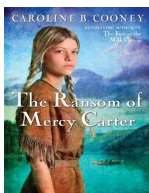


St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School

2020 Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 7*

Required Reading Grade 7

The Ransom of Mercy Carter



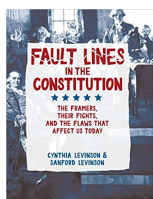
Cooney, Caroline B.

Eleven-year-old Mercy Carter is one of several captives taken by the Mohawk Indians on their raid of Deerfield, Massachusetts in 1704. At first, the captives place their hope in being ransomed; but as time passes and they get to know their Indian families, that hope fades. *Available in audio through Tales2Go.

*Read at least two books from the list.

*Read two additional books of your choosing.

Nonfiction



Born to Fly : The First Women's Air Race Across America

Sheinkin, Steve

Just nine years after American women finally got the right to vote, a group of trailblazers soared to new heights in the 1929 Air Derby, the first women's air race across the U.S. *Available in audio through Audible.

Fault Lines in the Constitution: The Framers, Their Fights, and the Flaws That Affect Us Today

Levinson, Cynthia and Sanford

Many of the political issues we struggle with today have their roots in the US Constitution. Authors take readers back to the creation of this historic document and discuss problems and offer possible solutions. *Available in audio through Audible.

This Land is Our Land: a History of American Immigration

Osborne, Linda Barrett

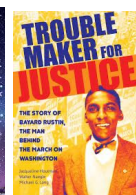
Explores the way government policy and popular responses to immigrant groups evolved throughout U.S. history. The book concludes with a summary of events up to contemporary times, as immigration again becomes a hot-button issue.

We Are Displaced: My Journey and Stories from Refugee Girls Around the World

Yousafzai, Malala with Liz Welch

In a time of immigration crises, war, and border conflicts, We Are Displaced is an important reminder that every single one of the 68.5 million currently displaced is a person -- often a young person -- with hopes and dreams. *Available in audio through Audible.

Biographies & Memoirs



<i>Never Caught, The Story of Ona Judge: George and Martha Washington's Courageous Slave Who Dared to Run Away</i>	Dunbar, Erica Armstrong	A narrative of Ona Judge, George and Martha Washington's runaway slave, who risked everything for freedom. *Available in audio through Audible.
<i>Path to the Stars: My Journey from Girl Scout to Rocket Scientist</i>	Acevedo, Sylvia	The inspiring memoir for young readers about a Latina rocket scientist whose early life was transformed by joining the Girl Scouts and who currently serves as CEO of the Girl Scouts of the USA. *Available in audio through Tales2Go.
<i>Trouble Maker for Justice : The Story of Bayard Rustin, the Man Behind the March on Washington</i>	Houtman, Jacqueline	Though little remembered today, Bayard (rhymes with fired) Rustin was a major leader of the American civil rights movement, a mentor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and a chief organizer of the historic 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.
<i>Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team</i>	Sheinkin, Steve	Story of athlete Jim Thorpe, taken from his family and sent to boarding school where he discovered his prowess in football. His legendary team transformed the game all the while facing tremendous racism. *Available in audio through DC Public Library's Libby.

Historical Fiction



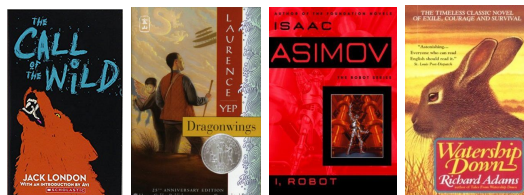
<i>Allies</i>	Gratz, Alan	It is June 6, 1944, D-Day, and Dee Carpenter, an underage private in the United States Army, is headed for Omaha Beach, seeking revenge for his uncle,; meanwhile, Samira Zidano, an eleven-year old French-Algerian girl is looking for the French resistance, desperate to deliver the message that the invasion is about to begin, and get their help in freeing her mother. *Available in audio through Tales2Go.
<i>Echo Mountain</i>	Wolk, Lauren	When twelve-year-old Ellie and her family lose their livelihood and move to a mountain cabin in 1934, she quickly learns to be an outdoors woman and, when needed, a healer. *Available in audio through Audible.
<i>Line Tender, The</i>	Allen, Kate	In this beautifully moving book, twelve-year old Lucy finds solace in her late mother's passion for shark biology during a summer of grieving. *Available in audio through Audible.
<i>My Name is Not Easy</i>	Edwardson, Debby Dahl	Alaskans Luke, Chickie, Sonny, Donna, and Amiq relate their experiences in the early 1960s when they are forced to attend a Catholic boarding school where, despite different tribal affiliations, they come to find a sort of family and home. *Available in audio through Audible.

