

The Bay School
Summer Reading List 2009
Grade 9

You are required to read ONE book from this list. We encourage you to read as many enjoyable books as possible this summer. You will discuss this book during Book Bridge in the fall. Email Rachel Shaw, Bay School Librarian at rshaw@bayschoolsf.org if you have questions or would like more recommendations.

FICTION

American Born Chinese, Gene Luen Yang

This graphic novel looks at growing up Chinese-American.

I Capture the Castle, Dodie Smith

A modern classic about a bohemian family's life in a crumbling English castle.

The Bean Trees, Barbara Kingsolver

A heartwarming story about the meaning of family and community.

#1 Ladies Detective Agency, Alexander McCall Smith

The adventures of Precious Ramotswe, Botswana's one and only female private detective.

Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Mark Haddon

An autistic 15-year-old boy investigates the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother. – *Novelist*

MEMOIRS

In Code: A Mathematical Journey, Sarah Flannery

The story of a 16-year-old girl who discovered the Cayley-Purser algorithm.

The Legacy of Luna: The Story of a Tree, a Woman and the Struggle to Save the Redwoods, Julia Butterfly Hill

The true story of this 23-year-old's two year tree-sit to protest logging in Northern California.

Farewell to Manzanar: A True Story of Japanese American Experience During and After the WWII Internment, Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston

A moving account of life in the Manzanar internment camp.

Hole in My Life, Jack Gantos

The kids' book author tells the story of his teen years smuggling and using drugs.

NON-FICTION

The Hot Zone: A Terrifying True Story, Richard Preston

The story of an Ebola virus outbreak in a suburban D.C. laboratory.

When Elephants Weep: The Emotional Lives of Animals, Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson

A look at the inner lives of animals.

TEEN FICTION

Life is Funny, E.R. Frank

Eleven teens describe their lives in this realistic novel.

Sunrise Over Fallujah, Walter Dean Myers

A young man's experience in the Iraq war.

Speak, Laurie Halse Anderson

Melinda, a high school freshman, deals with the fall-out of a turbulent summer.

Tears of a Tiger, Sharon Draper

A high school basketball star grieves his best friend.

The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child, Francisco Jiménez

These short stories detail a migrant family's daily life and the struggles they endure. – *Novelist*

SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY

A Great and Terrible Beauty, Libba Bray

A unique novel that combines mystery, fantasy, and Victorian mores.

War of the Worlds, H.G. Wells

The classic science fiction novel about martians coming to earth.

Ender's Game, Orson Scott Card

Ender Wiggin must save the world from alien "buggers".

POETRY

19 Varieties of a Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East, Naomi Shihab Nye

Poems written after 9/11 from the perspective of an Arab-American living in the United States.