



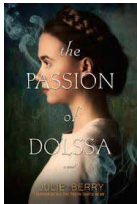
# Suggested Summer Reading Students Entering 11th Grade

## 2017

### FICTION

#### ***The Passion of Dolssa***

By Julie Berry



In mid-thirteenth century Provence, Dolssa de Stigata is a fervently religious girl who feels the call to preach, condemned by the Inquisition as an "unnatural woman," and hunted by the Dominican Friar Lucien who fears a resurgence of the Albigenian heresy; Botille is a matchmaker trying to protect her sisters from being branded as gypsies or witches-but when she finds the hunted Dolssa dying on a hillside, she feels compelled to protect her, a decision that may cost her everything.

#### ***The Scorpion Rules***

By Erin Bow



Greta is a Duchess and a Crown Princess. She is also a Child of Peace, a hostage held by the de facto ruler of the world, the great Artificial Intelligence, Talis. This is how the game is played: if you want to rule, you must give one of your children as a hostage. Start a war and your hostage dies.

#### ***The Game of Love and Death***

By Martha Brockenbrough



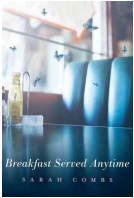
Flora and Henry were born a few blocks from each other, innocent of the forces that might keep a white boy and an African American girl apart; years later they meet again and their mutual love of music sparks an even more powerful connection.

#### ***The Testing***

By Joelle Charbonneau



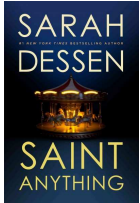
Cia is graduating and all she can think about is whether she'll be chosen for The Testing, a program that selects the best and brightest to become possible leaders of the slowly revitalizing post-war civilization. When Cia is chosen, her father finally tells her about his own nightmarish half-memories of The Testing. Can she survive?



### ***Breakfast Served Anytime***

By Sarah Combs

Haunted by the death of her brother, Andi is taken to Paris by her estranged father where an encounter with a mysterious diary may bring her back from the edge.



### ***Saint Anything***

By Sarah Dessen

Sydney's charismatic older brother, Peyton, has always been the center of attention in the family but when he is sent to jail, Sydney struggles to find her place at home and in the world until she meets the Chathams, including gentle, protective Mac, who makes her feel appreciated for the first time.



### ***Earth Girl* (first in a series)**

By Janet Edwards

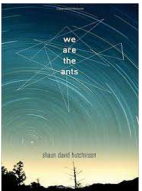
Abandoned on Earth because of her inability to survive on other planets, Jarra crafts a fake background for herself to join a class of norms who are excavating the dangerous ruins of the old cities.



### ***A Thousand Pieces of You***

By Claudia Gray

When eighteen-year-old Marguerite Caine's father is killed, she must leap into different dimensions and versions of herself to catch her father's killer and avenge his murder.



### ***We are the Ants***

By Shaun David Hutchison

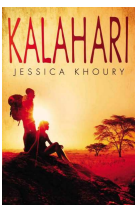
Henry Denton has spent years being periodically abducted by aliens. Then the aliens give him an ultimatum: The world will end in 144 days, and all Henry has to do to stop it is push a big red button.



### ***Exit, Pursued by a Bear***

By E.K. Johnston

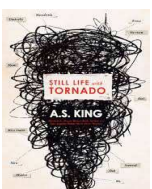
After being raped at cheerleading camp, Hermione has to deal with the reactions of her classmates, the rejection of her boyfriend, the discovery that her best friend is gay, and the need to remember what happened.



### ***Kalahari***

By Jessica Khouri

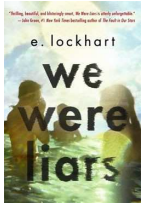
When an educational safari goes wrong, five teens find themselves stranded in the Kalahari Desert without a guide. It's up to Sarah, the daughter of zoologists, to keep them alive and lead them to safety, calling on survival know-how from years of growing up in remote and exotic locales



### ***Still Life with Tornado***

By A.S. King

When Sarah, a talented artist, finds her creativity blocked, she confronts visions of her past and future selves before realizing the truth of her parents' marriage.



### ***We Were Liars***

By E. Lockheart

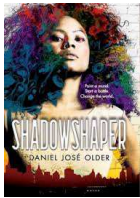
A modern, sophisticated suspense tale that follows the revolutionary activities of four friends who turn against each other in the wake of trauma, differing political views and a devastating secret.



