



**SHADY SIDE**  
ACADEMY

Middle School  
Summer Reading  
2018

**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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Alexander, Kawame

**Rebound**

In the summer of 1988, twelve-year-old Chuck Bell is sent to stay with his grandparents, where he discovers jazz and basketball and learns more about his family's past.

Gratz, Alan

**Refugee**

Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.  
*--Provided by publisher.*

Wolk, Lauren

**Beyond the Bright Sea**

Crow has lived her entire life on a tiny piece of the starkly beautiful Elizabeth Islands off the coast of Massachusetts. But it isn't until the night when a mysterious fire appears across the water that an unspoken question of her own history forms in her heart and an unstoppable chain of events is triggered.

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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.

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.

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.

Rudden, Dave

**Knights of the Borrowed Dark**

A young orphan learns that monsters can grow out of the shadows in our world, and there is an ancient order of knights who keep them at bay.

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.

Sands, Kevin

**The Blackthorn Key** or any in the series

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.

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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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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 -- *from OCLC*

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.

Reynolds, Jason

**Ghost** or any in series

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.

Smith, Roland

**Peak**

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

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.

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.

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.

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**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.

Dumas, Fioozeh

**It Ain't So Awful, Falafel**

Eleven-year-old Zomorod, originally from Iran, tells her story of growing up Iranian in Southern California during the Iranian Revolution and hostage crisis of the late 1970s.

*--Provided by publisher*

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.

Tingle, Tim

**How I Became A Ghost – A Choctaw Trail of Tears Story**

A Choctaw boy tells the story of his tribe's removal from the only land its people had ever known, and how their journey to Oklahoma led him to become a ghost--one with the ability to help those he left behind.

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**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.

Wolk, Lauren

**Wolf Hollow**

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

## Nonfiction/Memoir

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Grandin, Temple

**Calling All Minds**

Temple Grandin delves into the science behind inventions, the steps various people took to create and improve upon ideas as they evolved, and the ways in which young inventors can continue to think about and understand what it means to tinker, to fiddle, and to innovate.

– *from Amazon.com*

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.

Jiang, Ji-Li

**Red Scarf Girl**

The author tells about the happy life she led in China up until she was twelve-years-old when her family became a target of the Cultural Revolution, and discusses the choice she had to make between denouncing her father and breaking with her family, or refusing to speak against him and losing her future in the Communist Party.

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.

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.

Sheinkin, Steve

**Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team**

An unflinching look at the U.S. government's violent persecution of Native Americans and the school that was designed to erase Indian cultures. Expertly told by three-time National Book Award finalist Steve Sheinkin, it's the story of a group of young men who came together at that school, the overwhelming obstacles they faced both on and off the field, and their absolute refusal to accept defeat.

– *from Amazon.com*

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