



SHADY SIDE  
ACADEMY

Middle School  
Summer Reading  
2017

**FORM I (7<sup>th</sup> Grade) Summer Reading List**

Directions: The Outsiders is required reading for all Form I students. Choose three additional titles from at least two different genres on the list. We would love it if you read even more than four books from the list.

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**All-Form Book**

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Hinton, S.E.

**The Outsiders**

The struggle of three brothers to stay together after their parents' death and their quest for identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society.

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**Hot Off the Press! New Books**

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Gidwitz, Adam

**The Inquisitor's Tale**

Crossing paths at an inn, thirteenth-century travelers impart the tales of a monastery oblate, a Jewish refugee, and a psychic peasant girl with a loyal greyhound, the three of whom join forces on a chase through France to escape persecution.

Reynolds, Jason

**Ghost**

Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential.

Wolk, Lauren

**Wolf Hollow**

Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what is right in the face of a manipulative and violent new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran.

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**Classics**

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Bradbury, Ray

**Martian Chronicles**

The first Earth people to attempt the colonization of Mars try to build their new world in the image of the civilization they have left behind.

Lewis, C.S.

**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**

Four English school children find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

London, Jack

**The Call of the Wild**

The story of Buck, part St. Bernard and part Scotch shepherd dog, who shows the strengths of both breeds when he is stolen and sold off as a sled dog in the Yukon during the gold rush.

Lowry, Lois

**The Giver**

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other. He then learns the terrible truth about the Community.

Speare, Elizabeth George

**The Witch of Blackbird Pond**

In 1687 in Connecticut, Kit Tyler, feeling out of place in the Puritan household of her aunt, befriends an old woman considered a witch by the community and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft.

Steinbeck, John

**The Pearl**

Kino, a poor Mexican pearl-diver, believes he has received the answer to his prayers when he finds a great pearl worth a fortune, but tragedy soon follows.

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## Fantasy

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Chainani, Soman

**The School for Good & Evil** or any in the series

Best friends Sophie (princess wannabe) and Agatha (witchy loner) are headed (via kidnapping) to the School for Good and Evil, but their assumed destinies are reversed.

Kagawa, Julie

**The Iron King** or any in the series

Sixteen-year-old Meghan, who has felt like something in her life has been slightly off since her father disappeared when she was six, learns that she is the daughter of a mythical faery king, becomes involved in a deadly war, and tries to find love with a young prince.

Mull, Brandon

**Fablehaven** or any in the series

When Kendra and Seth go to stay at their grandparents' estate, they discover that it is a sanctuary for magical creatures and that a battle between good and evil is looming.

Nielsen, Jennifer A.

**Mark of the Thief** or the sequel

When Nic, a slave in the mines outside of Rome, is forced to enter a sealed cavern containing lost treasures of Julius Caesar, he finds himself in possession of an ancient amulet filled with magic once reserved for the Gods, and becomes the center of a conspiracy to overthrow the emperor and destroy Rome.

Peet, Mal

**Keeper**

South American journalist Paul Faustino begins his interview with World Cup Soccer star El Gato and learns a fantastic story of a young, lonely boy growing up in the middle of a rain forest who wandered upon a mysterious soccer field and an apparition that appeared to him daily.

Sands, Kevin

**The Blackthorn Key**

In 1665 London, fourteen-year-old Christopher Rowe, apprentice to an apothecary, and his best friend Tom try to uncover the truth behind a mysterious cult, following a trail of puzzles, codes, pranks, and danger toward an unearthly secret with the power to tear the world apart.

Sanderson, Brandon

**The Rithmatist**

As Wild Chalklings threaten the American Isles and Rithmatists are humanity's only defense, Joel can only watch as Rithmatist students learn the magical art that he would do anything to practice.

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## Science Fiction

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Card, Orson Scott

**Ender's Game** or any in the series

Young Ender Wiggin may prove to be the military genius Earth needs to fight a desperate battle against a deadly alien race that will determine the future of the human race.

Charbonneau, Joelle

**The Testing** or any in the series

Sixteen-year-old Malencia (Cia) Vale is chosen to participate in The Testing to attend the University; however, Cia is fearful when she figures out her friends who do not pass The Testing are disappearing.

Condie, Ally

**Matched** or any in the series

Cassia has always had complete trust in the Society to make decisions for her, but when she is being paired with her ideal mate, a second face flashes on the screen, and Cassia begins to doubt the Society's infallibility as she tries to decide which man she truly loves.

Holyoke, Polly

**The Neptune Project** or the sequel

A group of kids who have been genetically altered to survive in the ocean must embark on a dangerous underwater journey to find refuge--and maybe even a way to save the world.

Pfeffer, Susan Beth

**Life as We Knew It** or any in the series

Through journal entries, sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

Westerfield, Scott

**Uglies** or any in the series

Tally is faced with a difficult choice when her new friend Shay decides to risk life on the outside rather than submit to the forced operation that turns sixteen-year-old girls into gorgeous beauties, and realizes that there is a whole new side to the pretty world that she does not like.

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## General Fiction

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Herrera, Robin

**Hope is a Ferris Wheel**

After moving from Oregon to a trailer park in California, ten-year-old Star participates in a poetry club, where she learns some important lessons about herself and her own hopes and dreams for the future.