### ***Proxy* (first in a series)**

By Alex London

Born into one of the City's wealthiest families and paired with a Proxy named Syd, who endures punishments for Knox's misdeeds, Knox discovers that he has more in common with Syd than either of them previously understood when his father's manipulations prompt a cross-country chase that forces the boys to save each other.



### ***Shadowshaper***

By Daniel Older

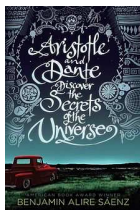
Sierra Santiago planned an easy summer of making art and hanging out with her friends. But then a corpse crashes the first party of the season. Her stroke-ridden grandfather starts apologizing over and over. And when the murals in her neighborhood begin to weep real tears we know something more sinister than the usual Brooklyn ruckus is going on.



### ***Vanishing Girls***

By Lauren Oliver

Two sisters inexorably altered by a terrible accident, a missing nine-year-old girl, and the shocking connection between them.



### ***Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe***

By Benjamin Alire Sáenz

Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has an unusual way of looking at the world. When the two meet at the swimming pool, they seem to have nothing in common. But as the loners start spending time together, they discover that they share a special friendship—the kind that changes lives and lasts a lifetime



### ***Boy 21***

By Matthew Quick

Basketball has always been an escape for Finley. He lives in broken-down Bellmont, a town ruled by the Irish mob, drugs, violence, and racially charged rivalries. He's always dreamed of getting out someday, but until he can, putting on that number 21 jersey makes everything seem okay. In his final year of high school, a unique friendship may turn out to be the answer he needs.



### ***Dr. Bird's Advice for Sad Poets***

By Evan Roskos

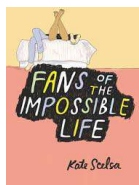
A sixteen-year-old boy wrestling with depression and anxiety tries to cope by writing poems, reciting Walt Whitman, hugging trees, and figuring out why his sister has been kicked out of the house



### ***Eleanor and Park***

By Rainbow Rowell

Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits--smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.



### ***Fans of the Impossible Life***

By Kate Scelsa

A captivating and profound debut novel about complicated love and the friendships that have the power to transform you forever. It is perfect for fans of *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*.

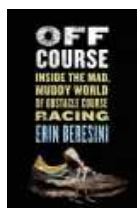


### ***Winger***

By Andrew Smith

Two years younger than his classmates at a prestigious boarding school, 14-year-old Ryan Dean West grapples with living in Opportunity Hall, the dorm for troublemakers; falling for his female best friend who thinks of him as just a kid; and playing wing on the Varsity rugby team with some of his frightening new dormmates, including the biggest bully on the team.

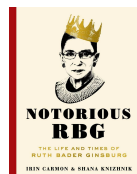
## **NON-FICTION**



### ***Off Course: Inside the mad, muddy world of obstacle racing***

By Erin Beresini

Obstacle course racing is the fastest-growing sport in U.S. history. Every week, thousands of marathoners, CrossFitters, and casual weekend warriors shell out money to run through mud and fire, crawl under barbed wire, scramble over ten-foot walls, and dodge baton-wielding gladiators. Dive straight into this strange world to reveal a new subculture of military-inspired amateur competition and the industry that's rapidly growing to support it!



### ***Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg***

Across America, people who weren't even born when Ginsburg first made her name as a feminist pioneer are tattooing themselves with her face, setting her famously searing dissents to music, and making viral videos in tribute.



### ***Elena Vanishing: A memoir***

By Elena and Clare Dunkle

Elena is vanishing. Every day means renewed determination, so every day means fewer calories. This is the story of a girl whose armor against anxiety becomes artillery against herself as she battles on both sides of a lose-lose war in a struggle with anorexia.

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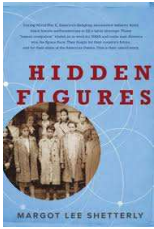
Based on more than 40 interviews with Steve Jobs conducted over two years—as well as interviews with more than 100 family members, friends, adversaries, competitors and colleagues--the author offers a fascinating look at the co-founder and leading creative force behind the Apple computer company.



## ***Freedom Summer: The 1964 struggle for civil rights in Mississippi***

By Susan Rubin

This book offers an account of the civil rights crusade in Mississippi fifty years ago that brought on shocking violence and the beginning of a new political order.



## ***Hidden Figures***

By Margot Lee Shetterly

The phenomenal true story of the black female mathematicians at NASA at the leading edge of the feminist and civil rights movement, whose calculations helped fuel some of America's greatest achievements in space.