



Anglophone Section Summer Reading 2025 Preparation for 4ème

Please read at least two books this summer (one fiction and one non-fiction, if possible). You do not need to choose a book from this list, but if you are searching for new books to read we have compiled this list to help!

Fiction

- ★ **Acevedo, Elizabeth.** [Clap When You Land](#). Separated by distance - and Papi's secrets - two girls are forced to face a new reality in which their father is dead and their lives are forever altered. And then, when it seems like they've lost everything of their father, they learn of each other. In a dual narrative novel in verse that brims with both grief and love, award-winning and bestselling author Elizabeth Acevedo writes about the devastation of loss, the difficulty of forgiveness, and the bittersweet bonds that shape our lives.
- ★ **Ahmed, Samira.** [Love, Hate & Other Filters](#). An Indian-American Muslim teen copes with Islamophobia, cultural divides among peers and parents, and a reality she can neither explain nor escape. American-born seventeen-year-old Maya Aziz is torn between worlds.
- ★ **Alexander, Kwame.** [THE CROSSOVER & REBOUND](#). Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the court to realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story's heart-stopping climax proves a game-changer for the entire family.
- ★ **Bardugo, Leigh** [Six of Crows \(book one\)](#). Six teenage criminals hired to undertake a dangerous heist, while searching for love and redemption along the way. The leader of the group is Kaz Brekker, the cunning, ruthless leader of the Dregs, one of many street gangs in the port city of Ketterdam.
- ★ **Barnes, Jennifer Lynn** [The Inheritance Games](#). The first volume in this bestselling young adult book series introduces Avery Grambs, a whip-smart but troubled teen pulled into a world of puzzles, games and intrigue when she is named in the will of a mysterious billionaire. She alternately bonds and spars with the billionaire's grandchildren.
- ★ **Connor, Leslie** [All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook](#). Raised inside a minimum security facility by his loving, incarcerated mom and extended prison family, eleven-year-old Perry is content--until the DA decides that his situation constitutes a crime. Equal parts mystery, prison narrative, and courtroom drama, this strikingly original story follows Perry's quest for family and forgiveness through the labyrinth of the law's gray areas.
- ★ **Dee, Barbara.** [Maybe He Just Likes You](#). This novel explores the subject of #MeToo for the middle grade audience in this heart-wrenching--and ultimately uplifting--novel about experiencing harassment and unwanted attention from classmates.
- ★ **Gaiman, Neil.** [THE GRAVEYARD BOOK](#). After losing his family, a toddler wanders into a graveyard, where he will be raised by the groundskeeper and the ghosts that dwell there. As he grows up, he learns that his family's killer is still out there looking for him.
- ★ **Gibson, Naomi** [Every Line of You](#). In the face of overwhelming grief and bullying, tech-savvy Lydia pours all of herself into creating the perfect AI, the perfect boyfriend-but will Henry turn out to be perfect, or a creation of her cruelest self?

