

8

EIGHTH GRADE RECOMMENDED READING LIST 2018-2019 | OPPL.ORG/KIDS

FICTION

Alexander, Kwame. **Booked.** Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

Al-Mansour, Haifaa. **The Green Bicycle.** Since girls do not ride bikes in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Wadjda has to scheme to get her own.

Anderson, Laurie Halse. **Ashes.** As the Revolutionary War rages on, Isabel and Curzon are reported as runaways, and the awful Bellingham is determined to track them down. With purpose and faith, Isabel and Curzon march on, fiercely determined to find Isabel's little sister Ruth, who is enslaved in a southern state.

Bowman, Erin. **Frozen.** Gray Weathersby and a small team of rebels set off on an icy journey in search of allies to help them take down the cruel Franconian Order—but they quickly learn that no ally or enemy is truly what they seem.

Cartaya, Pablo. **The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora.** Arturo's Miami summer is marked by the arrival of poetry enthusiast Carmen, who helps him use the power of protest to fight the plans of a land developer who wants to demolish his abuela's restaurant.

Elliott, Laura. **Suspect Red.** In 1950s Washington, D.C., teenager Richard, a bookworm whose father works for the FBI, experiences effects of McCarthyism, beginning with book banning and ending with a threat to his half-Czech friend.

Gansworth, Eric L. **If I Ever Get Out of Here.** Lewis "Shoe" Blake from the Tuscarora Reservation has a new friend, George Haddonfield from the local Air Force base, but in 1975 upstate New York there is a lot of tension and hatred between Native Americans and whites—and Lewis is not sure that he can rely on their friendship.

Jensen, Michael R. **Woven.** A princess and a ghost set out on a journey to find a magic needle that can sew the ghost back to his life.

Lackey, Mercedes. **Hunter.** A teenage girl leaves home to join the legendary Hunters, who protect the people from the terrifying monsters that have overrun their world.

Magoon, Kekla. **Fire in the Streets.** In the aftermath of Dr. King's assassination in 1968, Chicago 14-year-old Maxie longs to join the Black Panthers, whether or not her brother Raheem, ex-boyfriend Sam, or her friends like it, and is soon caught up in the violence of anti-war and civil rights demonstrations.

Manzano, Sonia. **The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano.** It is 1969 in Spanish Harlem, and 14-year-old Evelyn Serrano is trying hard to break free from her conservative Puerto Rican surroundings, but when her activist grandmother comes to stay and the neighborhood protests start, things get a lot more complicated—and dangerous.

Martinez, Victor. **Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida.** Fourteen-year-old Manny Hernandez wants to be more than just a penny. He wants to be a vato firme, the kind of guy people respect. But that's not easy when your father is abusive, your

brother can't hold a job, and your mother scrubs the house as if she can wash her troubles away.

Medina, Meg. **Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass.** Informed that a bully she does not know is determined to beat her up, Latin American teen Piddy Sanchez struggles to learn more about the father she has never met, until the bully's gang forces her to confront more difficult challenges.

Schmidt, Gary. **Orbiting Jupiter.** Damaged in prison, Joseph wants nothing more than to find his baby daughter, Jupiter, whom he has never seen. When Joseph has begun to believe he'll have a future, he is confronted by demons from his past that force a tragic sacrifice.

Shabazz, Ilysa. **X: A Novel.** Follows the childhood of civil rights leader Malcom X to his imprisonment at age 20, where he found the faith that would lead him to his path toward activism and justice.

Sullivan, Tara. **The Bitter Side of Sweet.** Kept as forced labor on a chocolate plantation in the Ivory Coast, Amadou and his younger brother Seydou had given up hope, until a girl arrives at the camp and rekindles the urge to escape.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **After Tupac & D Foster.** In the New York City borough of Queens in 1996, three girls bond over their shared love of Tupac Shakur's music, as together they try to make sense of the unpredictable world in which they live.

Continued on back



Learn more: oppl.org/kids

OAK PARK
PUBLIC LIBRARY 

8

EIGHTH GRADE RECOMMENDED READING LIST 2018-2019 | OPPL.ORG/KIDS

NONFICTION

Doeden, Matt. *A Marked Man: The Assassination of Malcolm X* (Bio MAL).

Engle, Margarita. *Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir* (811 ENG).

Manzano, Sonia. *Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx* (BIO MAN).

Miller, Marilyn. *Words That Built a Nation: Voices of Democracy That Have Shaped America's History* (973 MIL).

Noyes, Deborah. *Ten Days a Madwoman: The Daring Life and Turbulent Times of the Original Girl Reporter Nellie Bly* (B BLY).

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. *Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip Through the Motown Sound* (781.644 PIN).

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Broskol, Vera. *Anya's Ghost*. Anya has given up on fitting in, but falling down a well and befriending a ghost just may be worse.

Carroll, Emily. *Through the Woods*. A collection of five spine-tingling short stories with dark, atmospheric art to match!

Lee, Jen. *Garbage Night*. An unlikely gang—a dog named Simon and his two best friends: a raccoon and a deer—spend their days looting the supermarket and waiting for the hallowed garbage night, but day after day, the bins remain empty and the humans missing.

Roman, Dave. *Teen Boat!* (series). Teen Boat has always felt different from the other kids at Dockside High, which makes sense, since he can transform into a small yacht!

Samanci, Özge. *Dare to Disappoint*. As a child in Turkey in the 1980s and '90s, the author watched as

her country struggled between its traditional religious heritage and the new world of brand-name products and TV stars. In her own family, she struggled to figure out the place where she belonged too.

Tamaki, Mariko. *This One Summer*. Since she was a little girl, Rose and her parents have been going to Awago Beach. But this summer is different, full of secrets and heartache, and it's a good thing Rose and her friend Windy have each other.

Wilson, Seán Michael. *The 47 Ronin*. The story of 47 warriors who stage an elaborate plan to avenge their fallen master is legendary in Japan, exemplifying the ideals of samurai loyalty and perseverance.

Yang, Gene Luen. *The Shadow Hero*. Teenager Hank just wants a quiet life working in his parents' Chinatown grocery store, but the criminal underground disrupts it all and he dons a mask as the Green Turtle.