woman sparks the imagination of a dusty frontier town on the plains of Nebraska. Seen through the eyes of a love-struck adolescent and adult, Mrs. Forrester belies description. Is she a femme fatale, or is she simply using her instincts to survive?

**51. The Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett Lexile 760**

Greed and ambition are the focus of Dashiell Hammett's The Maltese Falcon. A mysterious statuette falls into the hands of detective Samuel Spade; as a result, Miss O' Shaughnessy and Joel Cairo, working under the cruel leader of the operation, Mr. Gutman, display persistence in their effort to retrieve the bird.

**52. Mao's Last Dancer by Li, Cunxin Lexile 810**

The autobiography of Houston Ballet soloist Li Cunxin details his rise from poverty in Communist China to dance stardom and a defection that caused an international incident.



**53. The Martian Chronicles-- Bradbury Lexile 740**

Classic science fiction tale, men flee a planet on the brink of destruction to seek a fresh beginning on Mars. Will they come as invaders? Peace-seekers? Explorers? These loosely connected stories will provide many insights into human nature and our view of our place in the universe. From the Writer of Fahrenheit 451

**54. A Mickey Bolitar Novel by Coben, Harlan Lexile 760**

After witnessing his father's death and sending his Mom to rehab, Mickey is forced to live with his uncle and enter a new HS where, his new girlfriend vanishes without a trace. As Mickey follows Ashley's trail to find what happened to her, he enters a world of conspiracy and danger and discovers that nothing is as it seems.

**55. Miracle at St. Anna by James McBride Lexile 1070**

Based on an actual World War II event, the novel recounts a horrific massacre in an Italian village. However, the book is not so much about battles and valor but about the effects of war on civilians and the warm and unlikely relationships that can form when people are brought together by adversity.

**56. Monster by Myers, Walter Dean Lexile 670**

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.

**57. The Murder of Roger Ackroyd by Agatha Christie Lexile 720**

This novel is one of Christie's most ingenious mysteries. Psychological twists add complexity and intrigue to this story.

**58. Mutation by Robin Cook Lexile 750**

A man's greed and desire to perfect human life push the envelope for medical science in this remake of a classic thriller. On the forefront of surrogate parenting and genetic research, it is the explosive tale of a brilliant doctor who sought to create the son of his dreams--and invented a living nightmare... Boris would be proud.

**59. My Antonia by Willa Cather Lexile 990**

Antonia Shimerda is fourteen, the only one of a family of five who can speak even broken English when she moves "next door" to Jim Burden in Black Hawk, Nebraska. Told from Jim's point of view, the book chronicles his and Antonia's early friendship, quarrels, and reconciliations as they survive the breathless, brilliant heat and the unrelenting cold.

**60. My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell Lexile 1240**

Durrell's account of growing up on Corfu is filled with humor and great anecdotes about his encounters with the animals on the island.

**61. The Name of the Star by Johnson, Maureen Lexile 710**

An American girl, Rory, enrolls in a London boarding school for her senior year of high school and encounters a suspenseful ghost mystery closely tied to the Jack the Ripper murders of old.

**62. A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly Lexile 700**

This is the story of a young woman's coming-of-age and the murder that rocked turn-of-the-century America.

**63. Old School by Tobias Wolff (Lexile 1160)**

Tobias Wolff's Old School is at once a celebration of literature and a delicate hymn to a lost innocence of American life and art. Set in a New England prep school in the early 1960s, the novel imagines a final, pastoral moment before the explosion of the Civil Rights movement, the Vietnam War, the assassination of John F. Kennedy, and the suicide of Ernest Hemingway.

**64. Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens Lexile 800**

This is the well-loved story of a young orphan boy who must learn to survive on the streets of London and escape the clutches of nefarious characters.

