

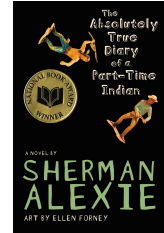


WRHS Summer Reading 2016-17

Fiction

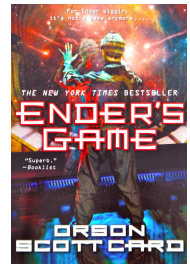
***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie**

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm-town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. Heartbreakingly funny with illustrations by acclaimed artist Ellen Forney that reflect the character's art.



***Ender's Game*, by Orson Scott Card**

To develop a secure defense against a hostile alien race's next attack, government agencies train child geniuses as soldiers. Brilliant third-child Andrew "Ender" Wiggin is drafted to the orbiting battle school where he must balance his leadership skills, rivalry from his peers, pressure from the teachers, and an unsettling fear of the alien invaders. The war with the Buggers has been raging for a hundred years, and the quest for the perfect general has been underway for almost as long—but is Ender the General the world has been waiting for?



***The Eye of Minds*, by James Dashner**



Michael, like most gamers, spends more time on the VirtNet than in the actual world. Recent reports claim that one gamer is holding players hostage inside the VirtNet. The effects are horrific—the hostages have all been declared brain-dead. The government knows that to catch a hacker, you need a hacker—and they want Michael. If he accepts their challenge, he will need to go off the VirtNet grid. There are back alleys and corners in the system human eyes have never seen and predators he can't even fathom—and there's the possibility that the line between game and reality will be blurred forever (Goodreads). This is a great choice for fans of Dashner's *The Maze Runner* and Cory Doctorow's *Little Brother*.

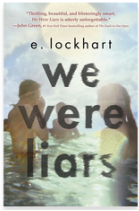
***Seraphina*, by Rachel Hartman**

In a world where dragons and humans coexist in an uneasy truce and dragons can assume human form, Seraphina grapples with her own hidden identity amid magical secrets and royal scandals. When a member of the royal family is murdered, Seraphina is drawn into a plot to disrupt the tenuous peace between dragons and humans. If you like fantasy books of any kind, you will love this book.



Fiction

***We Were Liars*, by E. Lockhart**



A beautiful and distinguished family. A private island. A brilliant, damaged girl; a passionate, political boy. A group of four friends—the Liars—whose friendship turns destructive. A revolution. An accident. A secret. Lies upon lies. True love. The truth. *We Were Liars* is a modern, sophisticated suspense novel from National Book Award finalist and Printz Award honoree E. Lockhart. Beautiful, heartbreaking, and more than it seems. Read it, and if anyone asks you how it ends, just *LIE* (Goodreads).

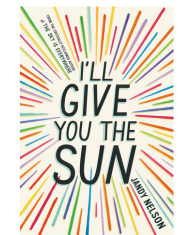
***Jellicoe Road*, by Melina Marchetta**

Taylor is leader of the boarders at the Jellicoe School. She has to keep the upper hand in the long-standing territory wars between the students, cadets, and townies. Now Hannah, the only adult Taylor can rely on, has disappeared. Taylor's only clue is a manuscript about five kids who lived in Jellicoe eighteen years ago. She needs to find out more, but this means confronting her own story, making sense of her strange, recurring dream, and finding her mother—who abandoned her on the Jellicoe Road. Told out-of-order, *Jellicoe Road* is realistic fiction at its best: part mystery, part coming-of-age tale, part story of love and friendship, and completely impossible to put down.

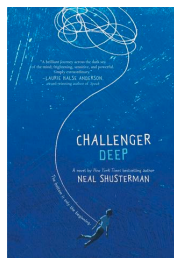


***I'll Give You the Sun*, by Jandy Nelson**

Jude and her twin brother, Noah, are incredibly close. At thirteen, isolated Noah draws constantly and is falling in love with the charismatic boy next door, while daredevil Jude cliff-dives and wears red lipstick. But three years later, Jude and Noah are barely speaking. Something has happened to wreck the twins in different ways. The early years are Noah's story to tell. The later years are Jude's. The twins each have only half the story, and if they could just find their way back to one another, they'd have a chance to remake their world. A brilliant, luminous story of first love, family, loss, and betrayal for fans of John Green, David Levithan, and Rainbow Rowell



***Challenger Deep*, by Neal Shusterman**



Caden Bosch is on a galleon that's headed for the deepest point on Earth: Challenger Deep, the southern part of the Marianas Trench. Bosch is a brilliant high school student whose friends are starting to notice his odd behavior. He is designated the ship's artist in residence to document the journey with images. He is split between his allegiance to the captain and the allure of mutiny. Caden is dealing with schizophrenia...and as fantasy and paranoia begin to take over, his parents have only one choice left.

