



Rising 7th Grade Summer Reading

3 books: 1 required and 2 free choice

Required: Choose between:

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel DeFoe

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

Since most children of this age can read the majority of grade-level books for themselves, the following list will include a majority of independent reads, though there are a few that can be chosen as family read alouds, as [research](#) has proven that reading aloud into adulthood has a beneficial effect. Keep in mind that a Listening Vocabulary is almost always much higher than a Reading Vocabulary. Thus, you can read aloud a book that is above current school reading level, and most children will be able to understand it. After reading a short passage (and reading the illustrations as well), we suggest that you informally ask your child to tell back what he or she has heard, in order to improve comprehension, sequencing, synthesis, concentration, and enjoyment. Picture narrations are also a fun way to enliven the story while increasing comprehension.

The following is not an exhaustive list, but rather some of our particular favorites! There are obviously many more good books that are available. If you seek advice from a librarian, note that the terminology most librarians will best understand is “classic literature,” which for our purposes we call [“living” books](#). Remember that, with regard to all book suggestions, it is always your responsibility as the parent to assess a book’s suitability for you and your family.

We have included books which employ fantastical themes, due to the fact that we encourage children to enjoy the proper use of the imagination. This is an important aspect of development, and one in which parents are urged to give their child guidance. That is, your child will be looking to you to help define the lines of fantasy versus reality and the proper guidelines therein.

If a title is not in your local library, you may want to check used bookstores, both [physical](#) and [virtual](#). A great summer activity is to visit some of the physical bookstores in your area and see what they have to offer. A must-see is The Story Shop in Monroe, Georgia! Do not neglect the [power](#) of [audiobooks](#), as they are great opportunities for everyone to listen and bond as a family. They can also help with books set in a different locale, as the narrators are often from that particular culture. Enjoy!

On the sheet enclosed, please keep track of the books your child reads or those that you have read to him or her this summer. You will give this record to your child’s teacher at the beginning of school. If you like to purchase books, consider [thriftbooks.com](#)!

Other Reading Lists:

goodandbeautiful.com/summer-reading/

(You can sign up for an account (no cost to you at all) and access their Summer Reading 2024 -or-

goodandbeautifulbooklist.com/my-book-list/

Click on "My Book List" after choosing your parameters (age, interest, etc.). After your list populates, select the pink button (Download and Print List)

<https://readaloudrevival.com/booklist/boys-8-12/>

<https://readaloudrevival.com/booklist/girls-8-12/>

Don't forget audiobooks!

<https://readaloudrevival.com/booklist/audiobooks-8-12/> (See links for additional audiobooks above )

<https://heritagemom.com/heritage-mom-book-recommendations/>

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Summer Reading List for Rising 7th Grade Students

Alcott, Louisa May

Andreola, Karen

Avi

Babbitt, Natalie

Burnett, Frances Hodgson

Carroll, Lewis

Carter, Forest

Crane, Stephen

DeFoe, Daniel

Dickens, Charles

Farley, Carin

Forbes, Esther

George, Jean Craighead

Jo's Boys, Eight Cousins, Jack and Jill, Little Men

Beautiful Girlhood

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle

Tuck Everlasting

The Secret Garden

Alice's Adventure in Wonderland

The Education of Little Tree

Red Badge of Courage

Robinson Crusoe

The Cricket on the Hearth, A Christmas Carol, A Tale of Two Cities

Duel in the Wilderness (about George Washington and the French/Indian War)

Johnny Tremain

Julie of the Wolves

Gipson, Fred
Grahame, Kenneth
Henry, Marguerite
Kamkwamba, William

Karwoski, Gail

Krensky, Stephen
LasCasas, Bartholomew
Lunn, Janet
MacDonald, George
Magnuson, Sally
Marshall, Catherine
McGill, Alice
McPherson, Joyce
Neville, Emily
O'Dell, Scott

O'Hara, Mary
Park, Linda Sue
Pyle, Howard
Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan
Sewall, Anna
Stevenson, Robert Louis
Tolkien, J.R.R.
Travers, P.L.
Ullman, James Ramsey
Verne, Jules

Farley, Walter

Old Yeller
Wind in the Willows
King of the Wind
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (true story set in Africa)

Seaman: The Dog Who Explored the West with Lewis and Clark

Conqueror and Hero: The Search for Alexander, A Biography
The Log of Christopher Columbus' First Voyage to America
The Root Cellar

At the Back of the North Wind

The Flying Scotsman: A Biography about Eric Liddell Christy

Molly Bannaky

A Piece of the Mountain: The Biography of Blaise Pascal
It's like That

Island of the Blue Dolphin, The Hawk That Dare Not Hunt by Day

My Friend, Flicka

A Long Walk to Water

The Story of the Champions of the Round Table

The Yearling

Black Beauty

Kidnapped

The Lord of the Rings

Mary Poppins

Banner in the Sky

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea, Around the World in 80 Days

The Black Stallion