**Summer Reading Suggestions for Incoming High Schoolers: 2019**

### Fiction Titles

**Afterward** by Jennifer Mathieu  
When 11yo Dylan is kidnapped, his subsequent rescue leads to the discovery of Ethan Jorgensen, who had disappeared four years earlier, and now Dylan's sister Caroline befriends Ethan and wants to learn the truth about her autistic brother's captivity.

**Backlash** by Sarah Darer Littman  
When Christian, a boy she knows only through Facebook, posts a lot of nasty comments on her page, 15yo Lara tries to hurt herself--but that is only the beginning of the backlash for her sister, Sydney; her former friend Bree; and her classmates.

**Calvin** by Martine Leavitt  
Born on the day the last Calvin and Hobbes comic strip was published, 17yo Calvin, a schizophrenic, sees and has conversations with the tiger, Hobbes, and believes that if he can persuade the strip's creator, Bill Watterson, to do one more strip, he will make Calvin well.

**Dreamland Burning** by Jennifer Latham  
When Rowan finds a skeleton on her family's property, investigating the brutal, century-old murder leads to painful discoveries about the past.

**Dread Nation** by Justina Ireland  
In this alternative history novel, the North and South call truce in the Civil War when the dead begin to rise at Gettysburg.

**I Am Still Alive** by Kate Alice Marshall  
Stranded alone in the unforgiving Canadian wilderness, Jess is determined to survive and seek revenge on her father's murderers.

**A Long Way Down** by Jason Reynolds  
As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know. Written in verse.

**Need** by Joelle Charbonneau  
Teenagers at a Wisconsin high school discover a social networking site that promises to grant their every need... regardless of the consequences. Can't hurt to try, can it?

**Noggin** by John Corey Whaley  
After dying at age sixteen, Travis Coates' head was removed and frozen for five years before being attached to another body, and now the old Travis and the new must find a way to coexist while figuring out changes in his relationships.

**The Outliers** by Kimberly McCreight  
When Wylie starts receiving increasingly more urgent- and cryptic- text messages from her friend Cassie, she heads to the Maine wilderness to find her, even though her gut instinct tells her she is putting herself in danger.

**When Dimple Met Rishi** by Sandhya Menon  
When Dimple Shah and Rishi Patel meet at a Stanford University summer program, Dimple is avoiding her parents' obsession with "marriage prospects" but Rishi hopes to woo her into accepting arranged marriage with him.

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Nonfiction Titles

**Assassination Vacation** by Sarah Vowell
A journey to the pit stops of American political murder and through the myriad of ways they have been used for fun and profit, for political and cultural advantage.

**Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans** by Don Brown
The riveting tale of this historic storm and the drowning of an American city is one of selflessness, heroism, and courage -- and also of incompetence, racism, and criminality. Graphic novel.

**The Duel: the Parallel Lives of Alexander Hamilton & Aaron Burr** by Judith St. George
Examines the events that led up to the deadly duel between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr by reviewing both their lives and the similarities that they shared.

**A Few Red Drops: the Chicago Race Riots of 1919** by Claire Hartfield
Examines the racial tensions between white immigrants and African Americans which led to the incidents which caused the 1919 Chicago Race Riots.

**Extreme Longevity: Discovering Earth's Oldest Organisms** by Karen Latchana Kenney
Some creatures can outlive humans by centuries. Read about these extreme examples of longevity, how aging happens, and what genes help animals live so long.

**From Here to Eternity: Traveling the World to Find the Good Death** by Caitlin Doughty
Explores how death customs around the world compare to the impersonal American system and how mourners respond best when they participate in caring for the deceased.

**Notorious RBG: the Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg** by Irin Carmon & Shana Knizhnik
From her refusal to let the slammed doors of sexism stop her to her innovative legal work, get to know RBG as never before.

**Packing for Mars: the Curious Science of Life in the Void** by Mary Roach
An exploration of NASA's quizzical- and startlingly bizarre- space simulations that made it possible for potential astronauts to preview space without ever leaving Earth.

**They Lost Their Heads!: What Happened to Washington's Teeth, Einstein's Brain, and Other Famous Body Parts** by Carly Beccia
Explores the misadventures of noteworthy body parts through history and uses them as springboards for exploring topics such as forensics, DNA testing, brain science, organ donation, and cloning.

**Unlikely Heroes: 37 Inspiring Stories of Courage and Heart from the Animal Kingdom** by Jennifer S. Holland
Thirty-seven stories of acts of animal heroism, including a pod of dolphins that saved swimmers from a shark attack.

**What If?: Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions** by Randall Munroe
The author of the webcomic xkcd uses math and science to bring real answers to crazy questions, such as how long humanity would last in a robot apocalypse.