

# ***LHS Summer Reading Book Clubs 2020***

Given the extraordinary circumstances the pandemic has presented, the community-wide summer reading program is completely **optional** this year at LHS--there will be no tests, projects, assignments, or extra credit given. Instead, we hope you find pleasure and joy in reading for its own sake.

The following grid lists over 50 titles that staff and community members will be reading this summer, and we'd love for you to join us! If you'd like to read with a group, please go to the [LHS Summer Reading Book Clubs Google Form](#) and select the book club(s) you'd like to join. Facilitators will contact you with information about when each virtual book club will meet this summer.

<p><b><i>Biography/Memoir</i></b>  <a href="#">Just Mercy</a> - Ms. Hossfeld  <a href="#">Born a Crime</a> - Mr. Blom  <a href="#">Know My Name</a> - Dr. Turner  <a href="#">The Yellow House</a> - Mrs. Kern  <a href="#">In Pharaoh's Army</a> - Ms. Barry  <a href="#">North: Finding My Way While Running the Appalachian Trail</a> - Ms. Berlinger  <a href="#">Running with Sherman</a> - Ms. Berlinger</p>	<p><b><i>Fantasy/Science Fiction</i></b>  <a href="#">Children of Blood and Bone</a> - Ms. Bearden  <a href="#">The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes</a> - Mrs. Abate  <a href="#">Thirteen Doorways, Wolves Behind Them All</a> - Ms. Asselin  <a href="#">Red Queen</a> - Mrs. Bearden  <a href="#">Caraval</a> - Mrs. Bearden</p>	<p><b><i>Fiction (Realistic &amp; Historical)</i></b>  <a href="#">The Hate U Give</a> - Mrs. McCook &amp; Ms. Kelley  <a href="#">On the Come Up</a> - Mrs. Feudo  <a href="#">Everything I Never Told You</a> - Mrs. Steele  <a href="#">Little Fires Everywhere</a> - Mrs. Kern &amp; Mrs. Gilmore  <a href="#">Where the Crawdads Sing</a> - Mrs. Landfors  <a href="#">The Nickel Boys</a> - Mrs. Gillen &amp; Mrs. McCook  <a href="#">Speak</a> - Dr. Turner  <a href="#">The Jetsetters</a> - Mrs. Gillen  <a href="#">The Penelopiad</a> - Mrs. Cegalis  <a href="#">The Nightingale</a> - Mrs. Cegalis  <a href="#">The Topeka School</a> - Ms. Backman</p>
<p><b><i>Science &amp; Psychology</i></b>  <a href="#">Midnight in Chernobyl</a> - Mrs. Ballard  <a href="#">The Universe in Your Hand: A Journey Through Time, Space, and Beyond</a> - Mrs. LeDuc  <a href="#">Why We Make Mistakes</a> - Ms. Harrington</p>	<p><b><i>Romance</i></b>  <a href="#">Red, White &amp; Royal Blue</a> - Mr. Nardi-Williams  <a href="#">To All the Boys I've Loved Before</a> - Dr. Turner  <a href="#">The Falling in Love Montage</a> - Ms. Kelley</p>	<p><b><i>Mystery</i></b>  <a href="#">A Good Girl's Guide to Murder</a> - Mrs. LeDuc  <a href="#">And Then There Were None</a> - Mrs. Harvey  <a href="#">One of Us Is Lying</a> - Mrs. Pettengill  <a href="#">One of Us Is Next</a> - Dr. Turner  <a href="#">The Fifth Petal</a> - Ms. Allison</p>
<p><b><i>Sports</i></b>  <a href="#">It's Good to Be Gronk</a> - Mr. Christy  <a href="#">The Boys of Winter</a> - Mr. Smithlin  <a href="#">All the Way: My Life in Four Quarters</a> - Mr.</p>	<p><b><i>Graphic Novels</i></b>  <a href="#">They Called Us Enemy</a> - Ms. Cantino  <a href="#">This One Summer</a> - Ms. Cantino  <a href="#">Dragon Hoops</a> - Mrs. McCook</p>	<p><b><i>War</i></b>  <a href="#">Jarhead: A Marine's Chronicle of the Gulf</a> - Mr. Clark</p>

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<p><b>Horror</b></p> <p><a href="#">The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon</a> - Ms. Landry</p> <p><a href="#">The Outsider</a> - Ms. Barry</p>	<p><b>Novels in Verse/Poetry</b></p> <p><a href="#">Clap When You Land</a> - Mrs. McCook</p>	<p><b>Dystopian Fiction</b></p> <p><a href="#">The Grace Year</a> - Mrs. Bridge</p> <p><a href="#">Internment</a> - Mrs. Kelley</p>
<p><b>Classics</b></p> <p><a href="#">Little Women</a> - Mrs. Perry</p> <p><a href="#">Pride and Prejudice</a> - Mrs. LeDuc</p> <p><a href="#">An American Tragedy</a> - Ms. Barry</p>	<p><b>Nonfiction</b></p> <p><a href="#">How to Be an Anti-racist</a> - Mrs. Harvey &amp; Mrs. MacGregor</p> <p><a href="#">An Indigenous People's History of the United States for Young People</a> - Mr. Miskinis</p> <p><a href="#">The 57 Bus</a> - Dr. Turner</p> <p><a href="#">The Great Influenza</a> - Ms. Barry</p>	

### **Book Access**

We are committed to providing book access for all LHS students, especially during this period of social distancing. Here are some options for obtaining copies of the books you'd like to read:

1. **Reuben Hoar Library** - Many public libraries, including Reuben Hoar, are beginning limited curbside pickup as of late May. Please check the [Reuben Hoar Library website](#) for the latest information.
2. **eBooks** - Many electronic copies of books can be found through databases such as [Overdrive](#) and [Hoopla](#). You will need a library card first, which can be obtained [here](#).
3. **Littleton High School** - If you still cannot obtain a copy of your book, please contact Mrs. McCook at [kmccook@littletonps.org](mailto:kmccook@littletonps.org), and she will get one to you. Once again, we are committed to providing book access for all LHS students.

## LHS English Department Summer Reading 2020

Taking into account the extraordinary circumstances that the pandemic presents for students, parents and teachers, summer reading for English classes this year is *not* required at LHS. Recognizing the importance of empathy and equity for all, summer reading is 100% **optional**. Unlike past years, there will be no formal assessments in the fall for summer reading.

With this in mind, the LHS English Department has created the following *suggested* titles for summer. This is an additional list of suggestions broken down by grade level, and it includes some of the “classic” summer reading titles we have recommended in the past. Again, these are just suggestions--we’d like you to read whatever you’d like and whatever you have access to.

### **Suggested Titles for English 9 & 10**

*The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo  
*Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck  
*Animal Farm* by George Orwell  
*Girl in Translation* by Jean Kwok  
*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon  
*Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys  
*Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* by Benjamin Alire Sáenz  
*Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson  
*This Boy’s Life* by Tobias Wolff  
*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain

### **Suggested Titles for English 11 & 12**

Consider titles for English 9 & 10 plus:

*The Color of Water* by James McBride  
*Flu: The Story of the Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918 and the Search for the Virus That Caused It* by Gina Kolata  
*Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger  
*Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd  
*Assassination Vacation* by Sarah Vowell  
*The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett