

Subtlety and Reality! - Poetry and Nonfiction

- *The History of Science and Technology: A Browser's Guide to the Great Discoveries, Inventions, and the People Who Made Them, From the Dawn of Time to Today* – **Bunch:** Chronicles the development, advances, and discoveries in science and technology, from the stone ages through 2002, organized into ten periods, and includes a history of each period, the character and philosophy of each period, and the impact of each discovery on science or society.
- *The H.L. Hunley: the Secret Hope of the Confederacy* – **Chaffin:** Chronicles the story of the "H.L. Hunley," the Confederate vessel that became the first submarine to sink an enemy ship, the loss of the sub and its eight-man crew, and its discovery and recovery in 2000.
- *Dream Street: W. Eugene Smith's Pittsburgh Project*: Published to coincide with the exhibition organized by the Carnegie Museum.
- *Convergence Culture: Where Old and New Media Collide* – **Jenkins:** Explores the cultural transformations that are taking place in America as old and new media intersect and the media interactions between the media and the consumers become more important in popular culture.
- *What Are You? Voices of Mixed-Race Young People* – **Gaskins, ed.:** In essay, interview, and poetry, 45 mixed-race young people between the ages of 14 and 26, from all over the United States, speak about their growing up.
- *Rocket Boys: A Memoir* – **Hickam:** The author, a NASA engineer, recounts the year he and his school friends created working

rockets after watching *Sputnik* pass overhead, becoming celebrities in their small coal-mining town.

- *The Physics of Superheroes* – **Kakalios:** Presents and Introduction to Physics by exploring the forces and motion of action comic heroes, explaining basic rules of thermodynamics, energy, and solid state physics as it relates to real world experiences.
- *Yoga for Teens: How to Improve Your Fitness, Confidence, Appearance, and Health-And Have Fun Doing It!* – **Luby:** Detailed color photographs enlighten the reader, making this ancient spiritual and physical practice accessible.
- *Teenvestor: The Practical Investment Guide for Teens and Their Parents* – **Modu and Walker:** Provides advice for teenagers and their parents on the best ways to invest money, explaining how to invest in stocks, mutual funds, IRAs, and college savings plans, how to research investment options, how to develop valuable investing and saving habits, and how to find help on the Internet.
- *19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East* – **Nye**
- *The Drum Book* – **Nicholls:** A lavishly illustrated history of the drum set in rock music with a guide to the major manufacturers of drum sets.

*Most annotations are taken from the Summary statements in Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data.

ON THE WEB

<http://lii.org/>

- A reliable subject directory of useful sites reviewed and evaluated by librarians.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/bestbooksya/bbyahome.cfm>

- Another list! *Best Books for Young Adults* from the Young Adult Library Services Association.

<http://www.alltheweb.com/?cat=news>

- A strong news site, including international events; keep abreast over the summer.



Winchester Thurston School

SUMMER READING Requirements and Recommendations



For students entering
GRADE 10

2009 - 2010

www.winchesterthurston.org

Required Reading for Tenth Graders

The books listed must be read before school starts on August 27, 2009.

If the social studies, English, or the world languages and cultures class *title* for which you registered does not appear within your grade section, please consult the remaining grade sections (Spanish and French levels 4 and 5 (AP) require readings, for example).

English (British Literature)

Wuthering Heights – Bronte
Lord of the Flies – Golding

Social Studies

(Modern European History)

Slaughterhouse-Five – Vonnegut

AP Social Studies

(AP European History)

DVD: view *The Mission* starring De Niro and Irons; directed by Joffé

DVD: view *The Name of the Rose* starring Connery; directed by Annaud

Other Suggested Reading for Tenth Graders

Imaginations—Fiction

- ***Runaways* – Vaughn:** A collection of comics following the adventures of a group of six California teens who find themselves on the run after they learn their parents are members of a secret criminal society.
 - ***The Queen of Cool* – Castellucci:** Bored with her life, popular high school junior Libby signs up for an internship at the zoo and discovers that the “science nerds” she meets there may have a few things to teach her about friendship and life.
 - ***Summerland* – Chabon:** The Ferishers, little creatures who ensure perfect weather for Summerland, are aided by one of history's worst baseball players in their struggle to save Summerland from giants, goblins, and other legendary, terrible creatures.
 - ***Many Stones* – Coman:** After Berry's older sister is murdered in South Africa, Berry's father insists that she accompany him back to the school where her sister volunteered.
 - ***Crackback* – Coy:** Miles barely recalls when football was fun after being sidelined by a new coach, constantly criticized by his father, and pressured by his best friend to take performance-enhancing drugs.
 - ***Zap* – Fleischman:** Contain a juxtaposition of several different plays that parody the works of Tennessee Williams, Anton Chekhov, Samuel Beckett, Neil Simon, and others.
- ***Coraline* – Gaiman:** Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.
 - ***An Abundance of Katherines* – Green.** Having been recently dumped for the nineteenth time by a girl named Katherine, recent high school graduate Colin sets off on a road trip with his best friend to try to find some new direction in life while also trying to create a mathematical formula to explain his relationships.
 - ***The House on the Gulf* – Haddix:** A sixteen-year-old boy arranges a housesitting job for the summer, but he starts acting strangely after his family moves in, and his sister begins to suspect they are not supposed to be there.
 - ***Thursday's Child* – Hartnett:** A young woman, looking back on her childhood, recounts her farm family's poverty, her father's cowardice, and her younger brother's obsession for digging tunnels and living underground.
 - ***Rash* – Hautman:** In a future society that has decided it would "rather be safe than free," sixteen-year-old Bo' lands him in a tundra jail where he survives playing illegal football and with the help of an artificial intelligence program named Bork.
 - ***The Minister's Daughter* – Hearn:** In 1645 in England, the daughters of the town minister successfully accuse a local healer and her granddaughter of witchcraft to conceal an out-of-wedlock pregnancy, but years later during the 1692 Salem trials their lie has unexpected repercussions.

- ***Fly on the Wall: How One Girl Saw Everything* – Lockhart:** When Gretchen Yee, a student at the Manhattan School for Art and Music, wishes she were a fly on the wall of the boys' locker room, she never expects her wish to come true .
- ***The Year of Secret Assignments* – Moriarty:** Three female students from Ashbury High write to three male students from rival Brookfield High as part of a pen pal program, leading to romance, humiliation, revenge plots, and war between the schools.
- ***Mortal Engines* – Reeve:** Long after the Sixty Minute War destroyed civilization, technology has been lost and tiered cities move about the Earth on caterpillar tracks, often absorbing smaller locales.
- ***Everlost* – Shusterman:** When Nick and Allie are killed in a car crash, they end up in Everlost, or limbo for lost souls, where, although Nick is satisfied, Allie will stop at nothing--even skinjacking--to break free.
- ***The Warrior Heir* – Williams:** After learning about his magical ancestry and his own warrior powers, sixteen-year-old Jack embarks on a training program to fight enemy wizards.
- ***Poison* – Wooding:** When Poison leaves her home in the marshes of Gull to retrieve the infant sister who was snatched by the fairies, she and a group of unusual friends survive encounters with the inhabitants of various realms, and Poison herself confronts a surprising destiny.
- ***Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac* – Zevin:** After a nasty fall, Naomi realizes that she has no memory of the last four years and finds herself reassessing every aspect of her life.