



# Encountering Themes and Dreams



*Reads for High School Students*

## METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUMMER READS FOR GRADES 9-12

Reading is meant to bring pleasure, to develop one's mind, to extend one's knowledge and understanding, and to develop one's appreciation of a global culture. These award winning titles were selected to offer opportunities for students to continue their reading throughout the summer.

This booklet was designed to provide a menu of books for high school students. Books on many reading and interest levels, as well as, books that reflect our multi-cultural society, have been included. Books that are required reading at the high school level were excluded from this list.

It is recommended that parents take an active interest in the selection of the books their child wants to read. Parents should encourage their child to read in depth not only authors or themes which are intriguing to them but to read a variety of texts from different social and cultural perspectives. Being involved in the book selection offers the parent an opportunity to assist his/her child in making appropriate selections and to share in the child's reading accomplishments.

***“Read for escape, read for adventure,  
read for romance, but read the great writers.  
You will find to your delight that they are easier and  
more joy to read than the second-rate ones. They touch  
your imagination and your deepest yearnings, and when your  
imagination is stirred it can lead you down paths you  
never dreamed you would travel. If you read  
great language you will develop, without  
your realizing it, an appreciation of  
excellence that can shape  
your life.”***

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>GENRE</b>
100 Years of Solitude	Marquez, Gabriel	Fiction
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court	Twain, Mark	Fiction
A Hero Ain't Nothin but a Sandwich	Childress, Alice	Fiction
A Man for All Seasons	Bolt, Robert	Drama
A Prayer for Owen Meany	Irving, John	Fiction
A Streetcar Named Desire	Williams, Tennessee	Drama
Acing The College Application	Hernandez, Michele	Nonfiction
Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Twain, Mark	Fiction
After the First Death	Cormier, Robert	Fiction
Airframe	Crichton, Michael	Fiction
Alas, Babylon	Frank, Pat	Fiction
All Creatures Great and Small	Herriot, James	Biography
All Quiet on the Western Front	Remarque, Erich	Fiction
Almost a Woman	Santiago, Esmeralda	Fiction
Always Running: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in L.A.	Rodriguez, Luis	Biography
Always to Remember: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial	Ashabranner, Brent	NonFiction
Angela's Ashes: A Memoir.	McCourt, Frank	Biography
Angus, Thongs, and Full Frontal Snogging: Confessions of Georgia Nicolson	Rennison, Louise	Fiction
Anna Karenina	Tolstoy, Leo	Fiction
Art Attack: A Short Cultural History of the Avant-Garde	Aronson, Marc	NonFiction
Athletic Shorts: 6 Short Stories	Crutcher, Chris	Fiction
Autobiography	Franklin, Benjamin	Biography
Autobiography of Malcolm X	Malcolm X with Alex Haley	Autobiography
Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women	Faludi, Susan	NonFiction
Bastard Out of Carolina	Allison, Dorothy	Fiction
Bear	Faulkner, William	Fiction
Beauty	McKinley, Robin	Fiction
Beloved	Morrison, Toni	Fiction
Beyond the Myth: The Story of Joan of Arc	Brooks, Polly Schoyer	Biography
Black Boy: A Record of Childhood and Youth.	Wright, Richard	Biography
Black Like Me	Griffith, John	Nonfiction
Bless Me, Ultima	Anaya, Rudolfo	Fiction
Bless the Beasts and the Children	Swarthout, Glendon	Fiction
Blithe Spirit	Coward, Noel	Fiction
Blue Heron	Avi	Fiction
Blue Sword	McKinley, Robin	Fiction
Breath, Eyes, Memory	Danticat, Edwidge	Fiction
Briar Rose	Yolen, Jane	Fiction
Bright Shining Lie: John Paul Vann and America in Vietnam	Sheehan, Neil	NonFiction
Bull Run	Fleischman, Paul	Fiction
Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West	Brown, Dee	NonFiction
Catch-22	Heller, Joseph	Fiction
Catcher in the Rye	Salinger, J. D.	Fiction
Ceremony	Silko, Leslie	Fiction
Charms for the Easy Life	Gibbons, Kaye	Fiction
Chinese Handcuffs	Crutcher, Chris	Fiction
Chronicle of Jazz	Cooke, Mervyn	NonFiction
Civil Disobedience	Emerson, Ralph Waldo	Nonfiction
Clover	Sanders, Doris	Fiction
Cold Mountain	Frazier, Charles	Fiction
Cold Sassy Tree	Burns, Olive Ann	Fiction
Coming of Age in Mississippi	Moody, Ann	Biography
Corner: A Year in the Life of an Inner-City Neighborhood	Simon, David and Edward Burns	NonFiction

