

CENTRAL TREE MIDDLE SCHOOL
RUTLAND, MA 01543

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Eighth Grade Summer Reading

We, Mrs. Herrick and Mr. Bronson, believe very strongly that reading should be enjoyed. We also believe that over-focusing on the details of a story can, in effect, kill the book. In an effort to promote the type of reading that we value, enjoyable and engaging reading, we asked our students to name the best book that they have read this year. They were given the option of not naming any book at all if nothing came to mind, but if they read a book that stood out as “amazing” they wrote down a title. This list is comprised of students that were willing to have their name written next to some of the “amazing” titles that they read this year.

*If you would like to more information about the books listed here, please go to Mr. Bronson’s website (click on Mr. Bronson on the Central Tree Staff page) and click on the “**summer reading reviews**” link in the center of his home page.*

Please choose **at least one** book and read it over the summer. You will not be tested on the book you choose. We also won’t have you write an essay on it. So please don’t take notes or anything of that nature.

The first week of school you should be ready to write your first book review. To do this you will have to be able to give a **brief** summary of the book and be ready to write about its good and bad points.

These are listed in no particular order.

- Ashley C..... My Road trip to the Pretty Girl Capital of the World (Brian Yansky)
- Bill G..... The Long Way Home (Andrew Klavan)
- Austin H,,,,Brian’s Winter (the follow up to Hatchet) (Gary Paulsen)
- Lindsey S.....Just Listen (Sara Dessen)
- *Courtney T, Allie R.....The Last Song (Nicholas Sparks)
- Haley T.....Dead is the New Black (Marlene Perez)
- Jake V R.....The Ranger’s Apprentice Bk. 1(John Flanagan)
- Austin H,,,,,,.....The Sight (David Clement-Davies)
- Carli G.....Deadly Little Secret (Laurie Faria Stolarz)
- Cam M.....The Hunger Game (Suzanne Collins)
- Matt W.....Heroes Don’t Run (Harry Mazer)

*Courtney A, Monica C..... Pretty Little Liars (Sara Shepard)
Melanie B..... Pictures of Hollis Wood (Patricia Reilly Giff)
*Emily C, Ashley A, Emily T.....Death By Bikini (Linda Gerber)
Alexis F.....Three Little Words (Ashley Rhodes-Courter)
Lesley M.....North of Beautiful (Justina Chen Headly)
*Meghan J, Colleen M....., Tiffany S.....Thirteen Reasons Why (Jay Asher)
Olivia P.....Elsewhere (Gabrielle Zeven)
Holly M.....Dear John (Nicholas Sparks)
Cole P.....Things Not Seen (Andrew Clements)
Ashley S.....Absolutely Normal Chaos (Sharon Creech)
Dan S,,,,,,,,,,,,,.....Summer Ball (Mike Lupica)
Julia G.....Hollywood Hills (Aimee Friedman)
Victoria G.....The Truth About Forever (Sarah Dessen)
Casey L, Emma L.....A Great And Terrible Beauty (Libba Bray)
Morgan P..... A Princess in Training (Meg Cabot)
Elijah C.....Hatchet (Gary Paulsen)
Maddie L.....Nobody’s Princess (Esther Friesner)

* indicates more than one student recommendation.

Have a nice summer!!

Mr. Bronson and Mrs. Herrick