

# Summer Reading Non-Fiction Book List

## Grades 7/8

*The following book recommendations are based upon published reviews. Please use parental discretion as to what material is appropriate for your child. For additional information about these titles, please consult <https://www.commonensemedia.org>.*

### Non-Fiction Science

Beastly Brains: Exploring How Animals Think, Talk, and Feel Nancy Castaldo (2017)

Bioluminescence: Nature and Science at Work Marc Zimmer (2015)

Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert  
Marc Aronson (2011)

Eyes Wide Open: Going Behind the Environmental Headlines Paul Fleischman (2014)

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science John Fleischman  
(2002)

The Human Microbiome: The Germs That Keep You Healthy Rebecca E. Hirsch (2016)

Frozen in Time: Clarence Birdseye's Outrageous Idea About Frozen Food Mark  
Kurlansky (2014)

Artificial Intelligence: Building Smarter Machines Stephanie Sammartino McPherson  
(2017)

Recentering the Universe: The Radical Theories of Copernicus, Kepler, Galileo, and  
Newton Ron Miller (2013)

## **Biography/Autobiography**

I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives Martin Ganada, Caitlin Alifrenka, Liz Welch (2015)

Night Elie Wiesel (1956)

I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World Malala Yousafzai, Patricia McCormick (2014)

Shoe Dog: Young Readers Edition Phil Knight (2017)

Alexander Hamilton, Revolutionary Martha Brockenbrough (2017)

## **Non-Fiction Inspirational**

Live to Give Austin Gutwein (2012)

Visual Theology: Seeing and Understanding the Truth About God Tim Challies and Josh Byers (2016)

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens Sean Covey (2002)

A Young Woman After God's Own Heart®: A Teen's Guide to Friends, Faith, Family, and the Future Elizabeth George (2015)

A Young Man After God's Own Heart: A Teen's Guide to a Life of Extreme Adventure Jim George (2015)

The Power of a Praying® Teen Stormie Omartian (2015)

Who Moved My Cheese? for Teens Spencer John (2002)

Don't Check Your Brains at the Door Josh McDowell, Bob Hostetler (2011)

## **Non-Fiction History**

Bomb: The Race to Build -- and Steal -- the World's Most Dangerous Weapon Steve Sheinkin (2016)

Boots on the Ground: America's War in Vietnam Elizabeth Partridge (2018)

Crash: The Great Depression and the Fall and Rise of America Marc Favreau (2018)

The Great American Dust Bowl Don Brown (2013)

The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights Steve Sheinkin (2014)

In The Shadow of Liberty: The Hidden History of Slavery, Four Presidents, and Five Black Lives Kenneth C. Davis (2016)

We Are Not Yet Equal: Understanding Our Racial Divide Carol Anderson, Tonya Bolden (2018)

The Great Fire Jim Murphy (1995)