

SOPHOMORE SUMMER READING CHOICES

After the Shot Drops - Randy Ribay - After his best friend basketball superstar, Bunny Thompson, transfers schools for a better shot at college scholarships, Nasir is left angry and alone, abandoned for bigger and better things.

The Astonishing Color of After - Emily Pan - After her mother's suicide, fifteen-year-old Leigh travels to Taiwan where she will finally meet the grandparents she never knew and to come to terms with her mother's death.

Allegedly - Tiffany Jackson - When she was a child, Mary, who is black, was convicted of killing a white baby. Now almost sixteen, she's placed in a group home, which is just as physically and emotionally taxing as juvie.

Bad Romance - Heather Demetrious - Seventeen-year-old Grace wants to escape her authoritarian parents to live a big, artistic life; then Gavin, an older, tortured wannaberock star, falls for her, and Grace finds a big romance instead.

Blight - Alexandra Duncan - A deadly toxin has been released into the air and seventeen-year-old Tempest Torres is one of the few survivors.

The Border - Steve Schafer - After four teens lose their entire families in a gang-related mass shooting during a quinceañera, the teens are forced to flee Mexico.

Caraval - Stephanie Garber - Scarlett has always dreamed of attending the fantastical scavenger hunt Caraval. When she gets her chance, Scarlett grows convinced that the clues will lead to her missing sister.

Cold Summer - Gwen Cole - Kale Jackson tries to control his ability to time travel, but one day he's a soldier in WWII and the next he's back to modern life.

Defy the Stars - Claudia Gray - Soldier Noemi fights to protect her planet Genesis from the vindictive colonizers of Earth. She's keen to use Abel, a one-of-a-kind Earth robot, in an end-all suicide mission.

Devils Within - SF Henson - Nate was born into a life of violence, his father being the leader of a notorious white supremacist compound called The Fort.

The Edge of Everything - Jeff Giles - Zoe and her little brother are attacked by a vicious man in the woods near their home, and Zoe finds herself immediately attracted to their mysterious rescuer.

The Female of the Species - Mindy McGinnis - What would you do if your sister were attacked and murdered, but the killer went free?

Finding You - Lydia Albano - While saying goodbye to her best friend Tam as he leaves for the army, Isla is kidnapped and thrust into the world of human trafficking.

Flame in the Mist - Renee Ahdieh - When the convoy of Hattori Mariko, daughter of a prominent samurai, is attacked en route to meet her betrothed, she escapes into the haunted forest nearby. She disguises herself as a boy in order to join the group that she suspects attacked her convoy.

Girl in the Blue Coat - Monica Hesse - In 1943 Amsterdam, Hanneke nurses a broken heart while delivering black market goods to her neighbors.

Girls Like Me - Lola StVil - Shay is 15, overweight, and trying to cope with her father's death by consuming breakfast burritos, banana cream pie, and butter among other things. She is also bullied by a mean girl, but thankfully she has two terrific friends, fellow outcasts, who make school bearable.

Goodnight, Boy - Nikki Sheehan - A teenage boy and the family dog, Boy, are locked in a reinforced kennel and forced to live in a doghouse by his abusive adoptive father.

The Hanging Girl - Eileen Cook - Skye Thorne uses her tarot card reading and paranormal abilities to help the police investigate the disappearance of the town golden girl.

The Hate U Give - Angie Thomas - Only Starr knows what happened in a confrontation with a policeman and her childhood friend, Khalil, who was shot and killed by the policeman.

Here Lies Daniel Tate - Cristin Terrell - A young runaway is welcomed into the arms of an affluent family after he takes on the identity of the family's missing son, Daniel, only to slowly realize that the family knows more about Daniel's disappearance than they are letting on.

The Hollow Girl - Hillary Monahan - Welsh-Romani girl, Bethan, is attacked and her friend, Martyn, brutally beaten by the chieftain's son and four friends. To save Martyn and avenge the assault, wise woman Gran proposes a shocking spell.