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Crazy Horse Electric Game	Crutcher, Chris	Fiction
Crime and Punishment	Dostoevsky, Fyodor	Fiction
Cry, the Beloved Country	Paton, Alan	Fiction
Cyrano de Bergerac	Rostand, Edmund	Drama
Dandelion Wine	Bradbury, Ray	Fiction
David Copperfield	Dickens, Charles	Fiction
Dear America: Letters Home from Vietnam	Edelman, Bernard, editor	Biography
Death Be Not Proud	Gunther, John	Biography
Death Comes for the Archbishop	Cather, Willa	Fiction
Death in the Family	Agee, James	Fiction
Disappearance	Guy, Rosa	Fiction
Downriver	Hobbs, Will	Fiction
Dr. Faustus	Marlowe, Christopher	Drama
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde	Stevenson, Robert Louis	Fiction
Dr. Zhivago	Pasternak, Boris	Fiction
Dracula	Stoker, Bram	Fiction
Dragonsinger	McCaffrey, Anne	Fiction
Driving Miss Daisy	Uhry, Alfred	Drama
Ear, the Eye, and the Arm	Farmer, Nancy	Fiction
Eight Men Out: The Black Sox and the 1919 World Series	Asinof, Eliot	NonFiction
Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery	Freedman, Russell	Biography
Eleanor Roosevelt: Vol. 1:1884-1933	Cook, Blanche Wiesen	Biography
Enemy of the People	Ibsen, Henrik	Drama
Esperanza's Box of Saints	Escandon, Maria	Fiction
Ethan Frome	Wharton, Edith	Fiction
Eva	Dickinson, Peter	Fiction
Everything That Rises Must Converge	O'Connor, Flannery	Fiction
Exodus	Uris, Leon	Fiction
Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965	Williams, Juan	NonFiction
Fade	Cormier, Robert	Fiction
Fallen Angels	Myers, Walter Dean	Fiction
Family	Cooper, J. California	Fiction
Fast Food Nation	Schlosser, Eric	NonFiction
Father Greg & the Homeboys: The Extraordinary Journey of Father Greg Boyle and His Work With the Latino Gangs of East L.A.	Fremon, Celeste	NonFiction
Forged by Fire	Draper, Sharon M.	Fiction
Forgotten Fire	Bagdasarian, Adam	Fiction
Freewill	Lynch, Chris	Fiction
Friday Night Lights: A Town, A Team, And A Dream	Bissinger, Buzz	Nonfiction
Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café	Flagg, Fannie	Fiction
Friends	Guy, Rosa	Fiction
Gap Creek	Morgan, Robert	Fiction
Girl Named Disaster	Farmer, Nancy	Fiction
Girl who loved Tom Gordon	King, Stephen	Fiction
Girl with a Pearl Earring	Chevalier, Tracy	Fiction
Go Ask Alice	Anonymous	Fiction
Go Tell It On The Mountain	Baldwin, James	Fiction
Great Expectations	Dickens, Charles	Fiction
Grendel	Gardner, John	Fiction
Growing Up	Baker, Russell	Biography
Handmaid's Tale	Atwood, Margaret	Fiction
Hard Love	Wittlinger, Ellen	Fiction
Harvey	Chase, Mary	Drama
Heart of the Matter	Green, Graham	Fiction
Hedda Gabler	Ibsen, Henrik	Fiction