Realistic Fiction



<i>Each Tiny Spark</i>	Cartaya, Pablo	Sixth-grader Emilia Torres struggles with ADHD, her controlling abuela, her mother's work commitments, her father's distance after returning from deployment, evolving friendships, and a conflict over school redistricting. *Available in audio through Audible.
<i>King and the Dragonflies</i>	Callender, Kasen	In a small but turbulent Louisiana town, one boy's grief takes him beyond the bayous of his backyard, to learn that there is no right way to be yourself. *Available in audio through Audible.
<i>Redwood and Ponytail</i>	Holt, K.A.	Told in verse in two voices, with a chorus of fellow students, this is a story of two girls, opposites in many ways, who are drawn to each other; Kate appears to be a stereotypical cheerleader with a sleek ponytail and a perfectly polished persona, Tam is tall, athletic and frequently mistaken for a boy, but their deepening friendship inevitably changes and reveals them in ways they did not anticipate. *Available in audio through Audible.
<i>Stars Beneath Our Feet</i>	Moore, David Barclay	Lolly is grieving the death of his older brother, Jermaine, by making masterpieces with the LEGOs his mom's girlfriend, Yvonne, brings him. But when crew members interested in recruiting him start following Lolly around, he must confront his grief and the events that led to his brother's death. *Available in audio through DC Public Library's Libby

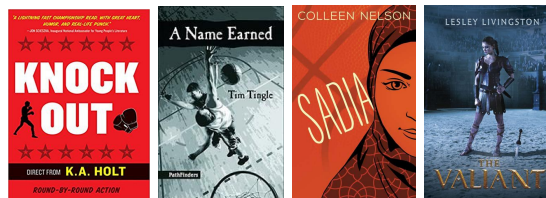
Classics



<i>Call of the Wild, The</i>	London, Jack	The story of Buck, a dog abducted from his home and thrust into the merciless world of an Arctic north consumed by a quest for gold. To survive on the outer edges of civilization, Buck must endure many hardships, including bitter cold and the savagery of life. *Available in audio through Tales2Go.
<i>Dragonwings (Golden Mountain Chronicles)</i>	Yep, Laurence	In the early twentieth century a young Chinese American boy joins his father in San Francisco and helps him realize his dream of making a flying machine.
<i>I, Robot</i>	Asimov, Isaac	In I, Robot, Asimov chronicles the development of the robot through a series of interlinked stories: from its primitive origins in the present to its ultimate perfection in the not-so-distant future--a future in which humanity itself may be rendered obsolete. *Available in audio through DC Public Library's Overdrive.

<i>Watership Down</i>	Adams, Richard	Set in England's Downs, a once idyllic rural landscape, this stirring tale of adventure, courage, and survival follows a band of very special rabbits on their flight from the intrusion of man and the certain destruction of their home. *Available in audio through DC Public Library's Overdrive.
<i>Wizard of Earthsea</i>	Le Guin, Ursula	A boy grows to manhood while attempting to subdue the evil he unleashed on the world as an apprentice to the Master Wizard. *Available in audio through Tales2Go.

Sports & Adventure



<i>Knockout</i>	Holt, K.A.	When Levi discovers his love for boxing, he finds himself in the ring with those who love him most.
<i>Name Earned, A</i>	Tingle, Tim	After years of family problems, Bobby Byington's family is finally stable. His parents are reunited, his father is sober, and he is a starter on the basketball team at his high school. But the door to trouble never stays closed.
<i>Sadia</i>	Nelson, Colleen	Sadia loves playing basketball and adores her coach and teacher, Mr. Letner, who has a knack for inspiring his students. But what should have been an ordinary high-school semester becomes mired in complications.
<i>Valiant, The</i>	Livingston, Leslie	Seventeen-year-old Fallon, the daughter of a Celtic king whose other daughter was killed by the army of Julius Caesar, is captured and sold to a training school for female gladiators owned by Caesar and must overcome dangerous rivals. *Available in audio through Audible.