**65. An Ordinary Man by Paul Rusesabagina Lexile 1060**

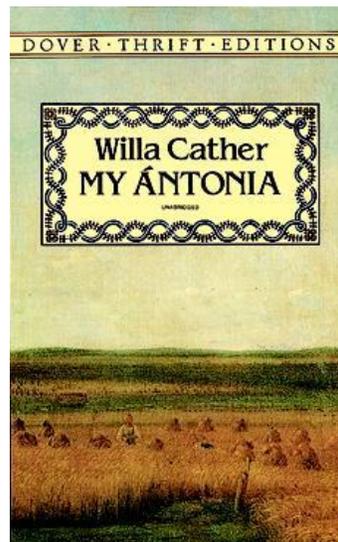
This is the first-hand account of the man who saved the lives of hundreds of Rwandan refugees by housing them

in the hotel he managed. Hotel Rwanda, the movie based on Paul's story, barely scratches the surface in depicting Paul's courage and craftiness.

**66. A Painted House - John Grisham (Lexile 780)**

In something of a departure from his usual spy-thrillers, Grisham tells a story described as simultaneously "heartwarming" and "heartbreaking." It is a coming-of-age tale set in rural Arkansas in which Luke faces not only the harsh realities of life but also the essence of the

human spirit.



**67. The Perks of Being a Wallflower, Chbosky, Stephen 720**

Standing on the fringes of life offers a unique perspective. But there comes a time to see what it looks like from the dance floor. A deeply affecting coming-of-age story, about those wild and poignant roller coaster days known as growing up.

**68. Private Peaceful by Morpurgo, Michael Lexile 860**

Thomas Peaceful was only fifteen when he joined the British Forces in World War I to fight with his older brother. One unexpected horror separates them.

**69. Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen Lexile 1100**

Mrs. Bennet-preoccupied with finding a good husband for each of her five daughters. You'll see how little the game of love has changed due to pride and wealth.

**70. Proof: A Play by  
Auburn, David Lexile  
1000**

This play explores the unknowability of love and the mysteries of mathematics. Pulitzer Prize, Drama 2001

**71. A River Runs  
through It by  
Norman Maclean  
Lexile 1160**

This novel is famous for its great descriptions of fly-fishing in Montana. It is the story of two brothers who grow up in the mountains. The fishing scenes are real and also serve as metaphors for their family relationships. The river runs through both the comic and the tragic parts of the book. Catch this one in your book bag!

**72. The Road by Cormac McCarthy (Lexile 670)**

While the whole world has been reduced to a bleak and savage post-apocalyptic landscape, one man struggles to provide love, nourishment, and protection for his young son.

**73. Rocket Boys by Homer Hickam (Lexile 900)**

This eminently readable memoir is the vivid account of a young man's coming of age in the coal country of West Virginia. Inspired by the Russian satellite Sputnik (and a few other things), he and his friends build rockets, chase girls, and figure out what it means to be a grown-up.

**74. Seabiscuit: An American Legend by Laura Hillenbrand**

If you have ever rooted for a dark horse--whether a literal race horse like Seabiscuit or for a person who seems unlikely to succeed--you'll love this true story of a rags-to-riches horse and the three men who contributed to his success, bringing excitement and pleasure to people during the cruel years of the Depression. **Lexile 850**

**75. Seven Habits of Highly-Effective Teens by Sean Covey**

In an entertaining style, provides a step-by-step guide to help teens improve self-image, build friendships, resist peer pressure, achieve their goals, get along with their parents, and more. This book is stuffed with incredible stories about real teens from all over the world. **Lexile 870**

**76. The Shack by William Young Lexile 1080**

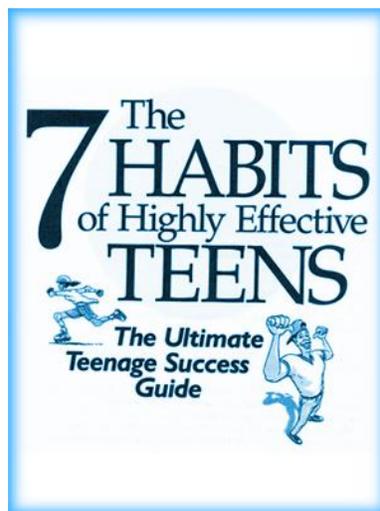
His daughter is abducted during a family vacation; Mack has difficulty getting his life back on track. He receives a mysterious note, supposedly from God, inviting Mack to a shack near the campsite where his daughter disappeared. the best-selling book of 2008.