Challenger Deep, a formidable and poetic voyage into the mind of a teen with a misunderstood mental illness, won the 2015 National Book Award for Young People's Literature.

Graphic Novel

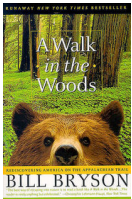
***Bad Machinery* (series), by John Allison**



Strange things happen in Tackleford, England. The town is rife with cryptozoological mysteries just waiting to be solved by two groups of intrepid sleuths from local Griswalds Grammar School. From secret, enigmatic Selkies to faithful (but perplexing) human-like “dogs,” each book in the series finds Shauna, Lottie, Mildred, Sonny, Jack, and Linton, attempting to solve a mystery the adults in the village just can’t be bothered with—often with hilarious results.

History & Social Sciences

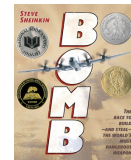
***A Walk in the Woods*, by Bill Bryson**



In order to rediscover his country, the unprepared and out-of-shape author sets out to walk the length of the Appalachian Trail. He is armed with nothing but Snickers Bars and Ramen Noodles, and accompanied by a college roommate he has not seen in years. His account of that adventure is at once hilarious, inspiring, and thought-provoking.

***Bomb! The Race to Build--and Steal—the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon*, by Steve Sheinkin**

This is the story of the plotting, the risk-taking, the deceit, and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon—the atomic bomb.

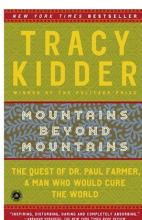


***The Omnivore’s Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals*, by Michael Pollan**

The question of what to have for dinner has confronted us since man discovered fire. How we answer it now may determine our survival as a species. *The Omnivore’s Dilemma* is an informative and entertaining read.



***Mountains Beyond Mountains*, by Tracy Kidder**

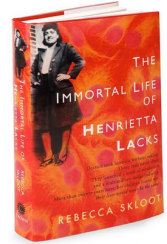


A thought-provoking and inspirational portrait of world-renowned infectious disease expert, Dr. Paul Farmer, as this unconventional Harvard genius investigates the world's great health, economic, and social problems.

Science

***The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by Rebecca Skloot** ✦ WRHS Staff Book Club pick

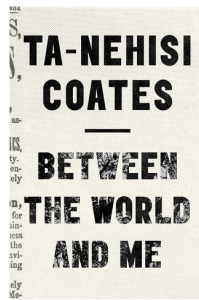
From a single, abbreviated life grew a seemingly immortal line of cells without which the majority of the most crucial innovations in modern science would not have been possible. One of the most compelling stranger-than-fiction stories you may ever read.



Memoir

***Between the World and Me*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates**

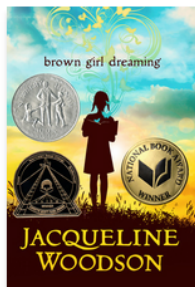
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"In a series of essays, written as a letter to his son, Coates confronts the notion of race in America and how it has shaped American history. Thoughtfully exploring personal and historical events, the author poignantly asks and attempts to answer difficult questions. From his passionate and deliberate breakdown of the concept of race itself to the importance of the Black Lives Matter movement, Coates powerfully sums up the terrible history of the subjugation of black people in the United States. This stunning, National Book Award-winning memoir should be required reading for high school students and adults alike." (Summary and

review from *School Library Journal*)

***Brown Girl Dreaming*, by Jacqueline Woodson**



Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. Touching and powerful, each poem is emotionally charged, each line a glimpse into a young person's soul as she searches for her place in the world (Goodreads). This book won the National Book Award for Young People's Literature, a Newbery Honor, and the Coretta Scott King Award for the author (among other prestigious recognitions). Don't let that scare you! *Brown Girl Dreaming* is tremendously readable and beautifully written.

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