



2019 Summer Reading Recommendations

Grades 7 - 9



HOT NEW TITLES (Check out @ the library!)

Cartaya, Pablo. MARCUS VEGA DOESN'T SPEAK SPANISH. After a fight at school leaves Marcus facing suspension, Marcus's mother takes him and his younger brother, who has Down syndrome, to Puerto Rico to visit relatives they do not remember or have never met, and while there Marcus starts searching for his father, who left their family ten years ago and is somewhere on the island.

Cline-Ransome, Lesa. FINDING LANGSTON. Discovering a book of Langston Hughes' poetry in the library helps Langston cope with the loss of his mother, relocating from Alabama to Chicago as part of the Great Migration, and being bullied.

Carter, Ally. NOT IF I SAVE YOU FIRST. Maddie, daughter of a Secret Service Agent, and Logan, son of the President, find himself in Alaska facing imminent danger. Maddie must find a way out for them both.

Goo, Maurene. THE WAY YOU MAKE ME FEEL. Clara Shin lives for pranks and disruption. When she takes one joke too far, her dad sentences her to a summer working on his food truck, the KoBra, alongside her uptight classmate Rose Carver.

Luurtsema, Nat. GOLDFISH. I am Lou Brown: social outcast, precocious failure. 5'10" and still growing. I was on the fast track to Olympic stardom. Now, I'm training boys too cool to talk to me. In a sport, I just made up. In a fish tank. My life has quickly become very weird.

READ-ALIKES (If you like this, you will enjoy...)

If you like **The Hate U Give**, you will enjoy...

Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes. After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till

If you like **I Am Malala**, you will enjoy...

Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed. In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family.

If you like **Percy Jackson**, you will enjoy....

Dragon Pearl by Yoon Ha Lee. Min, a thirteen-year-old girl with fox-magic, stows away on a battle cruiser and impersonates a cadet in order to solve the mystery of what happened to her older brother in the Thousand World Space Forces.

