Spring Branch ISD 2012 Summer Reading List - High School

In keeping with the Spring Branch ISD Summer Reading philosophy to promote a life-long love of reading, the High School Summer Reading List for 2012 includes a high degree of choice for Spring Branch students. We stongly recommended that parents/guardians actively involve themselves in helping their children make good book choices and engage in book discussions with their children about their reading on a regular basis.

Incoming Freshmen (Grade 9)	Incoming Sophomores (Grade 10)	Incoming Juniors (Grade 11)
Good Reads	**Good Reads**	**Good Reads**
Individual Titles	**Individual Titles**	**Individual Titles**
A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly	*Ironman* by Chris Crutcher	*Shadow Divers* by Robert Kurson
Skellig David Almond	*My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult	*Devil in the White* City by Erik Larson
Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes by Chris Crutcher	*The Color of Water* by McBride	*Whale Talk* by Chris Crutcher
Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko	*Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson	*Kitchen Confidential* by Anthony Bourdain
Silent to the Bone by E.L. Konigsburg	*How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accent* by Alvarez	*Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom
Chinese Cinderella by Yen Mah	*American Born Chinese* (graphic) by Gene Yang	*In the Time of the Butterflies* by Alvarez
Inexcusable by Chris Lynch		*Hole in My Life* by Jack Gantos
Go Ask Alice by Anonymous		*Dispatches from the Edge* by Anderson Cooper
13 Reasons Why by Jay Asher		*The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold
Pride and Prejudice and Zombies by S. Graham-Smith		*Blessings* by Anna Quindlen
Any title from the…	**Any title by…**	**Any title by…**
N*icholas Flammel* Series by M. Scott	Michael Crichton	Stephen King
Uglies Trilogy by Scott Westerfield	Carol Plum-Ucci	Mary Higgins Clark
Twilight Series by Stephenie Meyer	Todd Strasser	
Challenging Good Reads	**Challenging Good Reads**	**Challenging Good Reads**
Isaac's Storm by Erik Larson	*Autobiography of a Face* by Lucy Grealy	*Freakonomics* by Levitt and Dubner
Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan	*The Mists of Avalon* by Marion Zimmer Bradley	*Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier
The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls	*Animal Dreams* by Barbara Kingsolver	*Emma's War* by Deborah Scroggins
Zorro by Isabel Allende	*Founding Mothers by* Cokie Roberts	*1776* by David McCullough
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card	*Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger	*Bel Canto by* Ann Patchett
The Hot Zone by Richard Preston	*In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote	*The Greatest Generation* by Tom Brokaw
A Great and Terrible Beauty by Libba Bray	*The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini	*Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut
Blackhawk Down by Mark Bowden	*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak	*The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien
A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah	*How I Live Now* by Meg Rosoff	**Any title by…**
	Alas Babylon by Pat Frank	Sebastian Junger
	Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt	

2012 Incoming Spring Branch ISD Seniors (Grade 12)

Good Reads	More Good Reads	Challenging Good Reads
Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri	*19 Minutes* by Jodi Picoult	*Caramelo* by Sandra Cisneros
A Yellow Raft in Blue Wate r by Michael Dorris	*Mao's Last Dancer* by Li Cuinxin	*The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver
Under the Banner of Heaven by Jon Krakauer	*Sunrise Over Fallujah* by Walter Dean Myers	*The World Is Flat* by Thomas L. Friedman
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time	*Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen	*A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy O'Toole
The Poet by Michael Connelly	**Any title by…**	*The Tender Bar* by J.R. Moehringer
Persepolis (I) by Marjane Satrapi	John Grisham	*Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden
		The Alchemist by Paulo Cuelho
		Oryx and Crake by Margaret Atwood