

**Stone, Phoebe.** *The Boy on Cinnamon Street.* Since a tragedy she cannot remember, thirteen-year-old Louise has changed her name and locked her feelings inside. Through her friends and notes from a secret admirer, she begins to find herself again.

**Van Draanen, Wendelin.** *The Running Dream.* When an accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and finds a way to help rekindle her dream of running again.

## GRAPHIC NOVELS

**Gulledge, Laura Lee.** *Page by Paige.* When Paige Turner and her family move to New York City, she tries to make sense of her new life through her sketchbook, and it helps bring her true personality into the open.

**Hicks, Faith Erin.** *Friends with Boys.* After an idyllic childhood being homeschooled, Maggie enrolls in public high school, where interacting with her peers is complicated by the melancholy ghost that has followed her throughout her life.

**Larson, Hope.** *Madeleine L'Engle's A Wrinkle in Time: The Graphic Novel.* A graphic novel adaptation of the classic tale in which Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

**Neel, Julien.** *Lou! Secret Diary.* (Series) Lou shares the high and low points of being twelve as she takes a few awkward steps into dating.

**Roman, Dave.** *Astronaut Academy.* (Series) Former space hero Hakata Soy is doing his best to keep his head down at Astronaut Academy, but his old life as the leader of a futuristic super team won't stay in the past.

## NONFICTION

**Barton, Chris.** *Can I See Your I.D.?: True Stories of False Identities.* (001.9 BAR)

**Blumenthal, Karen.** *Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different.* (Biography JOB)

**Farrell, Mary Cronk.** *Pure Grit: How American World War II Nurses Survived Battle and Prison Camp in the Pacific.* (940.54 FAR)

**Hoose, Phillip.** *Claudette Colvin: Twice Towards Justice.* (Biography COL)

**Murphy, Jim.** *Invincible Microbe: Tuberculosis and the Never-Ending Search for a Cure.* (616.995 MUR)

**Rusch, Elizabeth.** *Mighty Mars Rovers: the Incredible Adventures of Spirit and Opportunity.* (523.43 RUS)

**Sheinkin, Steve.** *Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon.* (355.825 SHE)

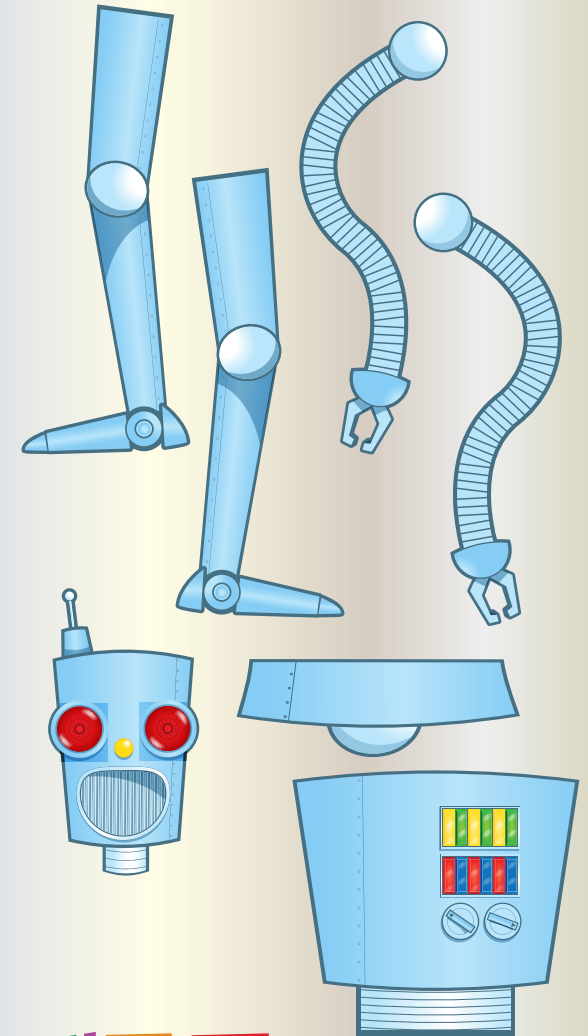
**Sheinkin, Steve.** *Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights.* (940.54 SHE)

**Walker, Sally.** *Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland.* (614.17 WAL)

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# SEVENTH GRADE RECOMMENDED READING LIST



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## FICTION

### **Acampora, Paul.** *I Kill the Mockingbird.*

When best friends Lucy, Elena, and Michael receive their summer reading list, they are excited to see *To Kill a Mockingbird* included, but not everyone in their class shares the same enthusiasm.