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Henry IV, Part 1	Shakespeare, William	Drama
Hiroshima	Hersey, John	NonFiction
Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	Adams, Douglas	Fiction
Hole in My Life	Gantos, Jack	Fiction
Hoops	Myers, Walter Dean	Fiction
House of Stairs	Sleator, William	Fiction
House of the Scorpion	Farmer, Nancy	Fiction
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents	Alvarez, Julia	Fiction
I Am the Cheese	Cormier, Robert	Fiction
I Know This Much Is True	Lamb, Wally	Fiction
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	Angelou, Maya	Autobiography
I Never Promised You a Rose Garden	Greenberg, Joanne	Fiction
If You Come Softly	Woodson, Jacqueline	Fiction
Illiad (translated)	Fitzgerald, Robert	Fiction
Illusions : The Adventures of a Reluctant Messiah	Bach, Richard	Fiction
In Country	Mason, Bobbi Ann	Fiction
In Search of Color Everywhere: A Collection of African-American Poetry	Miller, E. Ethelbert, editor	Poetry
In These Girls, Hope Is a Muscle	Blais, Madeleine	NonFiction
Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster	Krakauer, John	NonFiction
Ironman	Crutcher, Chris	Fiction
It Happened to Nancy	Anonymous, Edited by Sparks	Nonfiction
Ivanhoe	Scott, Sir Walter	Fiction
Jane Eyre	Bronte, Charlotte	Fiction
Jubilee	Walker, Margaret	Fiction
Kaffir Boy: The True Story of a Black Youth's Coming of Age in Apartheid South Africa	Mathabane, Mark	Biography
Keeping the Night Watch	Smith, Hope Anita	Poetry
Killing Mr. Griffin	Duncan, Lois	Fiction
King Lear	Shakespeare, William	Drama
Kon Tiki	Heyerdahl, Thor	Nonfiction
Last Mission	Mazer, Harry	Fiction
Le Morte d'Arthur	Mallory, Thomas, Sir	Nonfiction
Les Miserables (abridged acceptable)	Hugo, Victor	Fiction
Life on the Mississippi	Twain, Mark	Nonfiction
Light in August	Faulkner, William	Fiction
Like Water for Chocolate	Esquivel, Laura	Fiction
Little Foxes	Hellman, Lillian	Drama
Long Day's Journey into Night	O'Neill, Eugene	Drama
Lovely Bones	Sebold, Alice	Fiction
Madam Curie: a Biography	Curie, Eve	Biography
Major Barbara	Shaw, George Bernard	Drama
Makes Me Wanna Holler: A Young Black Man in America	McCall, Nathan	Biography
Making Choices	Stoddard, Alexandra	Nonfiction
Maltese Falcon	Hammett, Dashiell	Fiction
Martian Chronicles	Bradbury, Ray	Fiction
Master Harold and the Boys	Fugard, Athol	Drama
Maus: A Survivor's Tale and Maus II: A Survivor's Tale: And Here My Troubles Began	Spiegelman, Art	NonFiction
Maximum Ride	Patterson, James	Science Fiction
Miser	Moliere	Drama
Mists of Avalon	Bradley, Marian Z.	Fiction
Moby Dick	Melville, Herman	Fiction
Monster	Myers, Walter Dean	Fiction

