

**FORM I SUMMER READING
2010**

All-Form Book, required for all entering Form I students

Schmidt, Gary D.

Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy

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In 1911, Turner Buckminster hates his new home of Phippsburg, Maine, but things improve when he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from a poor, nearby island community founded by former slaves that the town fathers--and Turner's--want to change into a tourist spot.**

Hot Off the Press! New Books to Check Out

Bauer, Joan

Stand Tall

Tree, a six-foot-three-inch twelve-year-old, copes with his parents' recent divorce and his failure as an athlete by helping his grandfather, a Vietnam vet and recent amputee, and Sophie, a new girl at school.**

Grisham, John

Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer

....Though he's only thirteen years old....Theo Boone finds himself in court. Because he knows so much--maybe too much--he is suddenly dragged into the middle of a sensational murder trial. A cold-blooded killer is about to go free, and only Theo knows the truth.

From <http://www.theodoreboone.com/>

Hot Off the Press! New Books to Check Out, continued

Lupica, Mike

The Batboy

Even though his mother feels baseball ruined her marriage to his father, she allows fourteen-year-old Brian to become a bat boy for the Detroit Tigers, who have just drafted his favorite player back onto the team.**

Riordan, Rick

The Red Pyramid

Brilliant Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kane accidentally unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes the doctor to oblivion and forces his two children to embark on a dangerous journey, bringing them closer to the truth about their family and its links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.**

Classics

Carroll, Lewis

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

While Alice's sister is reading a book, Alice follows a strange rabbit down a rabbit hole. She meets the Mad Hatter, March Hare, and the Dormouse at a very fine tea party.

Sarah Ssemakula

Colum, Padriac

The Children's Homer: The Adventures of Odysseus and the Tale of Troy

When the Trojan War ends, Odysseus must find a way home. Beasts look for lost ships as he sails, so he will have many challenges.

Angus McDonald

Geras, Adele

Troy

Xanthe works in the Blood Room, which is an infirmary for injured warriors. Xanthe is said to have a special healing and comforting touch on the wounded and sick warriors. Readers also learn about Marpessa, who weaves tapestries, and Borros, who wants to marry Xanthe.

Heather Gluckman

Classics, continued

Montgomery, L.M.

Anne of Green Gables

Anne is a talkative and imaginative red-head. She is sent to the Cuthberts instead of an orphan boy to help them work at Green Gables. She gets into trouble many times, but the Cuthberts cannot bring themselves to exchange her for an orphan boy.

Michelle Wolf

Stevenson, Robert Lewis

Treasure Island

Jim is a normal son taking up the family business of running their inn until there is a fight between two pirates. Jim is then dragged into a treasure hunt where he meets loyal and disloyal shipmates.

Chris Santucci

Fantasy

Colfer, Eoin

Airman

Conor Brokehard has everything a boy could want. He spends his days studying flying designs with his mentor and exploring the castle with princess Isabella. Then the king and Conor's tutor are killed and Conor imprisoned, and the only freedom is flight.

Ben Skinner

Mieville, China

Un Lun Dun

The evil Smog is taking over Unlondon, and Deeba and her friends must stop it. A traitor and a group of the most powerful people in Unlondon stand in their way.

Brendan Leech

Fantasy, continued

Nix, Garth

Sabriel

Sabriel's father is missing, and she is worried. Sabriel, who can go into Death, ventures into the old kingdom to look for her father. Her adventure brings her many things, and one of them may be her father.

Arya Reddy

Pratchett, Terry

Nation

Mau wants to become a Man, so he sails to Man's Land, Nation. On his way to Nation, Mau encounters a massive wave which he miraculously survives. When Mau gets to Nation, he finds nobody there. However, he will find out that he is not the only survivor of the wave, and he has many duties to maintain Nation.

Krishna Patel

Science Fiction

Card, Orson Scott

Ender's Game

When Andrew Wiggin is born, Earth is still worried about the Buggers, a race of insect-like aliens that attacked seventy years before. Andrew is nicknamed Ender, and when he is considered worthy, he goes to battle school.

William Teplitz

Collins, Suzanne

The Hunger Games

Some countries participate in the Olympics; some countries do not; but Katniss's country has to participate in the Hunger Games. The Hunger Games are competitions to the death among teens. It is the government's way of getting back at the Districts. Katniss, a girl from District 12, is picked to fight and experiences action, romance, and grief.

Sarah Small

Science Fiction, continued

Halam, Ann

Dr. Franklin's Island

A girl named Semi wins a contest and gets the trip of her dreams. While getting there, though, her plane crashes and Semi, a girl named Miranda, and a boy named Arnie are the only survivors. They drift to an island and face a crazy scientist who wants to change them.

Tyler Demchak

Goodman, Allegra

The Other Side of the Island

Honor moves to Island 365 from the Northern Islands. However, her parents are different: they ignore curfew, sing songs, and do not pray to Mother Earth. Island 365 is safe, peaceful, has New Weather, and the sky is regulated. Everyone follows the rules, and those who do not, disappear.

Leah Liu

Reeves, Philip

Mortal Engines

Tom Natsworthy is a third grade apprentice of the great motor city of London. Tom and a girl named Hester fall off London and go on an adventure.

Ted Vuchinich

General Fiction

Hinton, S.E.

Rumble Fish*

Readers who love The Outsiders might want to try this novel by the same author. Rusty-James wishes he could be just like his older brother Motorcycle Boy—until he learns the truth about his brother and himself.

