

SOUTHLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Recommended Reading List



TEEN FAVORITES

Books for Guys

- Alex Rider Adventure series by Anthony Horowitz
- No More Dead Dogs by Gordon Kormon
- Phineus Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science by John Fleischman
- Acceleration by Grahme McNamee
- The Boy who Saved Baseball by John H. Ritter
- Gold Dust by Chris Lynch
- How Angel Peterson Got His Name: and other outrageous tales about Extreme Sports by Gary Paulsen
- Inside Out by Terry Trueman
- Joey Pigza Loses Control by Jack Gantos
- Left For Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis by Peter Nelson
- Mortal Engines by Phillip Reeve
- Pendragon Series by D.J. MacHale
- The Schwa was Here by Neal Shusterman
- Shackleton's Stowaway by Victoria McKernan
- Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson
- The Young Man and the Sea by Rodman Philbrick
- The Last Picture Show Larry McMurty
- Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
- The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
- The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian by Sherman Alexie
- Percy Jackson and The Olympians by Rick Riordan
- The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
- Lord of the Rings series by J.R.R. Tolkien
- A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
- Captain Hook: The Adventures of a Notorious Youth by J.V. Hart
- Cirque du Freak series by Darren Shan
- Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson

Books for Girls

- The Princess Diaries by Meg Cabot
- The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares
- What my Mother Doesn't Know by Sonya Sones
- Who am I Without Him? Short stories about Girls and the Boys in their lives by Sharon Flake
- Zazoo by Richard Mosher
- Angus, Thongs, and Full Frontal Snogging: Confessions of Georgia Nicolson by Louise Rennison
- Best Foot Forward by Joan Bauer
- Bloody Jack: Being an Account of the Curious Adventures of Mary "Jacky" Faber, Ships Boy by L.A. Meyer
- The Boyfriend List by E. Lockhart
- A Corner of the Universe by Ann M. Martin
- Hope was Here by Joan Bauer
- A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly
- The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place by E.L. Konigsburg
- The Search for Belle Prater by Ruth White
- Trickster's Choice by Tamora Pierce
- The Year of Secret Assignments by Jaclyn Moriarity
- The Clique Series by Lisi Harrison
- The Twilight Series by Stephanie Meyer
- If I Have a Wicked Stepmother, Where's My Prince? By Melissa Kantor
- My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult
- A Great and Terrible Beauty by Libba Bray
- The Goose Girl by Shannon Hale
- Princess in Pink by Meg Cabot
- Curse of the Blue Tatoo by L.A. Meyer
- Tithes: A Modern Faerie Tale by Holly Black
- Dead Girls Don't Write Letters by Gail Giles
- True Confessions of a Heartless Girl by Martha Brooks30520004028750

Boy and Girls

- The Amulet of Samarkand by Jonathan Stroud
- Airborn by Kenneth Oppel
- Al Capone Does my Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko
- And in the Morning by John Wilson
- Breathing under Water by Alex Flinn
- Can't Get There from Here by Todd Strasser
- The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
- Coraline by Neil Gaiman
- Down the Yukon by Will Hobbs
- Eldest by Christopher Paolini
- My First Part Last by Angela Johnson
- Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling
- Have a Hot Time, Hades! by Kate McMullen
- Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
- The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer
- The Last Book in the Universe by Rodman Philbrick
- The Misfits by James Howe
- Son of the Mob by Gordon Korman
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid Jeff Kinney
- Maximum Ride Series by James Patterson
- City of Bones by Cassandra Clare
- The Uglies Series by Scott Westerfield
- How to Ruin a Summer Vacation by Simone Elkeles
- All Hallows Eve by Vivian Vande Valde
- Life As We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer
- River Secrets by Shannon Hale
- Bad Kitty by Michelle Jaffe
- Road of the Dead by Kevin Brooks
- Peeps by Scott Westerfield
- Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick
- Teen Idol by Meg Cabot
- The Gangsta Rap by Benjamin Zephaniah
- The Garden by Elise Aidinoff
- Pirates! By Celia Rees
- Trickster's Choice by Tamora Pierce
- Inkheart by Cornelia Funke
- A Wizard Alone: Young Wizards Book 6 by Diane Duane
- The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke
- Abhorsen by Garth Nix
- America by E.R. Frank

Other Highly Recommended Novels:

- Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
- Winesburg, Ohio by Sherwood Anderson
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
- My Antonia by Willa Cather

Other Highly Recommended Novels cont.:

- Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie
- The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane
- Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe
- Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
- The Hound of the Baskervilles: Another Adventure of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle
- Moonfleet by J. M. Falkner
- A Room with a View by E. M. Forster
- The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway
- The Prisoner of Zenda by Anthony Hope
- The Hunchback of Notre Dame by Victor Hugo
- We Have Always Lived in the Castle by Shirley Jackson
- The Turn of the Screw by Henry James
- Shoeless Joe by W.P. Kinsella
- The Spy Who Came in from the Cold by John Le Carre
- Planet of Exile by Ursula Le Guin
- The Call of the Wild by Jack London
- The Natural by Bernard Malamud
- The Heart is a Lonely Hunter by Carson McCullers
- The Member of the Wedding by Carson McCullers
- "Bartleby the Scrivener", from The Shorter Novels of Herman Melville by Herman Melville
- Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison
- Mutiny on the Bounty by Charles Nordhoff and James Norman Hall
- Animal Farm by George Orwell
- Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton
- The Curious Case of Sidd Finch by George Plimpton
- A Collection of Stories by Edgar Allan Poe
- The Short Stories of Saki by H.H. Monro Saki
- Franny and Zooey by J.D. Salinger
- The Human Comedy by William Saroyan
- My Name is Aram by William Saroyan
- Strong Poison by Dorothy Sayers
- One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn
- The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson
- Dracula by Bram Stoker
- Lust of Life by Irving Stone
- Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift
- Trinity by Leon Urish
- The Invisible Man by H.G. Wells
- The Golden Apples by Eudora Welty
- Night by Elie Wiesel
- How Right You Are, Jeeves by P.G. Wodehouse

HONOR BOOKS

- *The Underneath* by Kathi Appelt, illus. by David Small (Atheneum Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Simon & Schuster)
- *The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom* by Margarita Engle (Henry Holt)
- *Savvy* by Ingrid Law (Dial Books for Young Readers, a division of Penguin Young Readers Group in partnership with Walden Media)
- *After Tupac & D Foster* by Jacqueline Woodson (G.P. Putnam's Sons, a division of Penguin Books for Young Readers)
- *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis (Scholastic)
- *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt (Clarion)
- *Feathers* by Jacqueline Woodson (Putnam)
- *Penny from Heaven* by Jennifer L. Holm, (Random House)
- *Hattie Big Sky* by Kirby Larson (Delacorte Press)
- *Rules* by Cynthia Lord (Scholastic)
- *Whittington* by Alan Armstrong, illustrated by S.D. Schindler (Random House)
- *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti (Scholastic)
- *Princess Academy* by Shannon Hale (Bloomsbury Children's Books)
- *Show Way* by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Hudson Talbott (G.P. Putnam's Sons)
- *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko (G.P. Putnam's Sons/a division of Penguin Young Readers Group)
- *The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights* by Russell Freedman (Clarion Books/Houghton Mifflin)
- *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy* by Gary D. Schmidt (Clarion Books/Houghton Mifflin)
- *Olive's Ocean* by Kevin Henkes (Greenwillow Books)
- *An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793* by Jim Murphy (Clarion Books)
- *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer (Atheneum)
- *Pictures of Hollis Woods* by Patricia Reilly Giff (Random House/Wendy Lamb Books)
- *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen (Knopf)
- *A Corner of The Universe* by Ann M. Martin (Scholastic)
- *Surviving the Applewhites* by Stephanie S. Tolan (HarperCollins)
- *Everything on a Waffle* by Polly Horvath (Farrar Straus Giroux)
- *Carver: A Life In Poems* by Marilyn Nelson (Front Street)
- *Hope Was Here* by Joan Bauer (G.P. Putnam's Sons)
- *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo (Candlewick Press)
- *Joey Pigza Loses Control* by Jack Gantos (Farrar, Straus, and Giroux)
- *The Wanderer* by Sharon Creech (Joanna Cotler Books/HarperCollins)
- *Getting Near to Baby* by by Audrey Coulombis (Putnam)
- *Our Only May Amelia* by Jennifer L. Holm (HarperCollins)
- *26 Fairmount Avenue* by Tomie dePaola (Putnam)
- *A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck (Dial)
- *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine (HarperCollins)
- *Lily's Crossing* by Patricia Reilly Giff (Delacorte)
- *Wringer* by Jerry Spinelli (HarperCollins)
- *A Girl Named Disaster* by Nancy Farmer (Richard Jackson/Orchard Books)
- *Moorchild* by Eloise McGraw (Margaret McElderry/Simon & Schuster)
- *The Thief* by Megan Whalen Turner (Greenwillow/Morrow)
- *Belle Prater's Boy* by Ruth White (Farrar Straus Giroux)
- *What Jamie Saw* by Carolyn Coman (Front Street)
- *The Watsons Go to Birmingham: 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis (Delacorte)
- *Yolonda's Genius* by Carol Fenner (Margaret K. McElderry/Simon & Schuster)
- *The Great Fire* by Jim Murphy (Scholastic)
- *Catherine, Called Birdy* by Karen Cushman (Clarion)
- *The Ear, the Eye and the Arm* by Nancy Farmer (Jackson/Orchard)
- *Crazy Lady* by Jane Leslie Conly (HarperCollins)
- *Dragon's Gate* by Laurence Yep (HarperCollins)
- *Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery* by Russell Freedman (Clarion Books)
- *What Hearts* by Bruce Brooks (A Laura Geringer Book, a HarperCollins imprint)
- *The Dark-thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural* by Patricia McKissack (Knopf)
- *Somewhere in the Darkness* by Walter Dean Myers (Scholastic Hardcover)
- *Nothing But The Truth: a Documentary Novel* by Avi (Jackson/Orchard)
- *The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane* by Russell Freedman (Holiday House)
- *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi (Jackson/Orchard)
- *Afternoon of the Elves* by Janet Taylor Lisle (Jackson/Orchard)
- *Shabanu, Daughter of the Wind* by Suzanne Fisher Staples (Knopf)
- *The Winter Room* by Gary Paulsen (Jackson/Orchard)
- *In The Beginning: Creation Stories from Around the World* by Virginia Hamilton (Harcourt)

