

Spring Branch ISD 2009 High School Summer Reading List

Good Reads

Challenging Good Reads

Grade 9

Eclipse Stephenie Meyer	Isaac's Storm Erik Larson
A Northern Light Jennifer Donnelly	Joy Luck Club Amy Tan
Skellig David Almond	The Glass Castle Jeannette Walls
Staying Fat for Sarah Burns Chris Crutcher	Zorro Isabel Allende
Al Capone Does My Shirts Gennifer Choldenko	Ender's Game Orson Scott Card
Silent to the Bone E.L. Konigsburg	The Alchemist: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel Michael Scott
Chinese Cinderella Yen Mah	
Inexcusable Chris Lynch	
Go Ask Alice Anonymous	
Specials Scott Westerfield	

Grade 10

Ironman Chris Crutcher	Autobiography of a Face Lucy Grealy
My Sister's Keeper Jodi Picoult	The Mists of Avalon Marion Zimmer Bradley
The Color of Water McBride	Animal Dreams Barbara Kingsolver
Speak Laurie Halse Anderson	Founding Mothers Cokie Roberts
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accent Julia Alvarez	Peace Like a River Leif Enger
Angela's Ashes Frank McCourt	In Cold Blood Truman Capote
Sphere Michael Crichton	The Kite Runner Khaled Hosseini
American Born Chinese (graphic) Gene Yang	The Book Thief Markus Zusak
The Body of Christopher Creed Carol Plum-Ucci	How I Live Now Meg Rosoff

Grade 11*

Shadow Divers Robert Kurson	The Lovely Bones Alice Sebold
Devil in the White City Erik Larson	Cold Mountain Charles Frazier
Whale Talk Chris Crutcher	Emma's War Deborah Scroggins
Bag of Bones Stephen King	1776 David McCullough
Kitchen Confidential Anthony Bourdain	Bel Canto Ann Patchett
Five People You Meet in Heaven Mitch Albom	The Greatest Generation Tom Brokaw
In the Time of the Butterflies Julia Alvarez	Slaughterhouse-Five Kurt Vonnegut
Hole in My Life Jack Gantos	The Things They Carried Tim O'Brien
Dispatches from the Edge Anderson Cooper	
Freakonomics Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner	
Blessings Anna Quindlen	

Grade 12*

Dune Frank Herbert	Caramelo Sandra Cisneros
Namesake Jhumpa Lahiri	The Poisonwood Bible Barbara Kingsolver
A Yellow Raft in Blue Water Michael Dorris	The World Is Flat Thomas L. Friedman
Under the Banner of Heaven Jon Krakauer	The Innocent Man John Grisham
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time Mark Haddon	A Confederacy of Dunces John Kennedy O'Toole
Eaters of the Dead Michael Crichton	The Tender Bar J.R. Moehringer
The Firm John Grisham	Water for Elephants Sara Gruen
The Poet Michael Connelly	
Oryx and Crake Margaret Atwood	
Persepolis (I) Marjane Satrapi	
19 Minutes Jodi Picoult	

*AP teachers at grades 11 and 12 require students to read 2 books from the appropriate grade level list.