

# Middle School Summer Reading Suggestions

## **Self-Discovery and Self-Identity (Grade Seven)**

*The Thing About Jellyfish* by Ali Benjamin

*Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

*Soar* by Joan Bauer (sports fiction)

*PAX* by Sarah Pennypacker ( "A viscerally affecting story of war, loss, and the power of friendship")

*Stella by Starlight* by Sharon Draper ( historical fiction)

*Goodbye Stranger* by Rebecca Stead

*American Ace* by Marilyn Nelson

*Popular: A Memoir: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek* by Maya van Wagenen

*Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson

*8 Sources of Light* by Margaret McMullin (historical fiction)

*Game Changer* by Margaret Peterson Haddix (sports fiction)

*The Lucy Variations* by Sara Zarr

*You Are My Only* by Beth Kephart

*Schooled* by Gordon Korman

*Crossover* by Kwame Alexander (sports fiction/novel in verse)

*The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate (fantasy)

*Lions of Little Rock* by Kristin Levine (historical fiction)

*Loser* by Jerry Spinelli

*Sparrow Road* by Sheila O'Connor

*See you at Harry's* by Jo Knowles

*Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan

*Apartment 1986* by Lisa Papademetriou

## **Coming of Age Stories (Grade Eight)**

*Summerlost* by Ally Condie (Contemporary Realistic Fiction)

*One for the Murphys* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

*The Seventh Most Important Thing* by Shelley Pearsall \*\*HIGHLY  
RECOMMENDED

*The Hired Girl* by Laura Amy Schlitz (historical fiction)

*Whippoorwill* by Joseph Menninger

*Booked* by Kwame Alexander (novel in verse)

*All the Way Home* by Patricia Reilly Giff (historical fiction)

*Hokey Pokey* by Jerry Spinelli (fantasy)

*Seraphina* by Rachel Hartman (fantasy)

*Same Sun Here* by Silas House

*Safekeeping* by Karen Hesse (dystopian)

*Peak* by Roland Smith (adventure)

*Edge of Nowhere* by John Smelcer (survival)

*Just Ella* by Margaret Peterson Haddix (fantasy)

*Alice, I Think* by Susan Juby (realistic fiction)

*Blackwater* by Eve Bunting (realistic fiction)

*Keeper* by Mal Peet (sports fiction)

*Bang!* by Sharon Flake (realistic fiction)

*Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk (historical fiction)\*-Highly  
Recommended!(also on 6th grade list)

*The Wild Girls* by Pat Murphy

*Ms. Bixby's Last Days* by John David Anderson

*Brett McCarthy: Work in Progress* by Maria Padian