



Summer Reading to prepare for 5ème

You should try to read at least two books in English over the summer. Here is an eclectic list of recommendations from teachers and this year's 5ème in case you need some pointers. Obviously, you can also read things that aren't on the list! Expect a summer reading activity first thing when we start in September.

Out of this World: Fantasy and Science Fiction

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams

Seconds before the Earth is demolished to make way for a galactic freeway, Arthur Dent is plucked off the planet by his friend Ford Prefect. Together they hitchhike across the galaxy in this sci-fi comedy classic.

The House in the Cerulean Sea by T. J. Clune

Linus Baker leads a quiet, solitary life. As a Case Worker at the Department in Charge Of Magical Youth, he spends his days overseeing the well-being of children in government-sanctioned orphanages. A new assignment takes him to Marsyas Island Orphanage, where six dangerous children reside: a gnome, a sprite, a wyvern, an unidentifiable green blob, a were-Pomeranian, and the Antichrist. Linus must set aside his fears and determine whether or not they're likely to bring about the end of days.

The Land of Stories (series) by Chris Colfer

Twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about. After a series of encounters with witches, wolves, goblins, and trolls alike, getting back home is going to be harder than they thought.

Caraval by Stephanie Garber

Scarlett Dragna has never left the tiny island where she lives with her sister and cruel father. When she receives an invitation to join Caraval - a magical, immersive game that blends performance and reality - she is happy to be whisked away. Things get complicated when she learns that her sister has been kidnapped. Can she distinguish between the game and reality? Can she bring her sister home?

Eragon by Christopher Paolini

When Eragon finds a polished blue stone in the forest, he thinks it is the lucky discovery of a poor farm boy; perhaps it will buy his family meat for the winter. But when the stone brings a dragon hatchling, Eragon soon realizes he has stumbled upon a legacy nearly as old as the Empire itself. Overnight his simple life is shattered, and he is thrust into a perilous new world of destiny, magic, and power.

Northern Lights by Philip Pullman

Lyra Belacqua and her animal daemon live half-wild and carefree among scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. When she uncovers a sinister plot involving kidnapped children and parallel worlds, Lyra embarks on a perilous journey to the frozen lands of the Arctic in an attempt to find the children and bring them home.

Opposite of Always by Justin A. Reynolds

Debut author Justin A. Reynolds delivers a hilarious and heartfelt novel about the choices we make, the people we choose, and the moments that make a life worth reliving.

Our World: Historical fiction, real-world dramas and non-fiction

The Benefits of Being an Octopus by Ann Braden

Seventh-grader Zoey has her hands full as she takes care of her much younger siblings after school every day while her mom works her shift at the pizza parlor. At school, Zoey tries to stay under the radar. Wouldn't everything be easier if she were an octopus: eight arms to do eight things at once. Incredible camouflage ability and steady, unblinking vision?

Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank

Thirteen-year-old Anne Frank, with her parents and sister and four other people, went into hiding in the sealed-off back rooms of an Amsterdam office building in 1942, when the Nazi invaders intensified their persecution of Jews. For two years they remained safe and Anne kept this diary.

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green

Hazel thought she knew how the end of her short life would go. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters joins her Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten. Insightful, bold, heartbreaking and funny.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime by Mark Haddon

Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. This is the improbable story of his quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog. His investigation unravels family secrets and challenges his understanding of the world.

Measuring Up by Lily LaMotte and Ann Xu

A graphic novel about twelve-year-old Cici who moves from Taiwan to Seattle and is struggling to fit in. She enters a children's cookery contest in an attempt to win the money for a plane ticket to bring her grandmother over to America in time for her seventieth birthday.

Wonder by R. J. Palacio

August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting fifth grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. *Wonder* begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others.

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Jess Aarons has been practicing all summer so he can be the fastest runner in the fifth grade. And he almost is, until the new girl in school, Leslie Burke, outpaces him. The two become fast friends and spend most days in the woods behind Leslie's house, where they invent an enchanted land called Terabithia. One morning, Leslie goes to Terabithia without Jess and a tragedy occurs.

Go With the Flow by Lily Williams and Karen Schneeman

A graphic novel about four friends who are fed up with feeling embarrassed about monthly cramps, pads and tampons. They team up to fight period stigma and promote menstrual equity at their school.

I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai with Patricia McCormick

Malala Yousafzai is an outspoken advocate for education for all children. In October 2012, she nearly lost her life when she was shot at point-blank range on the way home from school because of her education advocacy. Malala tells her remarkable story.