

# C.C. Mellor Memorial Library

## Recommended Reading List

### Grade 7 and Grade 8

- Bauer, Joan. *Stand Tall*. Putnam, 2002. Tree, a six-foot-three-inch twelve-year-old, copes with his parents' recent divorce and his failure as an athlete by helping his grandfather, a Vietnam vet and recent amputee, and Sophie, a new girl at school.
- Bell, Hilari. *A Matter of Profit*. HarperCollins, 2001. Sick of the horrors of conquering beings on other planets, Ahvrem will end his service as a soldier and save his sister from an unhappy marriage if he can discover who is behind a rumored plot to assassinate the Emperor.
- Bloor, Edward. *Tangerine*. Harcourt, 1997. Twelve-year-old Paul's family revolves around his football-hero brother, failing to notice as Paul fights for the right to play soccer when disqualified by his bad eyesight.
- Cabot, Meg. *All-American Girl*. HarperCollins, 2002. Sophomore Samantha Madison stops a presidential assassination attempt, is appointed teen ambassador to the United Nations, and catches the eye of the very cute First Son.
- Cameron, Ann. *Colibrí*. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2003. Kidnapped when she was very young by an unscrupulous man who has forced her to lie and beg to get money, a twelve-year-old Mayan girl endures an abusive life, always wishing she could return to the parents she can hardly remember.
- Card, Orson Scott. *Ender's Game*. Tor, 1984. Andrew "Ender" Wiggins, who spends his childhood at military school in outer space, believes he is playing computer-simulated war games; in fact, he is commanding the last great fleet of Earth. First in a science fiction series. Hugo Award; Nebula Award
- Clement-Davies, David. *Fire Bringer*. Dutton, 2000. In ancient Scotland, a tyrannical new lord of the herd plans complete dominion over the animal world, but deer lore promises a hero who has a unique bond with all creatures, including man, and who will ignite an epic battle and free the herd forever.
- Colfer, Eoin. *Supernaturalist*. Hyperion, 2004. In the futuristic Satellite City, Cosmo Hill escapes from an orphanage, teams up with three other teens and tries to determine what the swarming blue creatures are that no one else seems to be able to see.
- Farmer, Nancy. *House of the Scorpion*. Atheneum, 2002. In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.
- Fleischman, Paul. *Whirligig*. Holt, 1998. Brian travels to the four corners of the US to build a whirligig in memory of a girl he killed while he was driving drunk.
- Franklin, Kristine L. *The Grape Thief*. Candlewick, 2003. Fourteen-year-old Cuss, so nicknamed for his ability to swear in fourteen different languages, is faced with having to leave school in the seventh grade in order to help support his family in a 1920s Washington State mining town.
- Hesse, Karen. *Witness*. Scholastic, 2001. A series of poems express the views of various people, including a young black girl and a young Jewish girl, during the early 1920s when the Ku Klux Klan is attempting to infiltrate their small Vermont town.

- Jacques, Brian. *Triss*. Philomel, 2002. Triss, Shogg, and Welfo escape from slavery at Riftgard and are pursued across the sea toward Redwall by Princess Kurdah, Prince Bladd, and a band of freebooters who seek the rumored treasure of Brockhall. *Redwall Series*
- Konigsburg, E. L. *Silent to the Bone*. Atheneum, 2000. When he is wrongly accused of gravely injuring his baby half-sister, thirteen-year-old Branwell loses his power of speech and only his friend Connor is able to reach him and uncover the truth about what really happened.
- LeGuin, Ursula. *The Wizard of Earthsea*. First published 1968. After pride causes him to unleash a demon, Zed is compelled to chase or escape from the ever-pursuing shadow. *Earthsea Trilogy*
- London, Jack. *The Call of the Wild*. First published 1931. Set during the Gold Rush, this is the story of Buck, a dog stolen from his home and transported to Alaska where he must survive in a pack of wolves.
- Martin, Ann M. *A Corner of the Universe*. Scholastic, 2002. The summer Hattie turns twelve, she meets Adam, a childlike uncle she never knew existed, and who lifts the corners of her universe. Newbery Honor
- Naidoo, Beverley. *The Other Side of Truth*. HarperCollins, 2001. Smuggled out of Nigeria after their mother's murder, Sade and her younger brother are abandoned in London when their uncle fails to meet them at the airport, and they are fearful of their new surroundings and of what may have happened to their journalist father.
- Nix, Garth. *Abhorsen*. HarperCollins, 2003. Abhorsen-in-Waiting Lirael and Prince Sameth, a Wallmaker, must confront and bind the evil spirit Oranis before it can destroy all life. Sequel to: *Sabriel* and *Lirael*
- Paolini, Christopher. *Eragon*. Random House, 2003. In Aegaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.
- Pierce, Tamora. *Trickster's Choice*. Random House, 2003. Alianne, kidnapped and put into slavery, calls forth her mother's courage and her father's spying skills in order to survive on the Copper Isles in a royal court rife with political intrigue and murderous conspiracy. Sequel: *Trickster's Queen*
- Spinelli, Jerry. *Stargirl*. Knopf, 2000. Stargirl, a teen who animates quiet Mica High with her colorful personality, suddenly finds herself shunned for her refusal to conform.
- Stoker, Bram. *Dracula*. First published 1897. A courageous band of men and women vow to destroy the sinister and brilliant vampire Count Dracula.
- Trueman, Terry. *Stuck in Neutral*. HarperCollins, 2000. Fourteen-year-old Shawn McDaniel, who suffers from severe cerebral palsy and cannot function, relates his perceptions of his life, his family, and his condition, especially as he believes his father is planning to kill him.
- Verne, Jules. *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*. First published 1869. This is a nineteenth-century science fiction tale of an electric submarine, its eccentric captain, and undersea world, which anticipated many of the scientific achievements of the twentieth century.
- Wolff, Virginia Euwer. *Make Lemonade*. Holt, 1993. In order to earn money for college, fourteen-year-old LaVaughn baby-sits for a teenage mother. Sequel: *True Believer*.

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Hush*. Penguin, 2002. Twelve-year-old Toswiah finds her life changed when her family enters the witness protection program.

Yolen, Jane. *Girl in a Cage*. Philomel, 2002. Marjorie Bruce, daughter of Robert the Bruce of Scotland, has been captured in 1306 by Edward I (Longshanks) of England and placed in a cage on public display for months.

Books can be found in the Junior, Young Adult, and Adult sections of the library. Ask the staff for help locating the title you would like to read.