

The Nightingale- Bamford School

Class VII & VIII Summer Reading 2025

Welcome to the 2025 Summer Reading List for students entering Class VII & VIII this fall!

This summer you are asked to read **the following books** (provided to you by Nightingale):

Class VII Required Summer Reading:

- *Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds (English)

Class VIII Required Summer Reading:

- *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo (English)

- *Just Mercy (Adapted for Young Adults)* by Bryan A. Stevenson (History)

You are also asked to read one book from the following Summer Reading List below. We will discuss these books during orientation for the new school year.

Of course, we welcome and encourage you to read more than three books if you'd like! Keep a record of what you read by writing down the title and author of each book to share with your teacher and your classmates in September.

Summer Reading List

Borders & Home

Books about immigration, relocation, & family

- *The Lost Year* by Katherine Marsh (2023)
- *Lobizona* by Romina Garber (2020)
- *Everything Sad Is Untrue* by Daniel Nayeri (2020)
- *The Bridge Home* by Padma Venkatraman (2019)
- *Almost American Girl* by Robin Ha (2020) [Graphic Novel]
- *Samira Surfs* by Rukhsanna Guidroz (2021)

Fantasy, Folktales, & Sci-Fi

Books about magic, the supernatural, legends, & oral traditions

- *The Last Cuentista* by Donna Barba Higuera (2021)
- *Legendborn* by Tracy Deonn (2022)
- *Temple Alley Summer* by Sachiko Kashiwaba (2021)
- *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer (2012)
- *The Gilded Ones* by Namina Forna (2021)
- *Dragon Pearl* by Yoon Ha Lee (2019)

Heists, Spies, & Spooks

Books about riddles, frights, & things awry

- *Truly Devious* by Maureen Johnson (2018)
- *Kill Her Twice* by Stacey Lee (2024)
- *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart (2014)
- *Death on the Nile* by Agatha Christie (1937)
- *The Otherwoods* by Justine Pucella Winans (2023)
- *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes (2020)

Echoes of History

Books about historical events or that are set in the past

- *When the Ground Is Hard* by Malla Nunn (2019)
- *Across So Many Seas* by Ruth Behar (2024)
- *The Downstairs Girl* by Stacey Lee (2019)
- *Lovely War* by Julie Berry (2019)
- *I Must Betray You* by Ruta Sepetys (2022)
- *Flygirl* by Sherri L. Smith (2008)

Courageous Voices

Books about activism, advocacy, and finding solutions

- *Imposter Syndrome and Other Confessions of Alejandra Kim* by Patricia Park (2023)
- *Dress Coded* by Carrie Firestone (2020)
- *I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World* by Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick (2014) [Nonfiction]
- *Take Back the Block* by Chrystal D. Giles (2021)
- *Moxie* by Jennifer Mathieu (2017)
- *Poisoned Water* by Candy J. Cooper & Marc Aronson (2020) [Nonfiction]

Journeys & Adventures

Books that feature quests, overcoming challenges, and fighting for survival

- *In the Tunnel* by Julie Lee (2023)
- *The Red Pyramid (The Kane Chronicles, Book 1)* by Rick Riordan (2010)
- *The Boys in the Boat (Young Reader's Edition)* by Daniel James Brown (2016) [Nonfiction]
- *Northwind* by Gary Paulsen (2022)
- *Peak* by Roland Smith (2007)
- *The Many Assassinations of Samir, the Seller of Dreams* by Daniel Nayeri (2023)