

# Middle School Suggested Summer Reading List 2010

## Virginia Readers' Choice List 2010-2011 (Any grade level)

### Lexile Title and Author Level

- 750 ***After Tupac and D Foster*** by Jacqueline Woodson  
1000 ***All of the Above*** by Shelly Pearsall  
900 ***Breathe: A Ghost Story*** by Cliff McNish  
630 ***Little Audrey*** by Ruth White  
890 ***Shooting the Moon*** by Frances O'Roark Dowell  
1000 ***T4 a novel*** by Ann Clare Lezotte  
680 ***The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had*** by Kristin Levine  
950 ***The Girl Who Could Fly*** by Victoria Forester  
900 ***The London Eye Mystery*** by Siobhan Dowd  
830 ***The Underneath*** by Kathi Appelt

### Suggested Fiction- 6th Grade

### Lexile Title and Author Level

- 590 ***A Haunting in Williamsburg*** by Lou Kassem  
850 ***Baby-sitting is a Dangerous Job*** by Willo Davis Roberts  
820 ***Blood on the River*** by Elisa Lynn Carbone  
850 ***Bloomability*** by Sharon Creech  
800 ***Blue Fingers: A Ninja's Tale*** by Cheryl Aylward Whitesel  
850 ***Book of a Thousand Days*** by Shannon Hale  
950 ***Bud, Not Buddy*** by Christopher Paul Curtis  
680 ***City of Ember*** by Jeanne Duprau  
850 ***Do Not Pass Go*** by Kirkpatrick  
830 ***Emma Jean Lazurus Fell Out of a Tree*** by Lauren Tarshis  
750 ***Esperanza Rising*** by Pam Munoz Ryan  
950 ***Everything on a Waffle*** by Polly Horvath  
830 ***Flush*** by Carl Hiaasen  
630 ***Gregor the Overlander*** by Suzanne Collins  
1000 ***Island of the Blue Dolphins*** by Scott O'Dell  
860 ***Jason's Gold*** by Will Hobbs  
860 ***Julie of the Wolves*** by Jean George  
640 ***Lawn Boy*** by Gary Paulsen  
820 ***Maniac McGee*** by Jerry Spinelli  
510 ***Milkweed*** by Jerry Spinelli  
890 ***Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller*** by Sarah Miller  
750 ***Misty of Chincoteague*** by Marguerite Henry  
610 ***No More Dead Dogs*** by Gordon Korman  
910 ***Old Yeller*** by Fred Gipson  
710 ***One-Handed Catch*** by MJ Auch  
710 ***Park's Quest*** by Katherine Patterson  
790 ***Savvy*** by Ingrid Law  
620 ***Shakespeare's Secret*** Elise Broach

690 ***Small Steps*** by Lois Sachar  
 900 ***Souder*** by William Armstrong  
 890 ***Storm Warriors*** by Elisa Lynn Carbone  
 820 ***Surviving the Applewhites*** by Stephanie Tolan  
 850 ***The Book of a Thousand Days*** by Shannon Hale  
 960 ***The Bronze Pen*** by Zilpha Keatly Snyder  
 830 ***The Ghost Gadet*** by Elaine Alphin  
 740 ***The Lightning Thief*** by Rick Riordan  
 670 ***The Sea of Trolls*** by Nancy Farmer  
 830 ***The Summer of the Swans*** by Betsy Bryars  
 630 ***The Truth About My Bat Mitzvah*** by Nora Ralieggh Baskin  
 690 ***Things Not Seen*** by Andrew Clements  
 770 ***Walk Two Moons*** by Sharon Creech  
 850 ***What I Believe*** by Norma Fox Mazer  
 700 ***Where the Red Fern Grows*** by Wilson Rawls

