

The Bay School  
Summer Reading List 2010  
Incoming Freshmen

While there is no formal summer reading requirement, we encourage you to read books you enjoy this summer. You can use this list to get you started. You will have the opportunity to share your summer reads with Bay students in the fall. Email Rachel Shaw, Bay School Librarian at [rshaw@bayschoolsf.org](mailto:rshaw@bayschoolsf.org) if you have questions or would like more recommendations.

FICTION

***Purple Hibiscus*, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**

Set in modern Nigeria, this novel follows a fifteen-year old girl who goes to live with her aunt during a military coup.

***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, Sherman Alexie**

A 14-year-old Spokane Indian boy begins school at a wealthy white suburb.

***Sunrise Over Fallujah*, Walter Dean Myers**

A young man's experience in the Iraq war.

***American Born Chinese*, Gene Luen Yang**

This graphic novel looks at growing up Chinese-American.

***The Luxe*, Anna Godbersen**

A *Gossip Girls*-type novel set in Victorian New York City. First in a series.

***Speak*, Laurie Halse Anderson**

Melinda, a high school freshman, deals with the fall-out of a turbulent summer.

***Does My Head Look Big In This?*, Randa Abdel-Fattah**

A Muslim-Palestinian teen juggles life practicing Islam as an immigrant in Australia.

***Tears of a Tiger*, Sharon Draper**

A high school basketball star grieves his best friend. The first book in a three-book series.

***The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child*, Francisco Jiménez**

These short stories detail a migrant family's daily life and the struggles they endure. – *Novelist*

***Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, Mark Haddon**

An autistic 15-year-old boy investigates the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother. – *Novelist*

TRUE STORIES

***In Code: A Mathematical Journey*, Sarah Flannery**

The story of a 16-year-old girl who discovered the Cayley-Purser algorithm.

***Farewell to Manzanar: A True Story of Japanese American Experience During and After the WWII Internment*, Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston**

A moving account of life in the Manzanar internment camp.

***The Hot Zone: A Terrifying True Story*, Richard Preston**

The story of an Ebola virus outbreak in a suburban D.C. laboratory.

***When Elephants Weep: The Emotional Lives of Animals*, Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson**

A look at the inner lives of animals.

***Chew On This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food*, Eric Schlosser**

An eye-opening and critical examination of the fast food industry.

OTHER WORLDS

***Shiver*, Maggie Stiefvater**

A mysterious and compelling love story between a teen girl and werewolf.

***Ender's Game*, Orson Scott Card**

Ender Wiggin must save the world from alien "buggers".

***Nation*, Terry Pratchett**

A boy and girl meet on a desert island and attempt to recreate civilization.

POETRY & VERSE

***19 Varieties of a Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East*, Naomi Shihab Nye**

Poems written after 9/11 from the perspective of an Arab-American living in the United States.

***Crank*, Ellen Hopkins**

A novel written in verse about a teen girl's struggles with drug addiction.