Fantasy & Science Fiction



<i>Curse So Dark and Lonely, A</i>	Kemmerer, Brigid	Eighteen for the three hundred twenty-seventh time, Prince Rhen despairs of breaking the curse that turns him into a beast at the end of each day until feisty Harper enters his life.
<i>Face Like Glass, A</i>	Hardinge, Frances	In the underground city of Caverna craftsmen are skilled at deception, and the faces of the people are expressionless. Neverfell is a girl with no memory of her past and a face of uncontrollable emotion, which means that she alone cannot lie. *Available in audio through Audible.
<i>Shuri: A Black Panther Novel</i>	Stone, Nic	An original series starring the break-out character from the Black Panther comics and films: T'Challa's younger sister, Shuri! Shuri is a skilled martial artist, a genius and a master of science and technology. But she's also a teenager. And a princess. *Available in audio through Tales2Go.

Time Traveler's Theory of Relativity, A

Valentine, Nicole

Days before his thirteenth birthday, science-lover Finn learns that the women of his family are time travelers and he is expected to help locate his missing mother.

Mystery & Suspense



Pan's Labyrinth: The Labyrinth of the Faun

del Toro, Guillermo

Based on the movie, Guillermo del Toro and Cornelia Funke adapt a dark fantasy novel full of sinister magic. *Available in audio through Audible.

Spy Runner

Velchin, Eugene

Twelve-year-old Jake McCauley, who lives very close to the air force base, becomes suspicious when a Russian man becomes a boarder in his home and who claims to have known Jake's father who disappeared during World War II. *Available in audio through Audible.

Thornhill

Smy, Pam

Parallel stories set in different times, one told in prose and one in pictures, converge as a girl unravels the mystery of the abandoned Thornhill Institute next door.

Tornado Brain

Patrick, Cat

Seventh-grader Frankie, who has various sensory disorders, is determined to find her missing best friend, Colette, before it is too late. *Available in audio through Audible.

Humor



It Wasn't Me

Levy, Dana
Alison

When Theo's photography project is vandalized, the five students nearby all claim it was not them, so Theo's favorite teacher suggests they all spend vacation week together and get to the truth. *Available in audio through Audible.

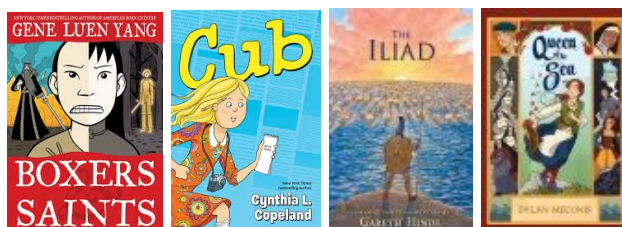
Slider

Hautman, Pete

David can eat an entire sixteen-inch pepperoni pizza in four minutes and thirty-six seconds. But he has to do better: he's going to compete in the Super Pigorino Bowl, the world's greatest pizza-eating contest, and he has to win it, because he borrowed his mom's credit card and accidentally spent \$2,000. *Available in audio through Audible.

<i>Wee Free Men, The</i>	Pratchett, Terry	A young witch-to-be named Tiffany Aching teams up with the Wee Free Men, a clan of six-inch-high blue men, to rescue her baby brother and ward off a sinister invasion from Fairyland. *Available in audio through DC Public Library's Libby.
<i>Wink</i>	Harrell, Rob	A hilarious and heartwrenching story about surviving middle school--and an unthinkable diagnosis--while embracing life's weirdness. Ross Maloy just wants to be a normal seventh grader. There are witty comic panels and other art interspersed throughout the text. *Available in audio through Audible.

Graphic Novels



<i>Boxers and Saints</i>	Yang, Gene Luen	About the Boxer Rebellion at the end of the nineteenth century in China, Little Bao and his foil from Saints, Four-Girl, are drawn by the same fundamental impulses—for community, family, faith, tradition, purpose—and their stories reflect the inner torture that comes when those things are threatened. Twelve-year-old Cindy has just dipped a toe into seventh-grade drama--with its complicated friendships, bullies, and cute boys--when she earns an internship as a cub reporter at a local newspaper in the early 1970s. A (rare) young female reporter takes Cindy under her wing, and Cindy soon learns not only how to write a lede, but also how to respectfully question authority, how to assert herself in a world run by men, and how brave reporting and writing can topple a corrupt world leader.
<i>Cub</i>	Copeland, Cynthia	
<i>Iliad, The</i>	Hinds, Gareth (adapted)	Companion to his graphic novel adaptation of the Odyssey, Homer's classic wartime epic is masterfully presented.
<i>Queen of the Sea</i>	Meconis, Dylan	Loosely based on the childhood of Elizabeth I, Meconis' rich historical fantasy centers on young Margaret, an orphan taken while a baby to live on a nearly forgotten island in the kingdom of Albion.

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