### Suggested Fiction- 7th Grade

**Lexile Title and Author**  
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1100 ***Across Five Aprils*** by Irene Hunt  
 700 ***Ben and Me*** by Avi  
 820 ***Blood on the River*** by Elisa Lynn Carbone  
 800 ***Blue Fingers: A Ninja's Tale*** by Cheryl Aylward Whitesel  
 860 ***Chasing Redbird*** by Sharon Creech  
 780 ***Crispin, the Cross of Lead*** by Avi  
 970 ***Dancing at the Odinochka*** by Kirkpatrick Hill  
 900 ***Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue*** by Julius Lester  
 950 ***Death in the Air*** by Shane Peacock  
 1050 ***Do the Math: Secrets, Lies, & Algebra*** by Wendy Lichtman  
 760 ***Double Dutch*** by Sharon Draper  
 610 ***Eggs*** by Jerry Spinelli  
 1070 ***Elijah of Buxton*** by Christopher Paul Curtis  
 710 ***Eragon*** by Christopher Paolini  
 580 ***Fever 1793*** by Laurie Anderson  
 900 ***First Light*** by Rebecca Stead  
 560 ***Hang a Thousand Trees with Ribbons: The Story of Phillis Wheatley*** by Ann Rinaldi  
 940 ***Heat*** by Mike Lupica  
 860 ***Homesick: My Own Story*** by Jean Fritz  
 780 ***Inkheart*** by Cornelia Funke  
 880 ***Jacob Have I Loved*** by Katherine Patterson  
 780 ***Keeper*** by Mal Peet  
 700 ***Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment*** by James Patterson  
 730 ***The Murder on the Links*** by Agatha Christie  
 810 ***My Side of the Mountain*** by Jean Craighead George  
 990 ***New Boy*** by Julian Houston  
 780 ***Paint the Wind*** by Pam Munoz Ryan  
 850 ***Raleigh's Page*** by Alan Armstrong  
 800 ***Shades of Gray*** by Carolyn Reeder

- 710 **Swindle** by Gordan Korman  
 830 **The Black Book of Secrets** by F. E. Higgins  
 630 **The Breadwinner** by Deborah Ellis  
 660 **The House of the Scorpion** by Nancy Farmer  
 760 **The Land** by Mildred Taylor  
 810 **The Red Pony** by John Steinbeck  
 975 **The Rogues** by Jane Yolen and Robert J. Harris  
 670 **The Sea of Trolls** by Nancy Farmer  
 850 **The Unmaking of Duncan Veerick** by Betty Levin  
 750 **The Westing Game** by Ellen Raskin  
 710 **West Against the Wind** by Liza Murrow  
 520 **Wish List** by Eoin Colfer

### Suggested Fiction- 8th Grade

#### Lexile Title and Author Level

- 600 **Artemis Fowl** by Eoin Coifer  
 670 **Ashes of Roses** by Mary Jane Auch  
 590 **Bang!** by Sharon Flake  
 1140 **Brian's Winter** by Gary Paulsen  
 670 **Bronx Masquerade** by Nikki Grimes  
 910 **Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War II** by Joseph Bruchac  
 490 **Crackback** by John Coy  
 730 **Cracker the Best Dog in Vietnam** by Cynthia Kaobhata  
 1020 **Don't Look Behind You** by Lois Duncan  
 710 **Eragon** by Christopher Paolini  
 500 **Finding Buck McHenry** by Alfred Slose  
 870 **Forbidden City** by William Bell  
 1020 **Hatchet** by Gary Paulsen  
 790 **Heaven** by Angela Johnson  
 740 **Hoops** by Walter Dean Myers  
 730 **Incantation** by Alice Hoffman  
 740 **Invitation to the Game** by Monica Hughes  
 940 **King's Shadow** by Elizabeth Alder  
 1070 **Libby on Wednesday** by Zilpha Keats Snyder  
 1300 **Little Women** by Louisa May Alcott  
 890 **London Calling** by Edward Bloor  
 640 **Lord of the Nutcracker Men** by Iain Lawrence  
 670 **Monster** by Walter Dean Myers  
 1010 **My Antonia** by Willa Cather  
 920 **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry** by Mildred Taylor  
 690 **Show Me the Evidence** by Alane Ferguson  
 820 **Sing Down the Moon** by Scott O'Dell  
 1260 **Swiss Family Robinson** by Hohann Wyss  
 1000 **The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes** by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
 730 **The Art of Keeping Cool** by Janet Lisle  
 760 **The Contender** by Robert Lipsyte  
 870 **The Eye of the Killer Robot** by John Bellair