I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter - Erika Sanchez - Perfect Mexican daughters do not go away to college and perfect Mexican daughters never *abandon* their family. Julia is not your perfect Mexican daughter. That was her sister Olga's role, before Olga's death.

Illuminae - Amie Kaufman - Breaking up immediately before their planet's invasion, Kady and Ezra find themselves on separate spaceships fleeing an enemy warship.

Invictus - Ryan Graudin - Farway Gaius McCarthy was born outside of time—his father was a Roman gladiator, his mother a time traveler from the year 2354 AD. Having failed to get into the government program his mother was a part of, he must settle for a black market position captaining a time-traveling crew to steal important valuables from history.

Just a Normal Tuesday - Kim Turrisi - On a normal Tuesday, 16-year-old Kai's life changes forever when she receives a suicide letter from her older sister, Jen, who only lives a few minutes away.

Land of Permanent Goodbyes - Atia Abawi - Tareq can remember Syria, before the war, before the air strikes, before all of the bombed-out buildings and now he begins a sorrowful journey as a refugee.

The Last to Let Go - Amber Smith - After a tragic family incident, teenage Brooke Winters and her siblings find themselves alone for the first time ever.

Laughing at My Nightmare - Shane Burcaw - The author describes the challenges he faces as a twenty-one-year-old with spinal muscular atrophy.

A List of Cages - Robin Roe - Adam, a high school senior, is reunited with Julian, a foster brother he hasn't seen in five years. As the boys grow close once again, Adam realizes Julian is hiding a dangerous secret, and when Adam tries to help Julian, he puts them both at risk.

Long Way Down - Jason Reynolds - As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.

Loser's Bracket - Chris Crutcher - Annie Boots, a skilled hoops player, feels like she lost the biological family lottery. Her mother is an addict, her father is absent, and her older sister is a 19-year-old mother, with no means of support and a troubled five-year-old son.

Love and Other Train Wrecks - Leah Konen - Ammy meets Noah on an Amtrak train headed to Hudson, N.Y. Both need to get to the town by a certain time, so when the train grinds to a halt during a snowstorm, they decide to try their luck with a bus. Things don't go as planned, naturally, leaving the two of them to figure out yet another way to reach their destinations.

Love Hate & Other Filters - Samira Ahmed - Maya Aziz, seventeen, is caught between her India-born parents world of college and marrying a suitable Muslim boy and her dream world of film school and dating her classmate, Phil, when a terrorist attack changes her life forever.

Made for You - Melissa Marr - In a small southern town, Eva Tilling wakes up in the hospital with the frightening ability to see through the eyes of the victims of a killer, and realizes that she, too, is a target of the stalker.

Mars One - Jonathan Maberry - The year is 2026, and the world is preparing for its first manned mission to Mars. Tristan Hart and his parents are among those chosen to go. There are those who don't want them to go, and would do anything to sabotage the mission.

The Name of the Wind - Patrick Rothfuss - A young orphan boy, named Kvothe, joins a group of traveling players and grows up to become a master magician.

Obsessed: a Memoir of My Life with OCD - Allison Britz - The author shares her spiral from popular, active teen to obsessed, social outcast when her mind became fixated with the idea she was going to get brain cancer.

On the Beach - Nevil Shute - The survivors of an atomic war face an inevitable end as radiation poisoning moves toward Australia from the north.

One of Us Is Lying - Karen McManus - Five students walk out of detention, but only four of them survive, each of which had motive to kill the fifth--Simon, creator of a gossip app.

Piecing Me Together - Renee Watson - African American teen Jade doesn't particularly feel at-risk, but at her mother's prodding she takes every opportunity offered to her, including joining a mentoring group with a clueless, careless mentor.

Plague Land - Alex Scarrow - An unidentified virus wipes out most of the Earth's population and Leon, his mother, and younger sister Grace, who just moved to London from New York, must run for their lives.

Projekt 1065 - Alan Gratz - Michael and his family are Allied spies in 1943 Nazi Germany, where Michael is posing as a member of the Hitler Youth.