Ms. Turner

General Fiction, continued

Hobbs, Will

Go Big or Go Home

Fourteen-year-old Brady and his cousin Quinn love extreme sports, but nothing could prepare them for the aftermath of Brady's close encounter with a meteorite after it crashes into his Black Hills, South Dakota, bedroom.**

Khan, Rhukhsana

Wanting Mor

Jameela lives in a small village in Afghanistan. When Jameela's mother dies, her father decides to leave everything behind and head for Kabul. He also gets remarried, but Jameela's stepmother treats her like a servant. One night when Jameela's father is drunk, he gets them into trouble. Jameela's stepmother says he can come back if he gets rid of Jameela.

Nurul Quratulaini Abd Salim Nast

Lee, Marie G.

Necessary Roughness*

Chan and his family move to Minnesota from California. New in school, Chan is asked to join the football team. At first, he is unsure, but he realizes that it would actually be a good experience.

Louis Berry

Markandaya, Kamala

Nectar in a Sieve

Rukmani marries Nathan, and although theirs is an arranged marriage, they are happy together. Rukmani's inability to have a son, the building of a tannery near their quiet village, and other changes to public and private life bring hardship.

Ms. Turner

General Fiction, Continued

Myers, Walter Dean

Glory Field

This book is about the Lewis family and all of their generations. The “Glory Field” is where their ancestors were slaves and worked on a plantation. Each generation has to deal with racial struggles.

Andrew Scherbarth

Temple, Frances

Tonight, By Sea*

Readers who enjoyed A Taste of Salt might like this novel by the same author. Paulie and her family, followers of Aristide, plan to flee Haiti by boat. Paulie learns that violence can affect those she loves, and she takes steps toward becoming an activist.

Ms. Turner

Historical Fiction

Hearn, Lian

Across the Nightingale Floor: Tales of the Otori

In ancient Japan, Takeo, a sixteen-year-old saved from a massacre by the mysterious Lord Otori, struggles to reconcile his dual nature--the one given him by the Hidden, the pacifist people among whom he was born and raised, and the one inherited from his father, a celebrated assassin.**

Hengaard, Erik Christian

The Samurai's Tale

A young Japanese boy named Taro is kidnapped by a powerful landlord. Originally a servant boy, Taro becomes a samurai and tries to discover his family history.

Eric Weinberger

Historical Fiction, continued

Kadohata, Cynthia

Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam*

Cracker is filled with melancholy when she must leave her owner, Willie. It takes a long time, but she becomes inseparable from her new owner, Rick. Their goal: to become the best dog-handler team in Vietnam.

Brad Steiner

Davis, Tanita

Mare's War

Octavia and her sister Tali are forced to go on a road trip to Alabama with their grandmother. She drives a red sporty car, wears flippy auburn wigs, and makes people call her Mare. The three family members have conflicting personalities, but when Mare tells her granddaughters about how she ran away from home when she was sixteen, the three are able to connect to each other.

Leah Liu

Mystery/Adventure

Abrahams, Peter

Down the Rabbit Hole

It is not every day when a twelve-year-old girl is accused of murder. Ingrid lives a normal life like any other girl until a strange lady she has just met gets murdered. This suspenseful story is like no other.

Breeden Tesone

Feinstein, John

Cover-Up

Stevie and Susan Carol are two reporters. They have been assigned to go to the Super Bowl for their networks. When they arrive to begin covering the pre-game, Stevie and Susan Carol both sense that something is not right.

Andy Brill

Mystery/Adventure, continued

McLean, Alistair

Where Eagles Dare

Major Smith pulls in his parachute and unhooks himself from it. He goes in search of his colleague, Sergeant Harrod. When Harrod is found, Smith checks for a pulse, but there isn't one. He begins his tedious mission minus one man.

Evan McNally

Stewart, Trenton Lee

The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey

Reynie, Kate, Sticky, and Constance, all graduates of the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened and members of the Benedict Society, embark on a scavenger hunt that turns into a desperate search for the missing Mr. Benedict.**

Thompson, Kate

The New Policeman

J.J. has a best friend named Jimmy. They always talk about common things like homework or going to the school dance, until Jimmy tells J.J. that he heard J.J.'s grandfather murdered a priest. J.J. needs to find out whether he is the descendant of a killer.

Felicia Underwood

Nonfiction/Memoir

Algeo, Matthew

Last Team Standing: How the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Philadelphia Eagles Saved Pro Football during World War II

The NFL begins losing many of its players as they are drafted to fight in World War II, and many teams vanish from the league. The Pittsburgh Steelers and the Philadelphia Eagles combine their tiny rosters to create a full team and will try to keep pro football alive before it is no more.

Evan Brazinski

Nonfiction/Memoir, continued

Bruchac, Joseph

Jim Thorpe, Original All-American

Jim travels from school to school until he finally discovers what he was meant to do: football.

Julian Schwartz

Cox, Lynne

Swimming to Antarctica

Lynne has grown up swimming. She was a pool swimmer, but when her parents move to California, she is introduced to long-distance ocean swimming. She notices that this is her passion. She makes a goal: she wants to swim the English Channel.

Isabella Veneziano

Herriot, James

All Creatures Great and Small

James Herriot is a traveling veterinarian who tells his amazing story. He has to deal with not only his own problems but also those of his employers, who can be some of the weirdest people on earth. Not to mention some of the strange yet funny procedures he uses on animals.

Nick Rath

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