



# Build a Better World

## Middle School 2017 Summer Reading List

Developed by Howard County Public School Library Media Specialists and Children's Instruction and Research Staff from the Howard County Library System.

The titles selected for this recommended summer reading list were chosen specifically for those students leaving grades 6, 7, and 8. Titles included are just a sampling of the books you may enjoy reading during this summer. Many of the authors on this list have written more than one book. Check out some of these titles, too!

### Be You

Booked	Alexander, Kwame
Quiet Power: The Secret Strengths of Introverts	Cain, Susan
Be Confident in Who You Are	Fox, Annie
The Last Boy at St. Edith's	Malone, Lee Gjertsen
The Seventh Most Important Thing	Pearsall, Shelley
The Best Man	Peck, Richard
Same But Different: Teen Life on the Autism Express	Peete, Holly Robinson
You Got This!: Unleash Your Awesomeness, Find Your Path, and Change Your World	Penn, Maya
Hundred Percent	Young, Karen Romano

### Beating the Odds

All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook	Connor, Leslie
Raymie Nightingale	DiCamillo, Kate
Every Falling Star: The True Story of How I Survived and Escaped North Korea	Lee, Sungju
My Seneca Village	Nelson, Marilyn
A Storm Too Soon: A Remarkable True Survival Story in 80-foot Seas	Tougias, Michael
Samurai Rising	Turner, Pamela
You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen	Weatherford, Carole
Rising Above: How 11 Athletes Overcame Challenges in Their Youth to Become Stars	Zuckerman, Gregory

### Fantastical Reads

Atlantis Rising	Barron, T.A.
The Orphan Army	Maberry, Jonathan
Shigeru Mizuki's Kitaro: The Birth of Kitaro	Mizuki, Shigeru
Secrets of Valhalla	Richards, Jasmine
The Ghosts of Heaven	Sedgwick, Marcus
The Evil Wizard Smallbone	Sherman, Delia
Trollhunters	Toro, Guillermo del



Eat.



Sleep.



Read

### Black Eyed Susan

Sophie Quire and the Last Storyguard	Auxier, Jonathan
Soar	Bauer, Joan
When Friendship Followed Me Home	Griffin, Paul
Terror at Bottle Creek	Key, Watt
A Night Divided	Nielsen, Jennifer
Ghost	Reynolds, Jason
Beneath	Smith, Roland
Falling Over Sideway	Sonnenblick, Jordan
23 Minutes	VandeVelde, Vivian
Wolf Hollow	Wolk, Lauren

### BES Graphic Novels

Delilah Dirk and the King's Shilling	Cliff, Tony
Gotham Academy: Welcome to Gotham Academy	Cloonan, Becky
Feathers	Corona, Jorge
Geis: A Matter of Life and Death	Deacon, Alexis
The Dumbest Idea Ever!	Gownley, Jimmy
The Nameless City: Volume 1	Hicks, Faith Erin
Four Points: Compass South	Larson, Hope
Snow White	Phelan, Matt



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# Hit the nail on the head.



# READ!

## Far Off Places

The Girl Who Drank the Moon	Barnhill, Kelly
Marvel: Absolutely Everything You Need to Know	Bray, Adam
Diary of a Tokyo Teen: A Japanese-American Girl Travels to the Land of Trendy Fashion, High-Tech Toilets and Maid Cafes	Inzer, Christine Mari
The Scourge	Nielsen, Jennifer
Dare to Disappoint: Growing Up in Turkey	Samanci, Ozge
Bird Boy. Volume 1, The Sword of Mali Mari	Szabla, Anne
The Night Parade	Tanquary, Kathryn

## Feathers, Fur & Scales

Rise of the Lioness	Hague, Bradley
Bridge to the Wild: Behind the Scenes at the Zoo	O'Connell, Caitlin
Big-Animal Vets!	Rich, Mari
You Are the Earth: Know Your World So You Can Help Make it Better	Suzuki, David
Crow Smarts: Inside the Brain of the World's Brightest Bird	Turner, Pamela

## Girl Power

Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America	Bartoletti, Susan Campbell
Radioactive!: How Irene Curie and Lise Meitner Revolutionized Science and Changed the World	Conkling, Winifred
Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina	DePrince, Michaela
A Girl Called Vincent: The Life of Poet Edna St. Vincent Millay	Goddu, Krystyna Poray
Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World	Ignatofsky, Rachel
Ten Days a Madwoman	Noyes, Deborah
Rad Women Worldwide: Artists and Athletes, Pirates and Punks, and Other Revolutionaries Who Shaped History	Schatz, Kate

## On This Day

Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story	Baskin, Nora Raleigh
We Will Not be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement that Defied Adolf Hitler	Freedman, Russell
The Plot to Kill Hitler: Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Spy, Unlikely Hero	McCormick, Patricia
All We Have Left	Mills, Wendy
Lincoln's Spymaster: Allan Pinkerton, America's First Private Eye	Seiple, Samantha

## Science In Action

Fuzzy	Angleberger, Tom
A Beginner's Guide to Immortality: From Alchemy to Avatars	Birmingham, Maria
That's Deadly	Boyer, Crispin
Game ON!: Video Game History from Pong and Pac-man to Mario, Minecraft, and More	Hansen, Dustin
Bubonic Panic: When Plague Invaded America	Jarrow, Gail
Bleed, Blister, Puke, and Purge: The Dirty Secrets Behind Early American Medicine	Yunker, J.

## Uncovering the Truth

Summer of Lost and Found	Behrens, Rebecca
Frozen Charlotte	Bell, Alex
The Charmed Children of Rookskill Castle	Fox, Janet
Ghostly Evidence: Exploring the Paranormal	Halls, Kelly Milner
The Lie Tree	Hardinge, Frances
Forgotten Bones: Uncovering a Slave Cemetery	Huey, Lois Miner
The Secret Keepers	Stewart, Trenton Lee

## We Can Build It

How To Build a Museum	Bolden, Tonya
Skyscrapers: Investigate Feats of Engineering	Latham, Donna
Women of Steel and Stone: 22 Inspirational Architects, Engineers, and Landscape Designers	Lewis, Anna M.
Brick By Brick	Smith Jr., Charles R.
Coding Games in Scratch	Woodcock, Jon