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Much Ado about Nothing	Shakespeare, William	Drama
Murder in the Cathedral	Eliot, T. S.	Fiction
Mutiny on the Bounty	Nordhoff, Charles	Fiction
My Antonia	Cather, Willa	Fiction
My Brother	Kincaid, Jamaica	Biography
My Heartbeat	Freymann-Weyr, Garret	Fiction
Nectar in a Sieve	Markandaya, Kamala	Fiction
Nervous Conditions	Dangarembga, Tsitsi	Fiction
Next of Kin: What Chimpanzees Have Taught Me About Who We Are	Fouts, Roger	NonFiction
Nicholas and Alexandra.	Massie, Robert K.	Biography
No Exit	Sartre, Jean Paul	Drama
No Matter How Loud I Shout: A Year in the Life of Juvenile Court	Humes, Edward	NonFiction
Of Human Bondage	Maugham, W. Somerset	Fiction
On the Beach	Shute, Nevil	Fiction
One Day in the Life of Ivan Illych	Solzhenitsyn, Alexander	Fiction
Ordinary People	Guest, Judith	Fiction
Othello	Shakespeare, William	Drama
Our Town	Wilder, Thornton	Drama
Parable of the Sower	Butler, Octavia	Fiction
Perfect Storm: A True Story of Men Against the Sea	Junger, Sebastian	NonFiction
Phantom of the Opera	Lerous, Gaston	Fiction
Picture Bride	Uchida, Yoshiko	Fiction
Pigman and Me	Zindel, Paul	Biography
Pilgrim at Tinker Creek	Dillard, Annie	Nonfiction
Place My Words Are Looking For: What Poets Say About and Through Their Work	Janecko, Paul B	NonFiction
Poisonwood Bible	Kingsolver, Barbara	Fiction
Postcards from No Man's Land	Chambers, Aidan	Fiction
Pride and Prejudice	Austen, Jane	Fiction
Prime of Miss Jean Brodie	Sparks, Muriel	Fiction
Pygmalion	Shaw, George Bernard	Drama
Rape of Nanking: The Forgotten Holocaust of World War II	Chang, Iris	NonFiction
Razor's Edge	Maugham, W. Somerset	Fiction
Rebecca	Du Maurier, Daphne	Fiction
Rebels Against Slavery: American Slave Revolts	McKissack, Patricia C. & McKissack, Fredrick L.	NonFiction
Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution	Jiang, Ji-li	Biography
Reflections on a Gift of Watermelon Pickle...and Other Modern Verse	Dunning, Stephen, et. al. compilers	Poetry
Rent	Larson, Jonathan	Drama
Rocket Boys	Hickam, Jr., Homer	Fiction
Romiette and Julio	Draper, Sharon M.	Fiction
Roots	Haley, Alex	NonFiction
Ropemaker	Dickinson, Peter	Fiction
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead	Stoppard, Tom	Fiction
Runner	Voigt, Cynthia	Fiction
Running Loose	Crutcher, Chris	Fiction
Sackett	L'Amour, Louis	Fiction
Schindler's List	Keneally, Thomas	Fiction
Seedfolks	Fleishman, Paul	Fiction
Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind	Staples, Suzanne Fisher	Fiction
Shane	Schaefer, Jack	Fiction
She's Come Undone	Lamb, Wally	Fiction

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Shizuko's Daughter	Mori, Kyoko	Fiction
Silas Marner	Eliot, George	Fiction
Silent Spring	Carson, Rachel	NonFiction
Singing America	Neil, Philip, editor	Poetry
Skellig	Almond, David	Fiction
Slaughterhouse 5	Vonnegut, Kurt	Fiction
Small Victories: The Real World of a Teacher, Her Students, and Their High School	Freedman, Samuel G	NonFiction
Soldier's Heart	Paulsen, Gary	Fiction
Solitary Blue	Voigt, Cynthia	Fiction
Something for Joey	Peck, Richard	Fiction
Somewhere in the Darkness	Myers, Walter Dean	Fiction
Souls of Black Folk: Essays and Sketches	DuBois, W.E.B.	NonFiction
Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes	Crutcher, Chris	Fiction
Step from Heaven	Na, An	Fiction
Stonewall Jackson: The Man, the Soldier, the Legend	Robertson, James I.	Biography
Street Lawyer	Grisham, John	Fiction
Stuck in Neutral	Trueman, Terry	Fiction
Tess of the d'Ubervilles	Hardy, Thomas	Fiction
Thanks To My Mother	Rabinovici, Schoschana	Nonfiction
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian	Alexie, Sherman	Realistic
Fiction		
The Acorn People	Jones, Ron	Nonfiction
The Age of Innocence	Wharton, Edith	Fiction
The Awakening	Chopin, Kate	Fiction
The Bean Trees	Kingsolver, Barbara	Fiction
The Bell Jar	Plath, Sylvia	Fiction
The Big Game of Everything	Lynch, Chris	Fiction
The Chocolate War	Cormier, Robert	Fiction
The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother	McBride, James	Nonfiction
The Color Purple	Walker, Alice	Fiction
The Comeback Season	Smith, Jennifer	Fiction
The Corps of The Bare-Boned Plane	Hovath, Polly	Fiction
The Count of Monte Cristo	Dumas, Alexander	Fiction
The Crystal Cave	Stewart, Mary	Fiction
The Good Earth	Buck, Pearl	Fiction
The Grapes of Wrath	Steinbeck, John	Fiction
The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter	McCullers, Carson	Fiction
The Hiding Place	Ten Boom, Carrie	Biography
The Hunchback of Notre Dame (abridged acceptable)	Hugo, Victor	Fiction
The Invisible Man	Ellison, Ralph	Fiction
The Killer Angels	Shaara, Michael	Fiction
The Lord of the Rings Trilogy	Tolkien, J. R. R.	Fiction
The Mayor of Casterbridge	Hardy, Thomas	Fiction
The Member of the Wedding	McCullers, Carson	Fiction
The Metamorphosis	Kafka, Franz	Fiction
The Mousetrap	Christie, Agatha	Drama
The Natural	Malamud, Bernard	Fiction
The Old Man and the Sea	Hemingway, Ernest	Fiction
The Once and Future King	White, T.H.	Fiction
The Piano Lesson	Wilson, August	Drama
The Picture of Dorian Gray	Wilde, Oscar	Fiction
The Portrait of the Artist as Young Man	Joyce, James	Fiction
The Quiet American	Greene, Graham	Fiction

