

**Boca Raton Christian School**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading List for Book Reports 2022/2023**

**Required summer reading:** *Getting Away with Murder* by Chris Crowe. This book recounts the murder of Emmett Till, a 14-year-old African American, and the failure of the justice system to convict his killers. The incident and its aftermath contributed to the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement.

**Required summer reading for Honors English:** *David Livingstone Foe of Darkness* by Jeanette Eaton. (Scholar Select has a less costly edition) "This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it." Readers will join world-famous missionary and explorer, David Livingstone, on his fascinating adventures through Africa.

The Life of David Livingstone Paperback – (Scholar Select) August 23, 2017

by J. H. (John Hopkins) Mrs Worcester (Creator)

Also free online: <https://archive.org/details/davidlivingstone006976mbp/page/n32/mode/1up>

Choose a book from a different category each quarter. Great Illustrated Classics do not satisfy the requirements!

**Biography**

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|-----------------------|---|
| 1. Brother Andrew     | <i>God's Smuggler</i>                               |
| 2. Dravecky, Dave     | <i>Comeback</i>                                     |
| 3. Hamilton, Virginia | <i>Anthony Burns</i>                                |
| 4. Marshall, Peter    | <i>The Light and the Glory</i>                      |
| 5. Musser, Joe        | <i>Josh: The Excitement of the Unexpected</i>       |
| 6. Olson, Bruce       | <i>Bruchko</i>                                      |
| 7. Opdyke, Irene      | <i>In My Hands</i>                                  |
| 8. Seaver, James      | <i>A Narrative of the Life of Mrs. Mary Jemison</i> |
| 9. Souder, Patricia   | <i>Alex Leonovich</i>                               |
| 10. Telchin, Stan     | <i>Betrayed!</i>                                    |
| 11. Wakatsuki, Jeanne | <i>Farewell to Manzanar</i>                         |
| 12. White, Kathleen   | <i>Jim Elliot</i>                                   |

**Fiction**

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|----------------------------|---|
| 1. Adams, Richard          | <i>Watership Down</i>                                     |
| 2. Alcott, Louisa May      | <i>Little Women; Little Men; Jo's Boys; Eight Cousins</i> |
| 3. Carter, Ally            | <i>Not If I Save You First</i>                            |
| 4. Catherall, Arthur       | <i>Night of the Black Frost</i>                           |
| 5. Clements, Andrew        | <i>Things Hoped For</i>                                   |
| 6. Cooney, Caroline        | <i>Burning Up; Code Orange</i>                            |
| 7. Defoe, Daniel           | <i>Robinson Crusoe</i>                                    |
| 8. Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan | <i>Adventures of Sherlock Holmes</i>                      |
| 9. Esplin, J.L.            | <i>96 Miles</i>   |
| 10. Flanagan, John         | Ranger's Apprentice series                                |
| 11. DuPrau, Jeanne         | <i>City of Ember: the First Book of Ember</i>             |
| 12. Heldring, Thatcher     | <i>Toby Wheeler</i>                                       |

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| 13. Horowitz, Anthony       | <i>Stormbreaker</i>                     |
| 14. Klass, David            | <i>Danger Zone</i>                      |
| 15. Liparulo, Robert        | Dreamhouse Kings series                 |
| 16. Lipsyte, Robert         | <i>The Contender</i>                    |
| 17. Lupica, Mike            | <i>Heat; The Batboy; Game Changers</i>  |
| 18. Mikaelsen, Ben          | <i>Touching Spirit Bear</i>             |
| 19. Patneau, David          | <i>Someone Was Watching</i>             |
| 20. Smith, Roland           | <i>Zach's Lie; Peak; Sasquatch</i>      |
| 21. Springer, Nancy         | <i>The Case of the Missing Marquess</i> |
| 22. Staples, Suzanne        | <i>Dangerous Skies</i>                  |
| 23. Stevenson, Robert Louis | <i>Kidnapped</i>                        |
| 24. Twain, Mark             | <i>The Prince and the Pauper</i>        |

