

Roslyn Middle School English Department

Summer Reading 2017

For Students Entering

Grade 7

Dear Student,

Reading is both enjoyable and vital to your development as a learner and individual, and the summer months often provide a more relaxed opportunity to pursue some worthwhile titles.

As a student about to enter the English 7 class in September, you are required to read TWO titles this summer:

- **The school title:** *The Misfits* by James Howe,
- **And one title from the list below**

Of course, given the many wonderful selections in this list, we encourage you to read as many additional titles as you wish.

As you read, be sure to take notes on the book, focusing on essential literary elements and author's techniques. It is imperative that you do this so as to gain meaning and insight from the story and to think about its connection to life and the world in which we live. Not to mention, taking thorough and accurate notes will also help you remember the story when you return to school.

Please know that at the end of September, you will be asked to respond to an in-class assignment based on *your choice from this list* and it will count as a writing grade towards your first-quarter average. Enjoy your summer, and enjoy your reading!

Sincerely,
Seventh Grade English Teachers

** Please note: Some books on this list may not be available in paperback.*

Please log onto Barnes and Noble's website to get synopses and reviews:

www.barnesandnoble.com

Acceleration - Graham McNamee (Mystery/Suspense)

Anne of Green Gables - L.M. Montgomery (Classic)

Artemis Fowl - Eoin Colfer (Fantasy/Suspense)

Black Beauty - Anna Sewell (Classic)



Counting by 7's - Holly Goldberg Sloan (YA)
Elsewhere - Gabrielle Zevin (YA/Fantasy)
Fantasy League - Mike Lupica (Sports)
Fever 1793 - Laurie Halse Anderson (Historical Fiction)
Going Solo - Roald Dahl (Nonfiction/ Autobiography)
House of Stairs - William Sleator (Science Fiction/Suspense)
Last Mission, The - Harry Mazer (Historical Fiction)
Matched - Ally Condie (Dystopian)
Night Hoops - Carl Deuker (Sports)
One Fat Summer - Robert Lipsyte (YA)
Princess Academy - Shannon Hale (Fantasy)
Scat - Carl Hiaasen (Mystery/Humor)
Stormbreaker - Anthony Horowitz (Thriller/Suspense)
Temple Grandin- Sy Montgomery (Nonfiction/Biography)
Twisted Summer - Willo Davis Roberts (Mystery/Suspense)
Wednesday Wars, The - Gary D. Schmidt (YA/Historical Fiction)
Wizard of Earthsea, A - Ursula K. LeGuin (Fantasy)

A bookstore is one of the only pieces of evidence we have that people are still thinking.
~Jerry Seinfeld

Books may well be the only true magic. ~Alice Hoffman

Enjoy reading and have a wonderful summer! ~The Grade 7 English Teachers