

Seventh Grade Required Reading List

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix (40 copies)

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

Bound by Donna Jo Napoli (30 copies)

In this novel based on Chinese Cinderella tales, fourteen-year-old stepchild Xing-Xingendures a life of neglect and servitude, as her stepmother cruelly mutilates her own child's feet so that she alone might marry well.

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson (30 copies)

The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

Crazy Lady by Jane Leslie Conly (26 copies)

Although Vernon joins his friends in ridiculing the neighborhood outcasts, he develops a social conscience.

Do Not Pass Go by Kirkpatrick Hill (30 copies)

When Deet's father is jailed for using drugs, Deet learns that prison is not what he expected, nor are other people necessarily the way he thought they were.

Gilda Joyce: Psychic Investigator by Jennifer Allison (30 copies)

During the summer before ninth grade, intrepid Gilda Joyce invites herself to the San Francisco mansion of distant cousin Lester Splinter and his thirteen-year-old daughter, where she uses her purported psychic abilities and detective skills to solve the mystery of the mansion's boarded-up tower.

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (54 copies)

After a plane crash, 13-year-old Brian spends 54 days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

Jade Green by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (46 copies)

While living with her uncle in a house haunted by the ghost of a young woman, recently orphaned Judith Sparrow wonders if her one small transgression causes mysterious happenings.

Jumping the Scratch by Sarah Weeks (30 copies)

After moving with his mother to a trailer park to care for an injured aunt, eleven-year-old Jamie Reardon struggles to cope with a deeply buried secret.

Kissing Doorknobs by Terry Spencer Hesser (39 copies)

Fourteen-year-old Tara describes how her increasingly strange compulsions begin to take over her life and affect her relationships with her family and friends.

Miracle's Boys by Jacqueline Woodson (37 copies)

Reminiscent of S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders* this is a story of three remarkable young men, Miracle's sons, brothers who have only each other to rely on and must decide if they will work with that or let it tear them apart.

On My Honor by Marion Dane Bauer (30 copies)

A 12-year-old boy must learn to live with fear and grief when his swimming partner drowns.

One-Handed Catch by Mary Jane Auch (11 copies)

After losing his hand in an accident in his father's butcher shop in 1946, sixth-grader Norman uses hard work and humor to learn to live with his disability and to succeed at baseball, art, and other activities.

The Skin I'm In by Sharon G. Flake (40 copies)

Thirteen-year-old Maleeka, uncomfortable because her skin is extremely dark, meets a new teacher with birthmark on her face and makes some discoveries about how to love who she is and what she looks like.

Summer of the Swans by Betsy Byars (30 copies)

A fourteen-year-old girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally handicapped brother gets lost.

Swear to Howdy by Wendelin Van Draanen (30 copies)

Two thirteen-year-old boys share neighborhood adventures, complaints about their older sisters, family secrets, and even guilt that bind them together in a special friendship.

Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson (33 copies)

After his anger erupts into violence and to avoid prison, Cole agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on Native American Circle Justice at a remote Alaskan Island, and encounters a huge Spirit Bear that changes his life.

What Child is This? by Caroline B. Cooney (40 copies)

When seventeen-year-old Matt tries to find a family for an eight-year-old foster child, his attempt backfires and both of them need a Christmas miracle.

Wait Till Helen Comes by Mary Downing Hahn (27 copies)

Molly must put aside her feelings for her spooky step-sister, when she realizes that the girl is being influenced by a ghost.

What Mr. Mattero Did by Priscilla Cummings (35 copies)

Three seventh-grade girls accuse their music teacher of having touched them inappropriately and sexually.