- ★ **Lessore** Nathan, [King of Nothing](#) Anton thinks he's the toughest kid at school. He's all about looking strong and being the "King of Year 9." But then his mum makes him join this group called Happy Campers to keep him out of trouble. At first, Anton hates it and doesn't want to be there. But then he meets Matthew, a kid he used to think was a loser. Something happens that makes Matthew save Anton's life, and that changes everything.
- ★ **Mafi**, Tahereh. [A Very Large Expanse of the Sea](#). It's 2002, a year after 9/11, and Shirin has just started at yet another new high school. It's an extremely turbulent time politically, but especially so for a sixteen-year-old Muslim girl who's tired of being stereotyped. Shirin is never surprised by how horrible people can be. She's tired of the rude stares, the degrading comments - even the physical violence she endures as a result of her race, her religion, and the hijab she wears every day.
- ★ **Maniscalco**, Kerri. [Stalking Jack the Ripper](#). Seventeen-year-old Audrey Rose Wadsworth was born a lord's daughter, with a life of wealth and privilege stretched out before her. But between the social teas and silk dress fittings, she leads a forbidden secret life. Against her stern father's wishes and society's expectations, Audrey often slips away to her uncle's laboratory to study the gruesome practice of forensic medicine. When her work on a string of savagely killed corpses drags Audrey into the investigation of a serial murderer, her search for answers brings her close to her own sheltered world.
- ★ **Martinez**, Victor. [Parrot in the Oven](#) (Mi Vida). For Manuel Hernandez, the year leading up to his test of courage, his initiation into a gang, is a time filled with the pain and excitement of growing up in a crazy world. Manny's dad is always calling him el perico, or parrot. It's from a Mexican saying about a parrot that complains how hot it is in the shade while all along he's sitting inside the oven and doesn't know it.
- ★ **Mathieu**, Jennifer. [Moxie](#). Vivian Carter is fed up. Fed up with her high school teachers who think the football team can do no wrong. Fed up with sexist dress codes, hallway harassment and gross comments from guys during class. But most of all, Viv Carter is fed up with always following the rules.
- ★ **McManus**, Karen. [One of Us is Lying](#). An outsider Simon, creator of the notorious gossip app at Bayview High, won't ever talk about any of them again. He dies 24 hours before he could post their deepest secrets online. Investigators conclude it's no accident. All of them are suspects. Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you'll go to protect them.
- ★ **Oshiro**, Mark. [Anger is a Gift](#) Moss Jeffries is many things--considerate student, devoted son, loyal friend and affectionate boyfriend, enthusiastic nerd. But sometimes Moss still wishes he could be someone else--someone without panic attacks, someone whose father was still alive, someone who hadn't become a rallying point for a community because of one horrible night. When tensions hit a fever pitch and tragedy strikes again, Moss must face a difficult choice: give in to fear and hate or realize that anger can actually be a gift.
- ★ **Paulsen**, Gary [Northwind](#) When a deadly plague reaches the small fish camp where he lives, an orphan named Leif is forced to take to the water in a cedar canoe. He flees northward, following a wild, fjord-riven shore, navigating from one danger to the next, unsure of his destination.
- ★ **Reynolds**, Jason & Kiely, Brandon. [All American Boys](#). Two teens--one black, one white--grapple with the repercussions of a single violent act that leaves their school, their community, and, ultimately, the country bitterly divided by racial tension. Simmering tensions threaten to explode as Rashad and Quinn are forced to face decisions and consequences they had never considered before.
- ★ **Rhodes**, Jewell Parker [Ghost Boys](#) ALIVE Twelve-year-old Jerome doesn't get into trouble. He goes to school. He does his homework. He takes care of his little sister. Then Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. DEAD. As a ghost, watching his family trying to cope with his death, Jerome begins to notice other ghost boys. Each boy has a story and they all have something in common...
- ★ **Rowell**, Rainbow. [ELEANOR & PARK](#). Eleanor is the new girl in town, and she's never felt more alone. All mismatched clothes, mad red hair and chaotic home life, she couldn't stick out more if she tried. Then she takes the seat on the bus next to Park. Quiet, careful and - in Eleanor's eyes - impossibly cool, Park worked out that flying under the radar is the best way to get by.

- ★ **Sanchez, Jenny Torres.** [We Are Not From Here](#). A poignant novel of desperation, escape, and survival across the U.S.-Mexico border, inspired by current events. In this striking portrait of lives torn apart, the plight of migrants at the U.S. southern border is brought to light through poignant, vivid storytelling. An epic journey of danger, resilience, heartache, and hope.
- ★ **Schusterman, Neil** [Scythe](#). A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery: humanity has conquered all those things, and has even conquered death. Citra and Rowan are chosen to apprentice to a scythe—a role that neither wants. These teens must master the "art" of taking life, knowing that the consequence of failure could mean losing their own.
- ★ **Sloan, Holly Goldberg.** [COUNTING BY 7s](#). By the age of 12, Willow Chance has suffered more loss than most people experience in a lifetime. Now at her new school, she is accused of cheating because no one has ever finished the state proficiency test in just 17 minutes, let alone received a perfect score. Her reward is behavioral counseling with an ineffectual counselor, but the bond she forms there with an unlikely cast of characters is heartfelt and transformative.
- ★ **Tanquary, Kathryn.** [The Night Parade](#) Saki Yamamoto does not want to spend her summer vacation visiting her grandma's small village. Things get more interesting than she expected when she unintentionally invokes a death curse, and she must enter the dangerous spirit world at the Night Parade to break the curse. Thomas, Angie. [THE HATE U GIVE](#). Sixteen-year-old Starr lives in two worlds: the poor neighbourhood where she was born and raised and her posh high school in the suburbs. The uneasy balance between them is shattered when Starr is the only witness to the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend, Khalil, by a police officer. Now what Starr says could destroy her community. It could also get her killed.
- ★ **Venkatraman, Padma** [A Time to Dance](#) Veda's entire life is her passion for dancing. After her legs are amputated below the knee following an accident, she struggles to adjust to using prosthetics. She refuses to stop dancing, though, and rediscovers what movement means to her as she also pursues a relationship with Govinda, who finds dance a spiritual experience.
- ★ **You, Nicola** [Everything, Everything](#). Teenager Maddy's extreme allergies keep her indoors and away from everyone except her mom and her nurse—until Olly moves in next door, and the two improbably fall in love. The creative novel is told through diary entries and drawings..
- ★ **Weatherby, Alison** [The Secrets Act](#) (historical fiction) about two teenagers, Pearl and Ellen, who work at the super secret Bletchley Park during WWII, delivering messages and cracking codes. Intrigue, treachery and spies.
- ★ **Wyndham, John** [The Midwich Cuckoos](#) (science fiction) In a quiet English village, everyone falls asleep unexpectedly and when they wake up, all the women are inexplicably pregnant. It soon becomes apparent that the children have abnormal abilities and powers, threatening the community.

