

Collingswood Middle School  
7th & 8th Summer Reading Suggestions 2023

**Self-Discovery and Self-Identity (Grade Seven)**

*The Thing About Jellyfish* by Ali Benjamin (realistic fiction) 2015  
*Bee fearless: Dream like a kid* by Mikaila Ulme (memoir) 2020  
*Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt (realistic fiction) 2015  
*Soar* by Joan Bauer (sports fiction) 2016  
*PAX* by Sarah Pennypacker (“a story of war, loss, and the power of friendship”) 2016  
*Out of my heart* by Sharon Draper (realistic fiction, previously wrote *Out of My Mind*) 2021  
*Goodbye Stranger* by Rebecca Stead 2017 (realistic fiction)  
*American Ace* by Marilyn Nelson 2016 (novel in verse)  
*Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson (biography) 2014  
*Patina* by Jason Reynolds (sports fiction) 2017  
*The Lucy Variations* by Sara Zarr 2013 (CRF)  
*You Are My Only* by Beth Kephart 2013 (CRF)  
*Crossover* by Kwame Alexander (sports fiction/novel in verse) 2014  
*The One and Only Bob* by Katherine Applegate (fantasy) 2020  
*From the desk of Zoe Washington* by Janae Marks (realistic fiction) 2020  
*Raymie Nightingale* by Kate DiCamillo (realistic fiction, family life) 2016  
*Words of Fire* by Jennier Nielsen (historical fiction) 2019  
*Nowhere boy* Katherine Marsh (realistic fiction) 2018  
*Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan (realistic fiction) 2013  
*Apartment 1986* by Lisa Papademetriou 2017  
*The Truth as told by Mason Buttle* by Leslie Connor (realistic fiction, bullying) 2018

**Coming of Age Stories (Grade Eight)**

*Summerlost* by Ally Condie (realistic fiction) 2016  
*Echo Mountain* by Lauren Wolk (historical fiction) 2020  
*The Seventh Most Important Thing* by Shelley Pearsall (realistic fiction) 2015  
*The Hired Girl* by Laura Amy Schlitz (historical fiction) 2015  
*The Tornado* by Jake Burt (realistic fiction) 2019  
*Booked* by Kwame Alexander (novel in verse) 2016  
*As brave as you* by Jason Reynolds (living with visible disability) 2016  
*King and the Dragonflies* by Kacen Callender (realistic fiction, hate crimes) 2020  
*The Year we fell from space* by A.S. King (realistic fiction, bullying) 2019  
*Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate (fantasy) 2017  
*Edge of Nowhere* by John Smelcer (survival) 2014  
*Blended* by Sharon Draper (realistic fiction) 2018  
*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds (sports fiction) 2016  
*Bang!* by Sharon Flake (realistic fiction) 2018  
*Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk (historical fiction) 2016  
*Ms. Bixby’s Last Days* by John David Anderson (realistic fiction) 2016

*Far from the tree* by Robin Benway (realistic fiction, adoption) 2017