

## Great fiction reads 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grades

Anderson, Laurie Halse, *Fever 1793*, *Chains*  
Barker, Clive, *Abarat* series  
Barron, T.A., *Lost Years of Merlin* (series)  
Barry, Dave and Ridley Pearson. *Peter and the Starcatchers* series  
Bloor, Edward, *Tangerine*  
Cabot, Meg – *the Princess Diaries* series  
Carter, Ally. *I'd Tell You I Love You but Then I'd Have to Kill you*  
Childs, Tera Lynn. *Oh. My. Gods*  
Clements, Andrew everything, especially *Frindle* and *Things Not Seen*  
Colfer, Eoin, *Artemis Fowl* series  
Cooney, Caroline, *The Face on the Milk Carton* (series) and *Driver's Ed*  
Creech, Sharon - everything by her is good  
Crew, Linda – *A Heart for Any Fate*  
Curtis, Christopher Paul, *The Watsons Go to Birmingham*  
Cushman, Karen, *Catherine Called Birdy*, *The Midwife's Apprentice*  
Finney, Patricia – *Assassin* (series)  
John Flanagan - *the Ranger's Apprentice* series  
Fletcher, Susan, *Dragon's Milk*, *Shadow Spinner*, *Alphabet of Dreams*  
Haddix *Among the Hidden* series, *Found* series  
Hendry, Frances Mary, *Quest for a Maid*  
Hoeye, Michael, *Time Stops for No Mouse* (series)  
Hoffman, Mary *Stravaganza* (series)  
Holm, Jennifer, *Boston Jane* series  
Jacques, Verne, *Redwall* (series)  
Kelly, Jacqueline *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*  
Konigsburg, E.L. *The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place*, *Silent to the Bone*  
Korman, Gordon, *No More Dead Dogs*, his series books  
Koss, Amy Goldman – *Side Effects*  
Lasky, Kathryn, *The Guardians of Ga'Hoole* series  
L'Engle, Madeline, *A Ring of Endless Light*  
Lowry, Lois, *The Giver*, *Number the Stars*  
MacHale, Kevin *Pendragon* series  
McCaffrey, Anne, *Dragonrider of Pern*  
McKernan, Victoria – *Shackleton's Stowaway*  
Murdock, Catherine Gilbert – *Dairy Queen*  
Nimmo, *Charlie Bone* series  
Oppel, Kenneth. *Airborn*.  
Park, Linda Sue, *A Single Shard*  
Perl, Lila and Lazan, *Four Perfect Pebbles*  
Peck, Richard. *The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts*, *A Long Way from Chicago*  
Pullman, Philip *The Golden Compass* series, *the Sally Lockhart* trilogy  
Rinaldi, Ann anything by her. Usually writes historical fiction  
Riordan, Rick – *The Lightning Thief* series

Ryan, Pam Munoz, *Esperanza Rising*  
Sayres, Meghan Nuthall – *Anahita's Woven Riddle*  
Schmidt, Gary D. *Lizzie Bright And The Buckminister Boy*.  
Schroeder, Lisa - *It's Raining Cupcakes*  
Shulman, Polly – *Enthusiasm*  
Sleator, William, *The Boxes*  
Snicket, Lemony *A Series of Unfortunate Events*  
Sonnenblick, Jordan. *Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie (and all his books)*  
Spinelli, Jerry, *Maniac Magee*, *Loser*, *Crash*  
Staples, Suzanne Fisher – *Shabanu*, *Under the Persimmon Tree*  
Stroud, Jonathan *Amulet of Samarkand* (series)  
Vogel-Frederick, Heather *Mother Daughter Book Club* series  
Westerfeld, Scott – *Uglies* trilogy  
Whelan, Gloria – *Homeless Bird*  
Winerip, Michael. *Adam Canfield* series  
Yee, Lisa – *Millicent Min* (series)

## Great fiction reads 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up

Anderson, Laurie Halse *Speak*, *Catalyst*  
Bauer, Joan everything by her is good  
Brashares, Ann *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* series  
Bray, Libba. *A Great and Terrible Beauty*  
Brooks, Martha, *True Confessions of a Heartless Girl*  
Crew, Linda, *Children of the River*  
Crossley-Holland, Kevin. *Arthur Trilogy*  
Crutcher, Chris everything by him  
Dessen, Sarah, everything by her, especially *The Truth About Forever*, *Just Listen*  
Doctorow, Cory. *Little Brother*  
Efaw, Amy. *After*  
Farmer, Nancy. *The House of the Scorpion*.  
Johnson, Angela *First Part Last*  
Keyes - *Flowers for Algernon*  
King, Steven, *The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon* (NOT a horror novel)  
Kingsolver, Barbara. *The Bean Trees*.  
Kluger, Steve. *My Most Excellent Year*  
Koertge, Ron. *Margaux With An X*. *Stoner and Spaz*  
Korman, Gordon. *Son of the Mob*.  
Lockhart, E. *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks*  
Lubar, David – *Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie*  
Meyer, L.A. – *Bloody Jack* (series)  
Meyer, Stephenie – *Twilight* series  
Myers, Walter Dean *Slam!*, *Monster*, *The Glory Field*, *Sunrise Over Fallujah*  
Orwell, George *Animal Farm*, 1984  
Paolini, Christopher, *Eragon*, *Eldest*  
Patterson, James – *Maximum Ride* (series)  
Pearson, Mary. *Adoration of Jenna Fox*

Plum-Ucci, Carol *The Body of Christopher Creed, What Happened to Lani Garver, and The She*  
Rosoff, Meg. *How I Live Now.*  
Shull, Megan, *Amazing Grace*  
Sones, Sonya. *One of those Hideous Books where the Mother Dies, What My Mother Doesn't Know*  
Spinelli, Jerry *Stargirl*  
Stratton, Allan. *Chanda's Secret.*  
Taylor, Laini - *Lips Touch Three Times*  
Tolkien, J.R.R., *The Lord of the Rings trilogy, The Hobbit*  
Williams, Carol Lynch. *The Chosen One*  
Wolff, Virginia Euwer, *Make Lemonade, True Believer*  
Zusak, Markus – *The Book Thief*

### **Great reads – nonfiction**

Abeel, Samantha *My Thirteenth Winter: A Memoir*  
Appleman-Jurman, Alicia, *Alicia, My Story*  
Bernal, Misty *She Said Yes*  
Bissinger, H.G. *Friday Night Lights: A Town, a Team, and a Dream.*  
Bitton-Jackson, *I have Lived a Thousand Years and My Bridges of Hope* (sequel)  
Bolden, Tonya. *Wake Up Our Souls: A Celebration of Black American Artists.*  
Capuzzo, Michael. *Close to Shore*  
Duncan, Lois *Who Killed My Daughter*  
Isaacs, Anne, *Torn Thread*  
Kingsolver, Barbara, *High Tide in Houston*  
Lamott, Anne. *Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life.*  
Mah, Adeline. *Chinese Cinderella: the True Story of an Unwanted Daughter.*  
McWhorter, Diane. *A Dream of Freedom: The Civil Rights Movement from 1954 to 1968.*  
Myers, Walter Dean. *Here in Harlem: Poems in Many Voices.*  
Nye, Naomi Shihab, *19 Varieties of Gazelle*  
Pelzer, David, *Child Called "It": One Child's Courage To Survive*