

The expectation is that all Brown School students entering grades 5-8 will read at least two age/grade appropriate novels before returning to school in September. When students return in September, they should be prepared to discuss their selections with their classmates. The following is a list of suggested titles; students are free to select from the list or read other titles of their choice.

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Avi. Something Upstairs. Avon, 1997.

When he moves from Los Angeles to Providence, Rhode Island, Kenny discovers that his new house is haunted by the spirit of a black slave boy who asks Kenny to return with him to the early nineteenth century and prevent his murder by slave traders.

Clements, Andrew. Frindle. Aladdin Paperbacks, 1998.

When he decides to turn his fifth-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

Connor, Leslie. Waiting for Normal. Katherine Tegen Books, c2008.

Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.

Cooper, Susan. King of Shadows. Aladdin Paperbacks, 2001.

While in London as part of an all-boy acting company preparing to perform in a replica of the famous Globe Theatre, Nat Field suddenly finds himself transported back to 1599 and performing in the original theater under the tutelage of Shakespeare himself.

Coville, Bruce. Fortune's Journey.

The year is 1853. Bravely carrying on the work of her late father's acting troupe, young Fortune Plunkett is leading the group west on a wagon train bound for San Francisco.

Creech, Sharon. Wanderer. Joanna Cotler Books, 2002.

Thirteen-year-old Sophie and her cousin Cody record their transatlantic crossing aboard the Wanderer, a forty-five foot sailboat, which, along with uncles and another cousin, is en route to visit their grandfather in England.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. Bud, not Buddy. Dell Laurel-Leaf, 2004.

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. Watsons go to Birmingham—1963. Dell Laurel-Leaf, 2000.

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

Farmer, Nancy. House of the Scorpion. Simon Pulse, 2004.

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the one hundred forty-two-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Pictures of Hollis Woods. Dell Yearling, 2004.

A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.

Hiaasen, Carl. Flush. Knopf, 2007.

With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.

Jacques, Brian. Lord Brocktree. Firebird, 2005.

The mountain of Salamandastron needs the help of Brocktree the Badger Lord when evil comes in the form of the Blue Hordes of Ungatt Trunn, the Earth Shaker. This is not the first title published in the Redwall series, but is the first chronologically.

Konigsburg, E. L. The Mysterious Edge of the Heroic World. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2007.

Amedeo and William find themselves working together on a house sale for Amedeo's eccentric neighbor, Mrs. Zender, whose house is crammed with memorabilia and stories that date back to Nazi Germany.

Levine, Gail Carson. Ella Enchanted. HarperTrophy, 1998.

Based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

MacLachlan, Patricia. Edward's Eyes. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2007.

Edward is one of a large and close family that loves baseball, music, books, and each other, and when he unexpectedly dies and his parents donate his organs, his wonderful eyes go to a perfect recipient.

Mikaelsen, Ben. Petey. Hyperion Paperbacks for Children, 2000.

In 1922 Petey, who has cerebral palsy, is misdiagnosed as an idiot and institutionalized; sixty years later, still in the institution, he befriends a boy and shares with him the joy of life.

O'Dell, Scott. Island of the Blue Dolphins. Yearling, 1987.

Records the courage and self-reliance of an Indian girl who lived alone for eighteen years on an isolated island off the California coast when her tribe emigrated and she was left behind.

Paolini, Christopher. Eldest. Knopf, 2007.

After successfully evading an Urgals ambush, Eragon is adopted into the Ingeitum clan and sent to finish his training so he can further help the Varden in their struggle against the Empire.

Paolini, Christopher. Eragon. Knopf, 2006.

In Aagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.

Paratore, Colleen. Mack McGinn's Big Win. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2007.

Whether the prize is a soccer trophy or the esteem of Danville's elite, the McGinn family believes in winning, but while striving to prove he can be best at something, sixth-grader Mack inadvertently demonstrates to his parents and older brother what really matters most.

Patron, Susan. Higher Power of Lucky. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2006.

Fearing that her legal guardian plans to abandon her to return to France, ten-year-old aspiring scientist Lucky Trimble determines to run away while also continuing to seek the Higher Power that will bring stability to her life.

Paulsen, Gary. Nightjohn. Bantam Doubleday Dell Books for Young Readers, 1995.

Twelve-year-old Sarny's brutal life as a slave becomes even more dangerous when a newly arrived slave offers to teach her how to read.

Paulsen, Gary. Sarny a Life Remembered. Bantam Doubleday Dell Books for Young Readers, 1999.

Continues the adventures of Sarny, the slave girl whom Nightjohn taught to read, through the aftermath of the Civil War during which time she taught other African-Americans and lived a full life until age ninety-four.

Perry, Armstrong. Call It Courage. Simon Pulse, 2008.

Based on a Polynesian legend, this is the story of a youth who overcomes his fear of the sea and proves his courage to himself and his tribe.

Preller, James. Six Innings. Feiwel and Friends, c2008.

Earl Grubb's Pool Supplies plays Northeast Gas & Electric in the Little League championship game, while Sam, who has cancer and is in a wheelchair, has to call the play-by-play instead of participating in the game.

Riordan, Rick. Percy Jackson And The Olympians. (series) Hyperion Books, 2005-2009.

Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, and is sent to Camp Half Blood where he is befriended by a satyr.

Sachar, Louis. Holes. Dell Yearling, 2003.

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Siebold, Jan. Doing Time Online. Albert Whitman and Co., 2002.

After he is involved in a prank that led to an elderly woman's injury, twelve-year-old Mitchell must make amends by participating in a police program in which he chats online with a nursing home resident.

Spinelli, Jerry. Loser. HarperTrophy, 2003.

Even though his classmates from first grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Daniel Zinkoff's optimism and exuberance and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.

Styles, Thomas. Racing the Rope. Authorhouse, 2007.

Sixth grader Geran Harris decides one day at school recess to trade in his football for a jump rope. The boys laugh while the girls wonder.