

Mrs. MacVicar's Suggestions for Summer Reading Grades 7-8

Alexander, Kwame. [Solo.](#)

Seventeen-year-old Blade, who endeavors to resolve painful issues from his past to navigate the challenges of his former rockstar father's addictions, scathing tabloid rumors, and a protected secret that threatens his own identity. **Read also:** [The Crossover](#), [Booked](#), [Swing](#), [Rebound](#)

Courtney, Nadine Jolie. [All-American Muslim Girl.](#)

Allie Abraham has it all going for her: she's a straight-A student, with good friends and a close-knit family, and she's dating popular, sweet Wells Henderson. One problem: Wells's father is Jack Henderson, America's most famous conservative shock jock, and Allie hasn't told Wells that her family is Muslim.

Grimes, Nikki. [Ordinary Hazards: A Memoir.](#)

In her own voice, acclaimed author and poet Nikki Grimes explores the truth of a harrowing childhood in a compelling and moving memoir in verse. In this accessible and inspiring memoir, Nikki shows how the power of those words helped her conquer the hazards of her life. **Read also:** [Between the Lines](#), [One Last Word](#), [Garvey's Choice](#)

Hardinge, Frances. [Deeplight.](#)

The gods are dead. But are they really gone forever? When 15-year-old Hark finds the still-beating heart of a terrifying deity, he risks everything to keep it out of the hands of smugglers, military scientists, and a secret fanatical cult so that he can use it to save the life of his best friend, Jelt.

King, A.S. [Dig.](#)

Only a generation removed from being simple Pennsylvania potato farmers, Gottfried and Marla Hemmings managed to trade digging spuds for developing subdivisions and now sit atop a seven-figure bank account, wealth they've declined to pass on to their adult children or their teenage grandchildren. Now the five teenagers are lost in a tangled maze of family secrets. **2020 Printz Award Winner**

Lu, Marie. [The Kingdom of Back.](#)

Two siblings. Two brilliant talents. But only one Mozart. Born with a gift for music, Nannerl Mozart has just one wish—to be remembered forever. But even as she delights audiences with her masterful playing, she has little hope she'll ever become the acclaimed composer she longs to be.

McCaughrean, Geradine. [Where the World Ends.](#)

Every time a lad went fowling on the stacs, he came home less of a boy and more of a man. If he went home at all, that is. Every summer Quill and his friends are put ashore on a remote sea stac to hunt birds. But this summer, no one arrives to take them home.

Noah, Trevor. [It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood](#)
(adapted for younger readers)

The host of The Daily Show, Trevor Noah, tells the story of growing up half black, half white in South Africa under and after apartheid in this young readers' adaptation of his bestselling adult memoir.

Patterson, James. [Ali Cross.](#)

Ali Cross has always looked up to his father, former detective and FBI agent Alex Cross. While solving some of the nation's most challenging crimes, his father always kept his head and did the right thing. Can Ali have the same strength and resolve?

Reintgen, Scott. [Ashlords.](#)

Every year since the Ashlords were gifted phoenix horses by their gods, they've raced them. First into battle, then on great hunts, and finally for the pure sport of seeing who rode the fastest. Centuries of blood and fire carved their competition into a more modern spectacle: The Races.

Ruby, Laura. [Thirteen Doorways, Wolves Behind them All.](#)

When Frankie's mother died and her father left her and her siblings at an orphanage in Chicago, it was supposed to be only temporary. That's why Frankie's not prepared for the day that he arrives for his weekend visit with a new woman on his arm and out-of-state train tickets in his pocket.

Takei, George. [They Called Us Enemy.](#)

Long before George Takei braved new frontiers in Star Trek, he woke up as a four-year-old boy to find his own birth country at war with his father's—and their entire family forced from their home into an uncertain future.

Uehashi, Nahoko. [The Beast Player.](#)

Elin's family has an important responsibility: caring for the fearsome water serpents that form the core of their kingdom's army. Elin discovers that she can communicate with both the terrifying water serpents and the majestic flying beasts that guard her queen. This skill gives her great power, but it also involves her in deadly plots that could cost her life.

Yang, Gene Luen. [Dragon Hoops.](#)

In his latest graphic novel, Dragon Hoops, New York Times bestselling author Gene Luen Yang turns the spotlight on his life, his family, and the high school where he teaches. Gene understands stories—comic book stories, in particular. Big action. Bigger thrills. And the hero always wins. But Gene doesn't get sports.

Favorite Series			
Charlotte Holmes	Throne of Glass	Arc of a Scythe	An Ember in the Ashes
Warcross	Carve the Mark	Truly Devious	Six of Crows
The Hunger Games	Maze Runner	Shatter Me	His Dark Materials
Divergent	Red Queen	The Mortal Instruments	Everlife Trilogy
Legend	Miss Peregrine	The Grisha Trilogy	The Illuminae Files
The 5th Wave	Shattered Rhelms	The Selection	The Girl from Everywhere
Children of Blood and Bone	The Folk of Air		

Favorite Authors			
Victoria Aveyard	Jason Reynolds	Sarah Maas	Marie Lu
Ryan Graudin	Sherman Alexi	Suzanne Collins	Veronica Roth
John Green	Marissa Meyer	James Dashner	James Patterson
Ransom Riggs	Markus Zusak	Angie Thomas	Maureen Johnson