

# 9th + 10th Grade Summer Reading

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**All Upper School Students will read a total of three books: two books must come from their grade level list and one book may be any title of the student's choice.** Required summer reading titles for AP and Honors classes will also count toward the three-book total. Students should not select any texts that they have previously read, and students should submit the reading log to their advisors when they return to school in August.

The purpose of summer reading at Baylor is to encourage students to develop a life-long habit of reading, echo the students' classroom learning experiences, and provide opportunities for students to read classics and other texts that expand their perspectives and stimulate interest in the world around them.

## CLASSICS

*Emma*, Jane Austen  
*Pride and Prejudice*, Jane Austen  
*My Ántonia*, Willa Cather  
*The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*, Agatha Christie  
*Oliver Twist*, Charles Dickens  
*The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
*Rebecca*, Daphne du Maurier  
*The Three Musketeers*, Alexandre Dumas  
*The Old Man and the Sea*, Ernest Hemingway  
*The Haunting of Hill House*, Shirley Jackson  
*A Separate Peace*, John Knowles  
*The Scarlet Pimpernel*, Baroness Orczy  
*All Quiet on the Western Front*, Erich Maria Remarque

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## CONTEMPORARY FICTION, HISTORICAL FICTION, AND MYSTERY

*Lovely War*, Julie Berry  
*Shelter*, Harlan Coben  
*We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*, Karen Joy Fowler  
*We Were the Lucky Ones*, Georgia Hunter  
*The Invention of Wings*, Sue Monk Kidd  
*The Beekeeper's Apprentice*, Laurie R. King  
*The Poisonwood Bible*, Barbara Kingsolver  
*This Tender Land*, William Kent Kreuger  
*The Downstairs Girl*, Stacy Lee  
*The Lost Book of the Grail*, Charlie Lovett  
*A River Runs Through It*, Norman Maclean  
*Monster*, Walter Dean Myers  
*Warlight*, Michael Ondaatje  
*The Island of Sea Women*, Lisa See  
*The Fountains of Silence*, Ruta Sepetys  
*Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore*, Robin Sloan  
*I Capture the Castle*, Dodie Smith  
*Code Name Verity*, Elizabeth Wein  
*The Rent Collector*, Camron Wright  
*The Sun in Also a Star*, Nicola Yoon  
*Goodbye Days*, Jeff Zentner

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## SCIENCE FICTION, DYSTOPIAN, AND FANTASY

*Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, Douglas Adams  
*The Bear and the Nightingale*, Katherine Arden  
*Ender's Game*, Orson Scott Card  
*Ready Player One*, Ernest Cline  
*Ready Player Two*, Ernest Cline  
*Legendborn*, Tracy Deonn  
*The Book of Ivy*, Amy Engel  
*A Wizard of Earthsea*, Ursula K. LeGuin  
*The Kingdom of Back*, Marie Lu  
*The Wide Starlight*, Nicole Lesperance  
*Life of Pi*, Yann Martel  
*The Night Circus*, Erin Morganstern  
*Mistborn*, Brandon Sanderson  
*Skyward*, Brandon Sanderson  
*Once Upon a River*, Diane Setterfield

*Scythe*, Neal Shusterman  
*An Ember in the Ashes*, Sabaa Tahir  
*Lord of the Rings Trilogy*, J.R.R. Tolkien  
*The Once and Future King*, T.H. White

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## NONFICTION

*A Thousand Sisters: The Heroic Airwomen of the Soviet Union in World War II*, Elizabeth Wein  
*Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Speaking*, Susan Cain  
*The Math Instinct: Why You're a Mathematical Genius (Along with Lobsters, Birds, Cats, and Dogs)*, Keith Devlin  
*The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia*, Candace Fleming  
*A Dog in the Cave: The Wolves that Made Us Human*, Kay Frydenborg  
*The Disappearing Spoon: And Other True Tales of Rivalry, Adventure, and the History of the World from the Periodic Table of the Elements (Young Readers Edition)*, Sam Kean  
*Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*, Erik Larson  
*The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness*, Sy Montgomery  
*Games of Deception: The True Story of the First U.S. Olympic Basketball Team at the 1936 Olympics in Hitler's Germany*, Andrew Maraniss  
*Wilderness Essays*, John Muir  
*D-Day Girls: The Spies Who Armed the Resistance, Sabotaged the Nazis, and Helped Win World War II*, Sarah Rose  
*Born to Fly: The First Women's Air Race Across America*, Steve Sheinkin  
*The Code Book: The Science of Secrecy from Ancient Egypt to Quantum Cryptology*, Simon Singh  
*Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team That Changed a Town*, Warren St. John  
*The Book of Eels: Out Enduring Fascination with the Most Mysterious Creatures in the Natural World*, Patrik Svensson

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## BIOGRAPHIES and MEMOIRS

*Strong Inside: The True Story of How Perry Wallace Broke College Basketball's Color Line*, Andrew Maraniss  
*Isaac's Storm: A Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History*, Erik Larson  
*Becoming Odysa: Adventures on the Appalachian Trail*, Jennifer Pharr Davis  
*Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team*, Steve Sheinkin  
*No Summit Out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits*, Jordan Romero  
*The Notorious Benedict Arnold*, Steve Sheinkin  
*The Rise and Fall of Charles Lindbergh*, Candace Fleming  
*How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child*, Sandra Uwiringiyimana  
*Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers*, Deborah Heiligman  
*Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March*, Lynda Blackmon Lowery  
*The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor*, Sonia Sotomayor