

SUMMER READING LIST FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE SEVEN WEYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Artemis Fowl / Eoin Colfer

Summary: When an evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

Bat 6 / Virginia Euwer Wolff

Summary: In small town, post-World War Oregon , twenty-one girls recount the story of an annual softball game, during which one girl's bigotry comes to the surface.

The Boggart / Susan Cooper

Summary: After visiting the castle in Scotland which her family has inherited and returning home to Canada , Emily finds that she has accidentally brought back with her a boggart, an invisible and mischievous spirit with a fondness for practical jokes.

The Book of Three (Prydain Chronicles) / Lloyd Alexander

Summary: Taran, Assistant Pig-Keeper to a famous oracular sow, sets out on a hazardous mission to save Prydain from the forces of evil. (challenging)

The Boys Start the War / Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Summary: Disgusted that a family with three girls moves into the house across the river, Wally and his three brothers declare a practical joke war on the girls.

The City of Ember / Jeanne DuPrau

Summary: In the year 241, Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

Cold in Summer / Tracy Barrett

Summary: At the beginning of seventh grade, Ariadne moves to a Tennessee town near a former farming community submerged under a man-made lake and meets the ghost of a girl from the past.

Crash / Jerry Spinelli

Summary: Seventh-grader John "Crash" Coogan has always been comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior, until his relationship with an unusual Quaker boy and his grandfather's stroke make him consider the meaning of friendship and the importance of family.

Crazy Lady! / Jane Leslie Conly

Summary: As he tries to come to terms with his mother's death, Vernon finds solace in his growing relationship with the neighborhood outcasts, an alcoholic and her retarded son.

Downriver / Will Hobbs

Summary: Jessie and the other rebellious teenage members of a wilderness survival school team abandon their adult leader, hijack his boats, and try to run the dangerous white water at the bottom of the Grand Canyon .

Fever. 1793 / Laurie Halse Anderson

Summary: In 1793 Philadelphia , Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

The Figure in the Shadows : sequel to the house with a clock in its walls / John Bellairs

Summary: A painfully overweight boy receives a magic amulet which brings him luck, but also terrifying side effects.

Gathering Blue / Lois Lowry

Summary: Lame and suddenly orphaned, Kira is mysteriously removed from her squalid village to live in the palatial Council Edifice, where she is expected to use her gifts as a weaver to do the bidding of the all-powerful Guardians. (challenging)

The Great Good Thing : a novel/Roderick Townley

Summary: Nothing ever changes inside the storybook kingdom inhabited by Princess Sylvie, her parents, and many other characters until Sylvie discovers that by allying herself with the Reader she can experience new adventures beyond the confines of the book.

Julie's Wolf Pack / Jean Craighead George

Summary: Continues the story of Julie and her wolves in which Kapu must protect his pack from famine and disease while uniting it under his new leadership.

Lily's Crossing / Patricia Reilly Giff

Summary: During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.

Millicent Min, Girl Genius / Lisa Yee

Summary: In a series of journal entries, child prodigy Millicent Min records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother's departure, and make friends over the course of a tumultuous summer.

Pictures of Hollis Woods / Patricia Reilly Giff

Summary: A troublesome orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.

The Shakespeare Stealer / Gary Blackwood

Summary: A young orphan boy is ordered by his master to infiltrate Shakespeare's acting troupe in order to steal the script of "Hamlet," but he discovers instead the meaning of friendship and loyalty.

Silverwing / Kenneth Oppel

Summary: When a newborn bat named Shade but sometimes called "Runt" becomes separated from his colony during migration, he grows in ways that prepare him for even greater journeys.

A Single Shard / Linda Sue Park

Summary: Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.

Skellig / David Almond

Summary: Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel. (challenging)

The Stone Goddess / Minfong Ho

Summary: After the communists take over Cambodia, Nakri and her sister attempt to maintain hope as well as their dancing skills.

Storm Warriors / Elisa Carbone

Summary: In 1895, after his mother's death, Nathan moves with his father and grandfather to Pea Island off the coast of North Carolina, where he hopes to join the all-black crew at the nearby lifesaving station, despite his father's objections.

Terror at the Zoo / Peg Kehret

Summary: Ellen and her younger brother Corey are excited about their overnight camp-out at the zoo, until they discover that they are locked inside with a desperate escaped convict.

The Thief Lord / Cornelia Funke

Summary: Two brothers, having run away from the aunt who plans to adopt the younger one, are sought by a detective hired by their aunt, but they have found shelter with--and protection from-- Venice's "Thief Lord."

Things Not Seen / Andrew Clements

Summary: When Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he, his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.

The Watsons Go to Birmingham --1963 / Christopher Paul Curtis

Summary: The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

A Year Down Yonder / Richard Peck

Summary: In 1937, during the Depression, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice, initially apprehensive about leaving Chicago to spend a year with her fearsome, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois, gradually begins to better understand and admire her grandmother's unusual qualities.