### **Alexander, Kwame.** *The Crossover.*

Twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with drama on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

### **Barnhill, Kelly.** *The Mostly True Story of Jack.*

When Jack spends a summer with his odd aunt and uncle, he suddenly makes friends, is beaten up by the town bully, and is plotted against by the richest man in town.

### **Billingsley, Franny.** *Chime.*

In a complex alternate universe, Briony thinks she has committed murder. Puzzling out the truth involves her sister and a new love.

### **Bodeen, S.A.** *The Raft.*

Robbie's last-minute flight to the Midway Atoll proves to be a nightmare when the plane goes down in shark-infested waters.

### **Brennan, Sarah Rees.** *Unspoken.* (Series)

Kami has spoken to Jared in her head her entire life and has convinced herself that he's imaginary. Then he moves to her town and is one of the dreaded Lynburns.

### **Dowell, Frances O'Roark.** *Ten Miles Past*

*Normal.* Tenth grade is a challenge for Janie, who just wants to be normal, but not for her mom, who blogs about their alternate lifestyle.

### **Fforde, Jasper.** *The Last Dragonslayer.*

(Series) Fifteen-year-old Jennifer Strange runs an agency for under-employed magicians, but when visions of the death of the world's last dragon begin, all signs point to Jennifer.

### **Gantos, Jack.** *Dead End in Norvelt.*

Being grounded for the entire summer might be the best thing that could have happened to Jack and his blood-spurting nose.

### **John, Antony.** *Elemental.* (Series)

In a dystopian colony of the United States where everyone is born with powers of the elements, sixteen-year-old Thomas seems powerless, but is he?

### **Key, Watt.** *Fourmile.*

A mysterious stranger arrives at a boy's rundown farm home, just as a dangerous situation is unfolding for the 12-year-old and his widowed mother.

### **Kirby, Matthew.** *Icefall.*

Solveig and her siblings, including the young Viking heir, must take refuge in a hidden fortress. Despite having Berserker guards, they may not be safe.

### **Lancaster, Mike.** *Human.4.*

Kyle was hypnotized when humanity was upgraded to 1.0 and he, incompatible with the new technology, exposes its terrifying impact in a tape-recording found in the future.

### **Myers, Walter Dean.** *The Cruisers.*

Four friends caught in the middle of a mock Civil War at school learn the true cost of freedom of speech when they use their alternative newspaper to try to make peace.

### **Mulligan, Andy.** *Trash.*

Fourteen-year-olds Raphael and Gardo team up with a younger boy, Rat, to figure out the mysteries surrounding a bag Raphael finds during their daily life of sorting through trash.

### **Neri, Greg.** *Ghetto Cowboy.*

After Cole's mother discovers he's been truant for a month, she drives him from Detroit to Philly to stay with the father he's never met. Cole's angry and wants nothing to do with him or his urban horse stables.

### **Patrick, J. Nelle.** *Tsarina.*

Within the walls of Russia's Winter Palace, Natalya seeks a magical Faberge egg containing the power of the land and, possibly, a life of love for her and Alexei Romanov.

### **Pratchett, Terry.** *Dodger.*

In an alternative version of Victorian London, Dodger unexpectedly rises in life when he saves a mysterious girl.

### **Rennison, Louise.** *Withering Tights.* (Series)

Self-conscious about her knobby knees, but confident in her acting ability, Tallulah spends the summer at a performing arts camp.

### **Sitomer, Alan Lawrence.** *Nerd Girls: The Rise of the Dorkasaurus.* (Series)

Three misfit middle school students team up to try to beat out the catty and mean "ThreePees"—pretty, popular, and perfect girls—at the school talent show.

### **Stiefvater, Maggie.** *Scorpio Races.*

19-year-old Sean Kendrick competes in the annual Scorpio Races, trying to keep hold of his dangerous water horse long enough to make it to the finish line.