

# Summer Reading 2017

## Grade 7

### Fiction

#### *Ask My Mood Ring How I Feel* by Diana Lopez

When thirteen-year-old Erica "Chia" Montenegro finds out her mother has breast cancer, she makes a promise to God to raise money for breast cancer awareness and discovers that when family and friends work together, miracles can happen.

#### *Bill Pennant, Babe Ruth, and Me* by Timothy Tocher

In 1920, sixteen-year-old Hank finds his loyalties divided when he is assigned to care for the Giants' mascot, a wildcat named Bill Pennant, as well as keep an eye on Babe Ruth in Ruth's first season with the New York Yankees.

#### *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer

Cinder, a gifted mechanic and a cyborg with a mysterious past, is blamed by her stepmother for her stepsister's illness while a deadly plague decimates the population of New Beijing, but when Cinder's life gets intertwined with Prince Kai's, she finds herself at the center of an intergalactic struggle.

#### *Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

#### *Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick

When his younger brother is diagnosed with leukemia, thirteen-year-old Steven tries to deal with his complicated emotions, his school life, and his desire to support his family.

#### *Fever, 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson

Sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.

#### *Hope Was Here* by Joan Bauer

When sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor.

#### *The Hypnotists* by Gordon Korman

Twelve-year-old Jackson Opus is descended from two powerful hypnotist bloodlines, but he has just begun to

realize that he can control other peoples' actions with sometimes frightening results--especially when the head of the Sentia Institute plans to use Jackson for his own benefit.

### *My Life in Pink and Green* by Lisa Greenwald

When the family's drugstore is failing, seventh-grader Lucy uses her problem-solving talents to come up with a solution that might resuscitate the business and help the environment.

### *Revolution* by Deborah Wiles

It's 1964 in Greenwood, Mississippi, and Sunny's town is being invaded by people from up north who are coming to help people register to vote. Her personal life isn't much better, as a new stepmother, brother, and sister are crowding into her life, giving her little room to breathe.

### *The Sea of Monsters* by Rick Riordan

Seventh-grader Percy Jackson has recently discovered that he is the son of Poseidon, making him half human and half god, and along with his a demigod and a satyr friend, must save his beloved Camp Half-Blood from evil forces determined to destroy it.

### *Slated* by Teri Terry

In a future England, sixteen-year-old Kyla is one of the "slated," those whose memories have been erased usually because they have committed serious crimes, but as she observes more and more strange events, she also gains more memories which put her and her boyfriend, Ben in danger.

### *The Off Season* by Catherine Gilbert Murdock

High school junior D.J. staggers under the weight of caring for her badly injured brother, her responsibilities on the dairy farm, a changing relationship with her friend Brian, and her own athletic aspirations.

### *The Prince of Mist* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón

Max and Alicia Carver enlist the help of their friend Roland to explore the circumstances surrounding the mysterious haunting of a spirit named Jacob, the previous owner's son who drowned; but their search uncovers a sinister character who returns from beyond in order to collect a debt from the past.

### *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld

Tally is faced with a difficult choice when her new friend Shay decides to risk life on the outside rather than submit to the forced operation that turns sixteen year old girls into gorgeous beauties, and realizes that there is a whole new side to the pretty world that she doesn't like.

### *Unstoppable* by Tim Green

Foster child Harrison, who dreams of playing in the NFL, is happy when he is put into a home with loving parents and a foster father who is a football coach, but, after becoming the star running back and suffering an injury, a cancer diagnosis threatens to ruin his future.

### *Vertical* by Janet Eoff Berend

When ninth-grader and skateboarder Josh Lowman witnesses the local bully, who happens to be the best skateboarder in town, committing a crime, he is torn about what he should do, but his friendships with a fellow skateboarder, a girl in his class, and a cool tutor help him develop the courage he needs to deal with the

situation.

## **Non-Fiction**

### ***Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics*, by Daniel James Brown**

Out of the depths of the Great Depression comes the astonishing tale of nine working-class boys from the American West who at the 1936 Olympics showed the world what true grit really meant. With rowers who were the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew was never expected to defeat the elite East Coast teams, yet they did, going on to shock the world by challenging the German boat rowing for Adolf Hitler.

### ***A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park**

When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based on the life of Salva Dut, who, after emigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan.

### ***Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion* by Loree Griffin Burns**

Describes the work of a man who tracks trash as it travels great distances by way of ocean currents.