Korman, Gordon

**Pop**

Lonely after a midsummer move to a new town, sixteen-year-old high-school quarterback Marcus Jordan becomes friends with a retired professional linebacker who is great at training him, but whose childish behavior keeps Marcus in hot water.

Mass, Wendy

**Every Soul a Star**

Ally, Bree, and Jack meet at Moon Shadow, an isolated campground, to watch a total eclipse of the sun; but soon they begin to learn a great deal about themselves, each other, and the universe.

Smith, Roland

**Peak**

A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.

Stead, Rebecca

**Goodbye Stranger**

As Bridge makes her way through seventh grade on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her best friends, curvacious Em, crusader Tab, and a curious new friend, she finds the answers she has been seeking.

Sonnenblick, Jordan

**Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie** or sequel

When his younger brother is diagnosed with leukemia, thirteen-year-old Steven tries to deal with his complicated emotions, his school life, and his desire to support his family.

Woodson, Jacqueline

**Feathers**

When a new student joins her sixth grade class in the winter of 1971, Frannie's growing friendship with him makes her start to see some things in a new light.

## Historical Fiction

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Blackwood, Gary

**Curiosity**

In 1835, when his father is put in a Philadelphia debtor's prison, twelve-year-old chess prodigy Rufus Goodspeed is relieved to be recruited to secretly operate a chess-playing automaton named The Turk, but soon questions the fate of his predecessors and his own safety.

Bruchac, Joseph

**Code Talker**

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

Meyer, Carolyn

**Beware, Princess Elizabeth**

After the death of her father, King Henry VIII, in 1547, thirteen-year-old Elizabeth must endure the political intrigues and dangers of the reigns of her half-brother Edward and her half-sister Mary before finally becoming Queen of England eleven years later.

Nielsen, Jennifer

**A Night Divided**

When the Berlin Wall went up, Gerta, her mother, and her brother Fritz were trapped on the eastern side where they were living, while her father, and her other brother Dominic were in the West. Four years later, now twelve, Gerta sees her father on a viewing platform on the western side and realizes he wants her to risk her life trying to tunnel to freedom.

Ryan, Pam Muñoz

**Esperanza Rising**

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.

Senzai, N. H.

**Shooting Kabul** or its sequel

Escaping from Taliban-controlled Afghanistan in the summer of 2001, eleven-year-old Fadi and his family immigrate to the San Francisco Bay Area, where Fadi schemes to return to the Pakistani refugee camp where his little sister was accidentally left behind.

Smith, Sherri

**Flygirl**

During World War II, a light-skinned African American girl "passes" for white in order to join the Women Airforce Service Pilots.

## Mystery/Adventure

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Christie, Agatha

**And Then There Were None**

Ten people, each with something to hide and something to fear, are invited to a lonely mansion on Indian Island by a host who, surprisingly, fails to appear. One by one, the guests share the darkest secrets of their wicked pasts. And one by one, they die...

Doyle, Arthur Conan

**The Hound of the Baskervilles**

Sherlock Holmes is asked to investigate the tale of a hound that haunts the lonely moors around the Baskervilles' ancestral home.

Feinstein, John

**Rush for the Gold**

Two teenaged aspiring journalists who are dating solve a mystery at the 2012 Olympic Games, while one simultaneously competes for a gold medal in swimming.

Gavin, Rohan

**Knightley & Son**

A father and son detective team investigates the mystery surrounding a book that makes its readers commit terrible crimes, and a sinister organization known as the Combination.

Haines, Kathryn Miller

**The Girl is Murder** or its sequel

In 1942 New York City, fifteen-year-old Iris grieves for her mother who committed suicide and for the loss of her life of privilege, and secretly helps her father with his detective business since he, having lost a leg at Pearl Harbor, struggles to make ends meet.

Hobbs, Will

**Ghost Canoe**

Fourteen-year-old Nathan, fishing with the Makah in the Pacific Northwest, finds himself holding a vital clue when a mysterious stranger comes to town looking for Spanish treasure.

Klise, James

**The Art of Secrets**

When some quirky art donated to a school fundraising effort to help a Pakistani American family, victims of a possible hate crime, is revealed to be an unknown work by a famous outsider artist, worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, adults and teenagers alike debate who should get the money and begin to question each other's motivations.

## Nonfiction/Memoir

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Hopkinson, Deborah

**Titanic: Voices from the Disaster**

Draws on stories from survivors and archival photographs to describe the history of the "Titanic" from its launch to its sinking.

Leyson, Leon

**The Boy on the Wooden Box**

Leon Leyson describes growing up in Poland, being forced from home to ghetto to concentration camps by the Nazis, and being saved by Oskar Schindler.

Robinson, Sharon

**Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America**

A biography of baseball legend Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play in the major leagues, as told by his daughter.

Sheinkin, Steve

**The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism and Treachery**

An introduction to the life of Benedict Arnold that highlights not only the traitorous actions that made him legendary, but also his heroic involvement in the American Revolution.

St. John, Warren

**Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team That Changed a Town** (adaptation for young people ISBN 978-0385741958)

American-educated Jordanian Luma Mufleh founds a youth soccer team comprised of children from Liberia, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Balkan states, and elsewhere in the refugee settlement town of Clarkston, Georgia, bringing the children together to discover their common bonds as they adjust to life in a new homeland.

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