

# TEEN SUMMER READING PICKS

2021

Grade 7-8

## Top Ten Picks



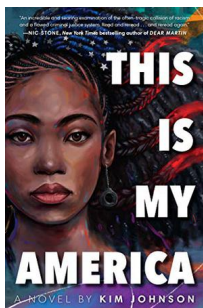
### Admission by Julie Buxbaum

An affluent teen who thinks she is headed off to the college of her dreams, must reckon with the truth and possibly her own guilt when her mother is arrested in a college admissions bribery scandal.



### The Voting Booth by Brandy Colbert

Marva Sheridan was born ready for election day. Duke Crenshaw is so done with hearing about the importance of voting from his mother. The first year they are eligible to vote, Marva and Duke meet at their polling place after Marva sees Duke turned away. She takes it upon herself to make sure his vote is counted.



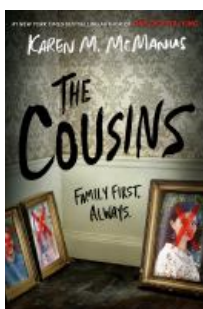
### This is My America by Kim Johnson

While writing letters to Innocence X, a justice-seeking project, asking them to help her father, an innocent black man on death row, teenaged Tracy takes on another case when her brother is accused of killing his white girlfriend.



### The Bone Houses by Emily Lloyd-Jones

When risen corpses called 'bone houses' threaten Ryn's village because of a decades-old curse, she teams up with a mapmaker named Ellis to solve the mystery of the curse and destroy the bone houses forever. Their journey will take them deep into the heart of the mountains, where they will have to face both the curse and the long-hidden truths about themselves.



### The Cousins by Karen M. McManus

After receiving an invitation to spend the summer with their estranged grandmother, the Story cousins arrive at her house only to discover that she is not there, and the longer they stay on the island, the more they realize their mysterious family history has some deadly secrets.



### A Song Below Water by Bethany C. Morrow

In a society determined to keep her under lock and key, Tavia must hide her siren powers. Meanwhile, Effie is fighting her own family struggles, pitted against literal demons from her past. Together, these friends must navigate through the perils of high school's junior year. But, everything changes in the aftermath of a siren murder trial that rocks the nation.



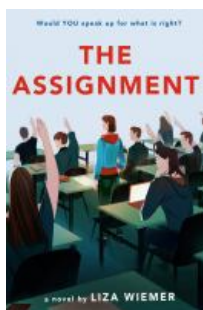
### Witches Steeped in Gold by Ciannon Smart

Iraya has spent her life in a cell. Jazmyne refuses to be another sacrifice for her mother, the Queen, to strengthen her powers. Sworn enemies, these two witches enter a precarious alliance to take down a mutual threat. Nothing is certain - except the lengths they will go to win this game.



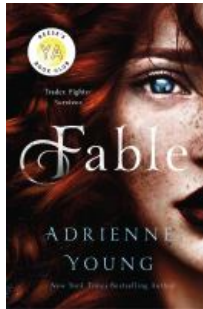
### Lost in the Never Woods by Aiden Thomas

It's been five years since Wendy and her brothers went missing in the woods. When children start to disappear again, questions emerge again. After Wendy almost runs over an unconscious boy lying in the middle of the road... Peter, he asks Wendy's for her help in rescuing the missing kids. But, in order to find them, Wendy must finally confront her past.



### The Assignment by Liza Wiemer

Standing in opposition to a class assignment to debate Hitler's Final Solution, seniors Cade and Logan become embroiled in turmoil involving their teacher, principal, Commissioner of Education, white supremacists, and their entire community.



### Fable by Adrienne Young

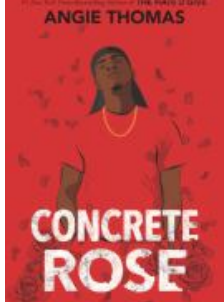
Four years ago, Fable watched her mother drown and the next day her father abandoned her on the closest island. To survive she learned to trust no one and relied on the unique skills her mother taught her. Fable enlists the help of a young trader named West to get her off the island and across the Narrows to demand her rightful place beside her father.

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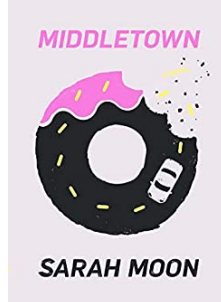
## REALISTIC FICTION



Concrete Rose by Angie Thomas (YA)



Everything I Thought I Knew by Shannon Takaoka (YA)



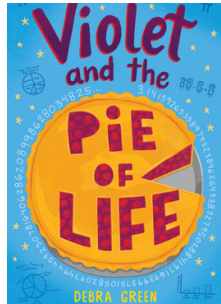
Middletown by Sarah Moon (MS)



Summer of Brave by Amy Noelle Parks (MS)



The Other Side of Perfect by Mariko Turk (MS)



Violet and the Pie of Life by Debra Green (MS)

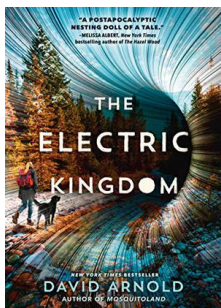
## ACTION AND SUSPENSE



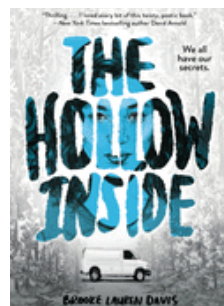
Don't Breathe a Word by Jordyn Taylor (YA)



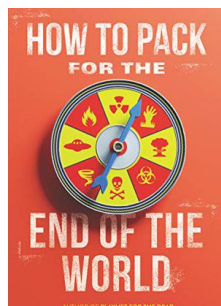
Daughter of Sparta by Claire Andrews (YA)



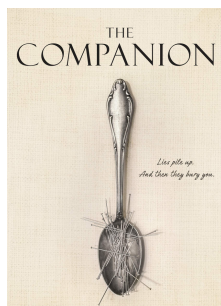
The Electric Kingdom by David Arnold (YA)



The Hollow Inside by Brooke Lauren Davis (YA)



How to Pack for the End of the World by Michelle Falkoff (YA)

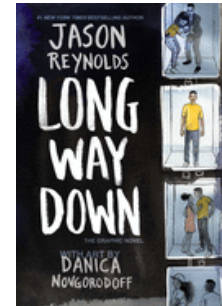


The Companion by Katie Alender (YA)

## GRAPHIC NOVELS



The Inkberg Enigma by Jonathan King (J)



Long Way Down: The Graphic Novel by Jason Reynolds (YA)



Catherine's War by Julia Billet (J)

## FANTASY



A Peculiar Peril by Jeff VanderMeer (YA)

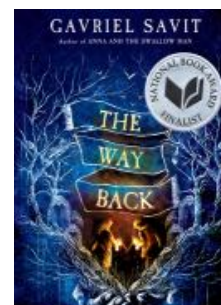


The Gilded Ones by Namina Forna (YA)



House of Hollow by Krystal Sutherland (YA)

## HISTORICAL FICTION



The Way Back by Gavriel Savit (YA)



Luck of the Titanic by Stacey Lee (YA)



The Enigma Game by Elizabeth Wein (YA)

J- Juvenile MS- Middle School YA- Young Adult