**77. Shiver by Stiefvater, Maggie Lexile 740**

In all the years she has watched the wolves in the woods behind her house, Grace has been particularly drawn to an unusual yellow-eyed wolf who, in his turn, has been watching her with increasing intensity.

**78. Slam by Hornby, Nick Lexile 740**

15 year-old skateboarder "Slam" Jones learns that his ex-girlfriend is pregnant, he turns to the only person he feels can help —skating legend Tony Hawk. Tony is only a poster and does not offer answers; it is up to Sam, thrust into maturity, to figure out the right thing to do.



**79. Soul Enchilada by Gill, David Macinnis Lexile 720**

Eunice "Bug" Smoot's grandfather sold his soul to the devil for a Cadillac and reneged on the deal. When a demon repo agent shows up, she finds out that her deceased grandfather pledged both the car and her soul as collateral; she has 60 hours to figure out what to do.

**80. The Spellman Files by Lutz, Lisa Lexile 770**

An irrepressible twenty-eight-year-old sleuth, works for her parents' San Francisco PI firm. The dysfunctional and relentlessly nosy Spellman clan spends as much time spying on each other as they do working their cases.

**81. The Stand by Stephen King Lexile 900**

Yes, most people associate King with horror, but The Stand is a great novel that challenges the reader to think about what could happen when there is an apocalyptic destruction of most of the world and how good can triumph over evil. In addition, it is a very exciting read with some horror thrown in.

**82. The Sun Also Rises : Ernest Hemingway Lexile 1420**

A brilliant profile of the Lost Generation, Hemingway's first bestseller captures life among the expatriates on Paris's Left Bank during the 1920s, the brutality of bullfighting in Spain, and the moral and spiritual dissolution of a generation.

**83. The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley (Lexile 960)**

Lovers of mystery stories will be charmed by the precocious, fearless, and witty sleuth Flavia De Luce, who, despite the fact that she is an eleven-year-old girl living a rather sheltered life in a manor outside a small English village, manages to immerse herself in solving a shocking murder.

**84. A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens Lexile 790**

This classic work of historical fiction explores the French Revolution from the perspective of families in London and France. Filled with intrigue, suspense, revenge, love, and self-sacrifice, this lengthy and intricately woven work is well worth your time.

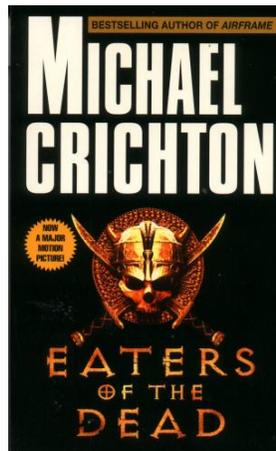
**85. Talking God by Tony Hillerman Lexile 740**

A best-selling mystery writer, Tony Hillerman has produced a series of Southwestern novels that combine suspense and Navajo culture. Two agents of the tribal police begin a routine murder investigation on Navajo property but soon discover links to the Smithsonian Institute and international terrorism.

**86. The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield Lexile 840**

The narrator's rather sedate life in a book store is upended when she meets the eccentric owner of a strange old house and is swept up in the mysterious world of ghosts and family secrets.

**87. Eaters of the Dead by Michael Crichton (Lexile 1090)**



"Crichton excels at storytelling." NEWSDAY In A.D. 922 Ibn Fadlan, the representative of the ruler of Bagdad, City of Peace, crosses the Caspian sea and journeys up the valley of the Volga on a mission to the King of Saqaliba. Before he arrives, he meets with Buliwyf, a powerful Viking chieftain who is summoned by his besieged relatives to the North. Buliwyf must return to Scandinavia and save his countrymen and families from the

monsters of the mist....

**88. Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortensen Lexile 910**

This is the inspiring story of a mountain climber who fails to scale K 2 but succeeds in building dozens of schools--including schools with girls--all over Pakistan. The Pennies for Peace program supports Mortensen's programs.