Non-Fiction

- ★ **Deem, James M.** [BODIES FROM THE ICE: MELTING GLACIERS AND THE RECOVERY OF THE PAST](#). In 1991, mountain climbers found the body of Otzi, the oldest mummy recovered and thought to be over 5000 years old.
- ★ **Freedman, Russell.** [FREEDOM WALKERS](#). The author breathes life into the key personalities and events that contributed to the year long civil rights struggle. The struggle became known as the Montgomery Bus Boycott.
- ★ **Greitens, Eric.** [WARRIOR'S HEART: BECOMING A MAN OF COMPASSION AND COURAGE](#). In this true story, Eric Greitens describes his journey to become a Navy SEAL. Before becoming a SEAL, Greitens traveled the world from Bosnia to Rwanda, where he worked to help children and refugees attempting to recover from devastating conflicts.

- ★ **James, Lauren** [Future Hopes: Hopeful Stories in a Time of Climate Change](#) This rooted-in-science collection of compelling short stories offers hope for our planet in the face of climate change. Skyscraper farms. Insects for dinner. Guerilla gardening. Nine authors pose ingenious and thought-provoking solutions to the climate crisis in this anthology of climate fiction.
- ★ **Kurlansky, Mark.** [WORLD WITHOUT FISH.](#) This book reveals an environmental problem that is not easily seen—the problem in the world’s oceans. Find out how climate, biology, economics, and fishing are endangering the world’s waters—and what kids can do about it.
- ★ **Murphy, Jim.** [INVINCIBLE MICROBE: TUBERCULOSIS AND THE NEVER-ENDING SEARCH FOR A CURE.](#) This is the story of a killer that has been striking down people for thousands of years—tuberculosis. This nonfiction mystery looks at the history of the disease and its treatment throughout time.
- ★ **Newberry, Linda** [This Book is Cruelty Free](#) If you've ever wondered how you can make your diet cruelty-free, whether it's ethical to own a pet, or if insects are actually important – this book is for you. Learn how to make the right choices to live a cruelty-free life and demystify the morals and ethics around animals and wildlife.
- ★ **Powell, Nate** [March: Book One.](#) This graphic novel examines segregation in the US (a topic which we study in great detail in 4eme) This is an autobiography of US Congressman John Lewis who was a leader of the Civil Rights movement and one of the key figures in the struggle to end segregation. In this book we see his life starting from a humble beginning at an Alabama farm to just before the 1963 March on Washington.
- ★ **Rusch, Elizabeth.** [THE MIGHTY MARS ROVERS: THE INCREDIBLE ADVENTURES OF SPIRIT AND OPPORTUNITY.](#) What's it like to explore Mars? Did life ever exist on Earth's red neighbor? This book follows the story of two robot vehicles, Spirit and Opportunity, sent to seek evidence on Mars of water that could have once supported life.
- ★ **Sandler, Martin** [W. SECRET SUBWAY: THE FASCINATING TALE OF AN AMAZING FEAT OF ENGINEERING.](#) It’s the 1860s and New York City’s streets are swarming with immigrants and being made deadly by hundreds of horse-drawn carriages that left the streets with tons of manure. A brilliant engineer, Alfred Beach, tackles the problem by working secretly at night more than 20 feet underground, with dim lighting and in claustrophobic conditions, storing the dirt in a basement, and carting it away in the dark. What happens when his secret plan is discovered?
- ★ **Stevenson, Bryan.** [Just Mercy Adapted for Young Adults.](#) Acclaimed lawyer and social justice advocate Bryan Stevenson offers a glimpse into the lives of the wrongfully imprisoned and his efforts to fight for their freedom.