- 1010 ***The Pearl*** by John Steinbeck  
 1170 ***The Prince and the Pauper (unabridged version)*** by Mark Twain  
 660 ***The Rules of Survival*** by Nancy Werlin  
 720 ***The Sacrifice*** by Kathleen Benner Duple  
 670 ***The Sea of Trolls*** by Nancy Farmer  
 740 ***The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*** by Avi  
 750 ***The Uprising*** by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
 640 ***Under a War Torn Sky*** by L. M. Elliott  
 670 ***Wait for Me*** by An Na  
 770 ***Walk Two Moons*** by Sharon Creech  
 990 ***Wednesday Wars*** by Gary Schmidt

### Suggested Nonfiction (Any grade level)

#### Lexile Title and Author Level

- 1160 ***Alone in the World: Orphans and Orphanages in America*** by Catherine Reef  
 1080 ***Always to Remember: the Story of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial*** by Brent Axhabranner  
 1025 ***America at War: World War I*** by Peter Bosco  
 950 ***A Night to Remember*** by Walter Lord  
 1100 ***A Wreath for Emmett Till by Mary Nelson***  
 1130 ***An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793***  
 910 ***Behind the Secret Window: Memoir of a Hidden Childhood During World War II*** by Nelly  
 1000 ***Ben Franklin's Almanac: Being a True Account of the Good Gentleman's Life*** by Candace  
 1100 ***Black Diamond: The Story of The Negro Baseball Leagues*** by McKissack  
 1130 ***Black Hands, White Sails: the Story of African-American Whalers*** by Patricia Mckissack  
 1280 ***Black, Blue, and Gray*** by Jim Haskins  
 1080 ***Blizzard: The Storm that Changed America*** by Jim Murphy  
 1075 ***Born to Fly: The Untold Story of the Downed American Reconnaissance Plane*** by Shane C  
 920 ***Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul*** (any titles in this animal series)  
 930 ***Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul*** (any titles in this series) by Jack Canfield  
 1010 ***Children of the Wild West*** by Russell Freedman  
 1160 ***Cowboys of the Wild West*** by Russell Freedman  
 1120 ***Dust to Eat: Drought and Depression in the 1930s*** by Michael Cooper  
 1100 ***Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery*** by Russell Freedman  
 940 ***Escape: The Story of the Great Houdini*** by Sid Fleishman  
 1080 ***Everybody's Revolution*** by Thomas Fleming  
 990 ***First to Fly: How Wilber and Orville Wright Invented the Airplane*** by Peter Busby  
 950 ***Flags of Our Fathers: Heroes of Iwo Jima*** by James Bradley  
 1080 ***Four Perfect Pebbles: a Holocaust Story*** by Lila Perl  
 1110 ***Freedom Walkers: the Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott*** by Russell Freedman  
 630 ***Good Fortune: My Journey to Gold Mountain*** by Li Keng Wong  
 1230 ***Guts*** by Gary Paulsen  
 920 ***Heroes of the Holocaust: True Stories of Rescues by Teens*** by Allan Zullo and Mara Bov  
 1190 ***Hiroshima*** by John Hersey  
 860 ***How to Survive in Antarctica*** by Jane Blesoe  
 1000 ***I Want to Live: A Diary of a Young Girl in Stalin's Russia*** by Nina Lugovskaya  
 730 ***I Will Plant You a Lilac Tree: A Memoir of a Schindler's List Survivor*** by Laura Hillman