**89. Tiger Moon by Michaelis, Antonia Lexile 820**

Sold to be the eighth wife of a rich and cruel merchant, Safia, also called Raka, tries to escape her fate by telling stories of Farhad the thief, his companion Nitish the white tiger, and their travels across India to retrieve a famous jewel that will save a kidnapped princess from becoming the bride of a demon king.

**90. True Believer by Sparks, Nicolas Lexile 880**

Successful Manhattan science journalist Jeremy Marsh is invited to the tiny town of Boone Creek, North Carolina, to investigate a sighting of strange lights in a local cemetery and meets librarian Lexie Darnell, who causes the smitten Jeremy to make some difficult choices about his life.

**91. True Grit by Charles Portis Lexile 800**

This novel tells the story of Mattie Ross, who is just fourteen years of age when a coward going by the name of Tom Chaney shoots her father down in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and robs him of his life, his horse, and \$150 in cash money. Mattie leaves home to avenge her father's blood. With the one-eyed Rooster Cogburn, the meanest available U.S. Marshal, by her side, Mattie pursues the homicide into Indian Territory.

**92. Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom (Lexile 830)**

The author revisits his beloved college professor, Morrie Schwartz, in the last months of the older man's life. Their re-kindled relationship turns into one final series of "classes," as Morrie teaches Mitch (and the reader) lessons on how to live.

**93. The Prince of Tides by Pat Conroy Lexile 940**

A huge, brash thunderstorm of a novel, stinging with honesty and resounding with drama. Spanning forty years, this is the story of turbulent Tom Wingo, his gifted and troubled twin sister Savannah, and their struggle to triumph over the dark and tragic legacy of the extraordinary family into which they were born. Filled with the vanishing beauty of the South Carolina low country as well as the dusty glitter of NYC

**94. When the Emperor Was Divine by Julie Otsuka Lexile 810**

The story is told from the perspective of four members of a Japanese-American family whose lives are turned upside down when they are ordered to live in an internment camp during World War II.

**95. Where the Heart Is by Billie Letts Lexile 950**

In small-town Oklahoma, a young pregnant woman finds herself abandoned and forced to live at a Wal-Mart. She soon finds conversation, friendship, and a new family with the people of the town. This book is real life--it will make you sense the magic in everyday things.

**96. When the Legends Die by Hal Borland Lexile 850**

When his father killed another brave, Thomas Black Bull and his parents sought refuge in the wilderness. There they took up life as it had been in the old days, hunting and fishing, battling for survival. But an accident claimed the father's life, and the grieving mother died shortly afterward. Left alone, the young Indian boy vowed never to return to the white man's world, to the alien laws that had condemned his father.

**97. Wintergirls by Anderson, Laurie H. Lexile 730**

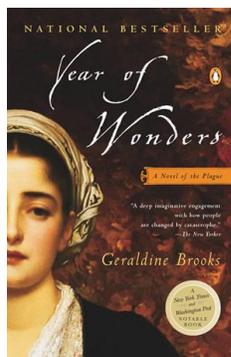
Eighteen-year-old Lia comes to terms with her best friend's death from anorexia as she struggles with the same disorder.

**98. Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte Lexile 770**

Emily Bronte's Wuthering Heights has been called "the most haunting love story in the English language." Catherine and Heathcliff's tender bond increases over the years and grows into a passion that destroys one generation and nearly wrecks a second. (Hint: get the copy of the book with a genealogy chart.)

**99. Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague by Geraldine Brooks Lexile 1080**

As death reaches into every household and villagers turn from prayers to murderous witch-hunting, Anna must find the strength to confront the disintegration of her community and the lure of illicit love. As she struggles to survive and grow, a year of catastrophe becomes instead annus mirabilis, a "year of wonders."



**100. Zorro by Isabel Allende Lexile 1170**

The publisher describes this book as "the swashbuckling adventure story that reveals for the first time how Diego de la Vega became the masked man we all know so well."