Rains - Gregg Hurwitz - A shattered asteroid hits Earth, sprouting deadly spores full of pollen-borne parasites that turn Creek's Cause residents over eighteen into a food source for ferocious aliens.

Rebels Like Us - Liz Reinhardt - When Nes and her mom move from Brooklyn to a small southern town, Nes is in for a big culture shock. Catching on to a surprising undercurrent of racism at her school, Nes learns that her mixed-race heritage means something different here.

Relentless - Julian Edelman - The Super Bowl champion wide receiver for the New England Patriots shares his inspiring story of an underdog kid who was always doubted to becoming one of the most reliable and inspiring players in the NFL.

Sad Perfect - Stephanie Elliot - When Pea's eating disorder starts to spin out of control, she tries her best to hide it from everyone. When she meets Ben and falls in love, Pea realizes she can't pretend that this part of herself doesn't exist, but it will take everything she has to find her inner strength.

Salt to the Sea - Ruth Sepetys - Four young people band together as they join thousands of others in Prussia fleeing as the Russians overtake the retreating German troops. These refugees have one hope: the Wilhelm Gustloff, a cruise ship which will take them across the Baltic.

A Sense of the Infinite - Hilary T. Smith - Despite an increasingly strained relationship with her mother, Annabeth takes comfort in knowing that soon she will be off to college with her best friend Noe. When Noe gradually drifts away, Annabeth is left unmoored and vulnerable, forced to contend with secret hurts she has kept buried.

The Stand In - Steve Bloom - After Brooks agrees to be a stand-in Homecoming date for a friend's geeky but wealthy cousin, he realizes becoming a rent-a-date for the socially awkward could help him earn college money.

Tell Me Three Things - Julie Buxbaum - When Jessie is uprooted from Chicago to California after her father elopes, Jessie's life is turned upside down.

This Is Our Story - Ashley Elston - Grant is killed while on a hunting trip with his four best friends, who concoct a tale to keep themselves out of jail. As part of her internship with the district attorney's office, senior Kate Marino, is assigned to help unravel the boys' lies, despite their connections to their Louisiana town's most powerful citizens.

The Thousandth Floor - Katharine McGee - In the year 2118, New York is a city of innovation, where if you want something bad enough, it is possible to get it. However, five teenagers living in a high-tech, thousand-story tower, a world of luxury, will find that the higher you are, the farther you can fall.

Tuesday's Promise - Luis Carlos Montalvan - The author details his work helping others who suffer the after-effects of war, whether from PTSD or physical disabilities, while highlighting the healing power of service dogs.

Tyler Johnson Was Here - Jay Coles - A haunting incident of police brutality sets the tone for the rest of the book. As Marvin, his twin brother, Tyler, and their best friends exit a convenience store, they are caught in the commotion surrounding a police chase.

Unearthed - Amie Kaufman - Scholar Jules Addison and scavenger Amelia Radcliffe join forces to unravel secrets of a long-extinct civilization, only to discover something that could spell the end of the human race.

Warcross - Marie Lu - Emika hacks into the phenomenally popular virtual-reality game, Warcross. She's only the second person to do so, and its young inventor promises her an outrageous sum to locate the first hacker, the shadowy villain, Zero.

What We Saw - Aaron Hartzler - When her friend Stacey accuses several boys of assault, Kate must decide where her loyalties lie.

What You Left Behind - Jessica Verdi - Ryden is a single father, a senior in high school, and the girl he loved is gone forever.

You'll Miss Me When I'm Gone - Rachel Soloman - Fraternal twins, Adina and Tovah, are driven young women with very definite plans for the future. There's a darkness looming that threatens to destroy those bright futures. On the eve of their 18th birthday, Adina wants Tovah to release her from the promise she made years ago—the promise to take the genetic test for Huntington's Disease.

Zero Repeat Forever - Gabrielle Prendergast - Raven, injured and still grieving over her boyfriend's death by the invading Nahx, crosses paths with Eighth, a Nahx warrior who has deserted his unit and abandoned his directives. The two learn to trust each other to survive.