**Christian Fiction**

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|-------------------------|--|
| 1. Batson, Wayne Thomas | The Door Within Trilogy series                 |
| 2. Cronk, L.N.          | <i>Chop, Chop</i>                              |
| 3. Elwood, Roger        | <i>Wolf's Lair</i>                             |
| 4. LaHaye, Tim          | Left Behind series                             |
| 5. McDowell, Josh       | <i>Truth Slayer; The Truth Twisters</i>        |
| 6. Nye, Julie           | <i>Every Perfect Gift</i>                      |
| 7. Peterson, Andrew     | <i>On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness</i> |
| 8. Sheldon, Charles     | <i>In His Steps</i>                            |
| 9. Whitener, Rusty      | <i>A Season of Miracles</i>                    |

**Historical Fiction**

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|-------------------------|--|
| 1. Alder, Elizabeth     | <i>The King's Shadow</i>                   |
| 2. Anderson, Laurie     | <i>Fever, 1793; Chains; Forge</i>          |
| 3. Avi                  | <i>Crispin</i>                             |
| 4. Barry, Rick          | <i>Gunner's Run</i>                        |
| 5. Carbone, Elisa       | <i>Blood on the River</i>                  |
| 6. Christopher, Curtis  | <i>Elijah of Buxton</i>                    |
| 7. Collier, Christopher | <i>With Every Drop of Blood</i>            |
| 8. Dick, Lois Hoadley   | <i>False Coin, True Coin</i>               |
| 9. Gaines, Ernest T.    | <i>Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman</i>  |
| 10. Gratz, Alan         | <i>Allies</i>                              |
| 11. Haddix, Margaret    | <i>Uprising</i>                            |
| 12. Howard, Elizabeth   | <i>Out of Step with the Dancers</i>        |
| 13. Larson, Kirby       | <i>Hattie Big Sky</i>                      |
| 14. Lisle, Janet        | <i>The Art of Keeping Cool, Black Duck</i> |
| 15. Marshall, Catherine | <i>Christy</i>                             |
| 16. Morpurgo, Michael   | <i>War Horse</i>                           |
| 17. Paterson, Katherine | <i>Lyddie</i>                              |

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| 18. Rawlings, Marjorie | <i>The Yearling</i>   |
| 19. Schaefer, Jack     | <i>Shane</i>          |
| 20. Yolen, Jane        | <i>Girl in a Cage</i> |

**Nonfiction**

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|--------------------------|--|
| 1. Armstrong, Jennifer   | <i>The American Story</i>                    |
| 2. Aronson, Marc         | <i>Witch-hunt</i>                            |
| 3. Freedman, Russell     | <i>In Defense of Liberty</i>                 |
| 4. Fridell, Ron          | <i>Solving Crimes</i>                        |
| 5. Greenfeld, Howard     | <i>The Hidden Children</i>                   |
| 6. Hoose, Phillip        | <i>We Were There, Too!</i>                   |
| 7. Jackson, Robert       | <i>Unexplained Mysteries of World War II</i> |
| 8. Kennedy, John F.      | <i>Profiles in Courage</i>                   |
| 9. Lester, Julius        | <i>To Be a Slave</i>                         |
| 10. Levine, Ellen        | <i>Darkness over Denmark</i>                 |
| 11. Murphy, Jim          | <i>An American Plague</i>                    |
| 12. Philbrick, Nathaniel | <i>Revenge of the Whale</i>                  |
| 13. Richardson, Don      | <i>Peace Child</i>                           |
| 14. Schroff, Laura       | <i>An Invisible Thread</i>                   |
| 15. Smith, Ashley        | <i>Unlikely Angel</i>                        |
| 16. Stein, Mark          | <i>How the States Got Their Shapes</i>       |
| 17. Tunis, Edwin         | <i>Frontier Living</i>                       |
| 18. Warren, Andrea       | <i>Under Siege!</i>                          |