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The Red Badge of Courage	Crane, Stephen	Fiction
The Red Pony	Steinbeck, John	Fiction
The Return of the Native	Hardy, Thomas	Fiction
The Scarlet Letter	Hawthorne, Nathaniel	Fiction
The Search for King Arthur	Day, David	NonFiction
The Sound and the Fury	Faulkner, William	Fiction
The Story of King Arthur and His Knights	Pyle, Howard	NonFiction
The Story of My Life	Keller, Helen	Biography
The Sun Also Rises	Hemingway, Ernest	Fiction
The Taming of the Shrew	Shakespeare, William	Drama
The Teen's Guide to Global Action: How to Connect With Others (Near and Far) To Create Social Change	Lewis, Barbara	Nonfiction
The Tempest	Shakespeare, William	Drama
The Three Musketeers	Dumas, Alexander	Fiction
The Time Machine	Wells, H.G.	Fiction
This Boy's Life: A Memoir	Wolff, Tobias	Biography
Thread That Runs So True	Stuart, Jesse	Biography
Three Tall Women	Albee, Edward	Drama
Timeline	Crichton, Michael	Fiction
Tom Jones	Fielding, Henry	Fiction
Treasure Island	Stevenson, Robert Louis	Fiction
Troilus and Criseyde	Chaucer, Geoffrey	Poetry
True Believer	Wolff, Virginia Euwer	Fiction
Twelfth Night	Shakespeare, William	Drama
Twelve Angry Men	Rose, Reginald	Drama
Two Years Before the Mast	Dana, Richard	Fiction
Uncle Tom's Cabin	Stowe, Harriet Beecher	Fiction
Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West	Ambrose, Stephen E.	Biography
United States of Poetry	Blum, Joshua & others, editors	Poetry
Unsettling America: An Anthology of Contemporary Multicultural Poetry	Gillan, Maria Mazziotti & Jennifer Gillan, editors	Poetry
Unvanquished	Faulkner, William	Fiction
Up from Slavery	Washington, Booker T.	Nonfiction
Vanity Fair	Thackeray, William	Fiction
Voices from the Streets: Young Former Gang Members Tell Their Stories	Atkin, S. Beth	NonFiction
Voices of AIDS: Twelve Unforgettable People Talk About How AIDS Has Changed Their Lives	Ford, Michael Thomas	NonFiction
Waiting for Godot	Beckett, Samuel	Fiction
Walden	Emerson, Ralph Waldo	Nonfiction
Walkabout	Marshall, James	Fiction
War and Peace	Tolstoy, Leo	Fiction
War and Remembrances	Wouk, Herman	Fiction
War of the Worlds	Wells, H.G.	Fiction
War Poets	Giddings, Robert	Poetry
Watership Down	Adams, Richard	Fiction
Way to Rainy Mountain	Momaday, N. Scott	Fiction
We Are Witnesses: The Diaries of Five Teenagers Who Died in the Holocaust	Boas, Jacob	NonFiction
Weetzie Bat	Block, Francesca Lia	Fiction
West Side Story	Shulman, Irving	Drama
Wild Duck	Ibsen, Henrik	Drama
Woodsong	Paulsen, Gary	NonFiction
Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane	Freedman, Russell	Biography
Z for Zachariah	O'Brien, Robert C.	Fiction

