

# Kent Center School

## Summer Reading Suggestions 2009

### Students entering **Eighth** Grade



#### Nutmeg Nominees

- Bryant, Jen
  - Cooney, Caroline B.
  - Coy, John
  - Kostick, Conor
  - Landy, Derek
  - Mass, Wendy
  - Pfeffer, Susan Beth
  - Salisbury, Graham
  - Sonnenblick, Jordan
  - Soto, Gary
- Pieces of Georgia  
Code Orange  
Crackback  
Epic  
Skulduggery Pleasant  
Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life  
Life As We Knew It  
Eyes of the Emperor  
Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie  
Accidental Love

#### Fiction

- Abrahams, Peter
  - Adams, Richard
  - Almond, David
  - Avi
  - Burnford, Sheila
  - Cabot, Meg
  - Clements, Andrew
  - Collier, James Lincoln
  - Crew, Linda
  - Deaver, Julie Reece
  - Dessen, Sarah
  - Farmer, Nancy
  - Fast, Howard
  - Fleischman, Paul
  - Forbes, Esther
  - Fox, Paula
  - Golding, William
  - Greene, Bette
  - Hinton, S. E.
  - Hoffman, Alice
  - Holt, Simon
  - Hunt, Irene
  - Kesselring, Joseph
  - Lasky, Kathryn
  - Lewis, Richard
  - Lipsyte, Robert
  - London, Jack
  - Lowry, Lois
  - Martin, Ann M.
- Behind the Curtain: an Echo Falls Mystery  
Watership Down  
Clay  
Nothing But the Truth: A Documentary Novel  
The Incredible Journey  
All American Girl  
Things Hoped For  
My Brother Sam Is Dead  
Children of the River  
The Night I Disappeared  
The Truth About Forever  
The House of the Scorpion  
April Morning  
Whirligig  
Johnny Tremain  
Slave Dancer  
Lord of the Flies  
Summer of My German Soldier  
Tex  
Green Angel  
The Devouring [A KCS student told Miss Morrow she thought this is better than Twilight!]  
Across Five Aprils  
Arsenic and Old Lace  
A Time for Courage  
The Demon Queen  
One Fat Summer  
Call of the Wild  
Gossamer  
A Corner of the Universe

- Meehl, Brian Suck It Up
- Meyer, Stephenie Twilight Saga
- Moriarty, Jaclyn Feeling Sorry for Celia
- Mowat, Farley Lost in the Barrens
- Murdock, Catherine Gilbert Dairy Queen
- North, Sterling Rascal
- Nix, Garth The Keys to the Kingdom
- Paolini, Christopher Inheritance series
- Paulsen, Gary The Boy Who Owned the School
- Pike, Aprilynne Wings
- [Stephenie Meyer, author of the Twilight Saga, also recommends this book!]
- Raskin, Ellen The Westing Game
- Rawls, Wilson Where the Red Fern Grows
- Riordan, Rick Percy Jackson and the Olympians  
[1. Lightning Thief, 2. Sea of Monsters, 3. The Titan's Curse, 4. The Battle of the Labyrinth, 5. The Last Olympian]
- Rowling, J. K. Harry Potter series
- Sleator, William The Last Universe
- Speare, Elizabeth George The Witch of Blackbird Pond
- Steinbeck, John The Pearl
- Taylor, Mildred Let the Circle Be Unbroken
- Tolkien, J. R. R. The Hobbit
- Twain, Mark Tom Sawyer
- Wiesel, Elie Night
- Zusak, Markus The Book Thief

### **French Connections**

French cartoon series available in English and sometime in the original French.

- Hergé Tintin
- Giscinny Asterix and Obelix

Available in translation:

- Alexandre Dumas → The Count of Monte Cristo, The Man in the Iron Mask, The Three Musketeers, etc...
- Victor Hugo → Les Misérables, The Hunchback of Notre Dame
- Jules Verne → Around the World in 80 Days, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, etc...

The following books are for animal lovers.

- Beard, Henry French for Cats
- Beard, Henry More French for Cats

### **Non-Fiction**

- Bausum, Ann Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement
- Fleischman, Sid Escape!: the Story of the Great Houdini
- Freedman, Russell Freedom Walkers: the Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott
- Giblin, James Good Brother, Bad Brother: the Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth

### **Short Stories**

- Washington Irving
- O. Henry
- Edgar Allan Poe

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