975 ***I'll Pass for Your Comrade: Women Soldiers in the Civil War*** by Anita Silvey

1130 ***Indian Chiefs*** by Russell Freedman

1030 ***Island of Hope: the Story of Ellis Island and the Journey to America*** by Martin V. Sandle

900 ***Kennedy Assassinated! The World Mourns*** by Wilborn Hampton

1040 ***Kids at Work: Lewis Hine and the Crusade Against Child Labor*** by Russell Freedman

1140 ***Leonardo da Vinci*** by Kathleen Krull

1010 ***Lincoln, A Photobiography*** by Freedman

1110 ***Lives of Extraordinary Women*** by Kathleen Krull

1050 ***My Life in Dog Years*** by Gary Paulsen

1150 ***Night*** by Elie Wiesel

580 ***No Body's Perfect*** by Kimberly Kirberger

890 ***Odysseus*** by Geraldine McCaughrean

770 ***Off to War: Voices of Soldiers' Children*** by Deborah Ellis

830 ***One Well: The Story of Water on Earth*** by Rochelle Strauss

960 ***Owen & Mzee- The Language of Friendship*** by Isabella Hatkoff

980 ***Phenomena: Secrets of the Senses*** by Donna M. Jackson

1200 ***Photo by Brady: A Picture of the Civil War*** by Jennifer Armstrong

1200 ***River to Victory- The Civil War in the West*** by James Arnold

1060 ***Secrets of a Civil War Submarine: Solving the Mystery of the H. L. Hunley*** by Sally M. Walk

1060 ***She Touched the World: Laura Bridgman, Deaf-Blind Pioneer*** by Sally Alexander

990 ***Shelter Dogs*** by Peg Kehret

940 ***Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World*** by Jennifer Armstrong

1090 ***Something Out of Nothing: Marie Curie and Radium*** by McClafferty

1050 ***Spellbinder: The Life of Harry Houdini*** by Tom Lalicki

1000 ***Stories of D-Day*** by Brook

1120 ***Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps*** by Andrea Warren

820 ***Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon*** by Catherine Thimmesh

1060 ***Ten Kings: And the Worlds They Ruled*** by Milton Meltzer

990 ***The Boys War: Confederate and Union Soldiers Talk about the Civil War*** by Jim Murphy

1060 ***The Chimpanzees I Love: Saving Their World and Ours*** by Jane Goodall

990 ***The Diary of a Young Girl*** by Anne Frank

1080 ***The Forbidden Schoolhouse: The True and Dramatic Story of Prudence Crandall and Her Students*** by Suzar

920 ***The Great Fire*** by Jim Murphy

1130 ***The Greatest: Muhammad Ali*** by Walter Dean Myers

980 ***The Hidden Children*** by Howard Greenfeld

1030 ***The Lost Colony of Roanoke*** by Jean Fritz

850 ***The Many Rides of Paul Revere*** by James Griblin

1050 ***The Poet Slave: A Biography of Juan Francisco*** by Margarita Engle

975 ***The Power of One: Daisy Bates and the Little Rock Nine*** by Judith Fradin

1110 ***The Real Benedict Arnold*** by Jim Murphy

1240 ***The Secret of Priest's Grotto: A Holocaust Survival Story*** by Peter Lane Taylor

1090 ***The Story of My Life*** by Helen Keller

1170 ***The Story of My Life: An Afghan Girl on the Other Side of the Sky*** by Farah Ahmed with Ta

850 ***The Upstairs Room*** by Johanna Reiss

900 ***They Broke the Law- You be the Judge: True Cases of Teen Crime*** by Thomas Jacobs

940 ***We Rode the Orphan Trains*** by Andrea Warren

970 ***Within Reach: My Everest Story*** by Mark Pfetzer and Jack Galvin