- *Scorpions* by Walter Dean Myers (Harper)
- *After The Rain* by Norma Fox Mazer (Morrow)
- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen (Bradbury)
- *A Fine White Dust* by Cynthia Rylant (Bradbury)
- *On My Honor* by Marion Dane Bauer (Clarion)
- *Volcano: The Eruption and Healing of Mount St. Helens* by Patricia Lauber (Bradbury)
- *Commodore Perry In the Land of the Shogun* by Rhoda Blumberg (Lothrop)
- *Dogsong* by Gary Paulsen (Bradbury)
- *Like Jake and Me* by Mavis Jukes (Knopf)
- *The Moves Make the Man* by Bruce Brooks (Harper)
- *One-Eyed Cat* by Paula Fox (Bradbury)
- *The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare (Houghton)
- *A Solitary Blue* by Cynthia Voigt (Atheneum)
- *Sugaring Time* by Kathryn Lasky (Macmillan)
- *The Wish Giver: Three Tales of Coven Tree* by Bill Brittain (Harper)
- *The Blue Sword* by Robin McKinley (Greenwillow)
- *Doctor DeSoto* by William Steig (Farrar)
- *Graven Images* by Paul Fleischman (Harper)
- *Homesick: My Own Story* by Jean Fritz (Putnam)
- *Sweet Whispers, Brother Rush* by Virginia Hamilton (Philomel)
- *Ramona Quimby, Age 8* by Beverly Cleary (Morrow)
- *Upon the Head of the Goat: A Childhood in Hungary 1939-1944* by Aranka Siegal (Farrar)
- *The Fledgling* by Jane Langton (Harper)
- *A Ring of Endless Light* by Madeleine L'Engle (Farrar)
- *The Road from Home: The Story of an Armenian Girl* by David Kherdian (Greenwillow)
- *The Great Gilly Hopkins* by Katherine Paterson (Crowell)
- *Ramona and Her Father* by Beverly Cleary (Morrow)
- *Anpao: An American Indian Odyssey* by Jamake Highwater (Lippincott)
- *Abel's Island* by William Steig (Farrar)
- *A String in the Harp* by Nancy Bond (Atheneum)
- *The Hundred Penny Box* by Sharon Bell Mathis (Viking)
- *Dragonwings* by Laurence Yep (Harper)
- *Figs & Phantoms* by Ellen Raskin (Dutton)
- *My Brother Sam is Dead* by James Lincoln Collier & Christopher Collier (Four Winds)
- *The Perilous Gard* by Elizabeth Marie Pope (Houghton)
- *Philip Hall Likes Me, I Reckon Maybe* by Bette Greene (Dial)
- *The Dark Is Rising* by Susan Cooper (McElderry/Atheneum)
- *Frog and Toad Together* by Arnold Lobel (Harper)
- *The Upstairs Room* by Johanna Reiss (Crowell)
- *The Witches of Worm* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder (Atheneum)
- *Incident At Hawk's Hill* by Allan W. Eckert (Little, Brown)
- *The Planet of Junior Brown* by Virginia Hamilton (Macmillan)
- *The Tombs of Atuan* by Ursula K. LeGuin (Atheneum)
- *Annie and the Old One* by Miska Miles (Little, Brown)
- *The Headless Cupid* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder (Atheneum)
- *Knee Knock Rise* by Natalie Babbitt (Farrar)
- *Enchantress From the Stars* by Sylvia Louise Engdahl (Atheneum)
- *Sing Down the Moon* by Scott O'Dell (Houghton)
- *Our Eddie* by Sulamith Ish-Kishor (Pantheon)
- *The Many Ways of Seeing: An Introduction to the Pleasures of Art* by Janet Gaylord Moore (World)
- *Journey Outside* by Mary Q. Steele (Viking)