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# Book List for Home Reading



# Eighth Grade

## Eighth Grade Home Reading

This brochure lists titles of books that your eighth grader will enjoy. They were jointly selected by librarians of the Long Beach Public Library and by the Long Beach Unified School District teachers and librarians because they are particularly interesting and engaging for eighth grade children.

Some of the titles on the list may be familiar to you; you may remember them as favorites from your own childhood. Other titles are more recent and may introduce you to new authors and illustrators. Either way, be sure that the books you and your child select to read are ones you both enjoy. Recreational reading should be a pleasant experience!

You will find that many of these authors have written more than one book. If you discover authors you and your child particularly enjoy, you may wish to read other books by them that are not listed in the brochure. Please do! Your child's teacher, as well as the librarian at your school and at the public library, will be happy to help you find more books by these authors.

Some of these books are available from your school library, and you will find others at public libraries. A list of local public libraries is included on this brochure; call to find out the hours they are open. If you don't have a public library card, you can get one at no cost when you visit any library branch. Just bring identification with you that shows your current address.

Books make wonderful gifts for birthdays and holidays, too. Consider buying your child a favorite title to keep. Local bookstores have children's sections which stock many of the books listed as well as others by the same authors. Helping children to start their personal libraries helps them to become readers as well.

Children learn to read well when the school, home, and community work together to make books important parts of their lives. Please use this brochure as a resource for book titles and places to find them. And, please, read aloud to your child every day. It really does make a difference!

## Book List

### Fiction and Folktales

Abrahams, Peter .....	<b>Robbie Forester and the Outlaws of Sherwood St.</b>
Alexie, Sherman.....	<b>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</b>
Allen, Crystal.....	<b>How Lamar's Bad Prank Won a Bubba-Sized Trophy</b>
Anderson, Laurie Halse.....	<b>Chains: Seeds of America</b>
Ayers, Katherine.....	<b>North by Night: A Story of the Underground Railroad</b>
Bauer, Joan.....	<b>Hope Was Here</b>
Brewer, Heather .....	<b>Eighth Grade Bites</b> (Chronicles of Vladimir Tod series)
Carman, Patrick .....	<b>Skeleton Creek</b> (series)
Collins, Suzanne.....	<b>Hunger Games</b> (series)
Duncan, Lois.....	<b>Down a Dark Hall</b>
Farmer, Nancy.....	<b>House of the Scorpion</b>
Flake, Sharon .....	<b>You Don't Even Know Me: Stories and Poems about Boys</b>
Garcia, Kami .....	<b>Beautiful Creatures</b> (series)
Harrison, Michelle .....	<b>13 Treasures</b>
Hobbs, Will .....	<b>Far North</b>
Jimenez, Francisco .....	<b>Breaking Through</b>
McCormick, Patricia .....	<b>Cut</b>
McKinley, Robin .....	<b>Beauty: A Retelling of the Story of Beauty and the Beast</b>
Meyer, L.A.....	<b>Bloody Jack: Being an Account of the Curious Adventures of Mary "Jacky" Faber, Ship's Boy</b> (series)
Na, An .....	<b>A Step from Heaven</b>
Nesbet, Anne.....	<b>Cabinet of Earths</b>
Paolini, Christopher .....	<b>Eragon</b> (Inheritance Cycle series)
Paterson, Katherine.....	<b>Jacob Have I Loved</b>
Paulsen, Gary.....	<b>Liar, Liar: The Theory, Practice and Destructive Properties of Deception</b>

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Pierce, Tamora.....	<b>Trickster's Choice</b> (Daughter of the Lioness series)
Pullman, Philip .....	<b>The Golden Compass</b> (His Dark Materials series)
Rinaldi, Ann .....	<b>Hang a Thousand Trees with Ribbons: The Story of Phillis Wheatley</b>
Ruckdeschel, Liz.....	<b>What if...</b> (A Choose Your Destiny Novel series)
Sones, Sonya .....	<b>What My Mother Doesn't Know</b>
Soto, Gary .....	<b>Crazy Weekend</b>
Spinelli, Jerry .....	<b>Milkweed: A Novel</b>
Spinelli, Jerry .....	<b>Stargirl</b>
Trueman, Terry .....	<b>Stuck in Neutral</b>
Woodson, Jacqueline .....	<b>Hush</b>

### Non-Fiction/Informational Text

Jiang, Ji-li.....	<b>Red Scarf Girl</b>
Jones, Carrie.....	<b>Dear Bully: Seventy Authors Tell Their Stories</b>
Keat, Nawuth.....	<b>Alive in the Killing Fields: Surviving the Khmer Rouge Genocide</b>
Meltzer, Milton .....	<b>Ten Queens: Portraits of Women of Power</b>
Reiss, Johanna.....	<b>The Upstairs Room</b>
Satrapa, Marjane .....	<b>Persepolis</b> (series)
Soto, Gary .....	<b>Living up the Street: Narrative Recollections</b>
Spiegelman, Art .....	<b>Maus I: My Father Bleeds History</b>
Watkins, Richard .....	<b>Gladiator</b>