50 Books to Read Before High School

Here’s a list of amazing fiction, nonfiction, and graphic novels to keep you thinking this summer as you get ready for high school. Good luck to all our graduating 8th graders and keep reading!

- **Hold Me Closer, Necromancer** by Lish McBride
- **The Haters** by Jess Andrews
- **Burn Baby Burn** by Meg Medina
- **Rani Patel in Full Effect** by Sonia Patel
- **Noteworthy** by Riley Redgate
- **Juliet Takes a Breath** by Gabby Rivera
- **Scythe** by Neal Shusterman
- **Hip Hop Family Tree** series by Ed Piskor
- **My Hero Academia** series by Kohei Horikoshi
- **March** trilogy by John Lewis
- **Spinning** by Tillie Walden
- **Piecing Me Together** by Renee Watson
- **Between Shades of Grey** by Ruth Sepetys
- **Code Name Verity** by Elizabeth Wein
- **Audacity** by Melanie Crowder
- **The 57 Bus** by Dashka Slater
- **We Were Liars** by e. lockhart
- **I Am Princess X** by Cherie Priest
- **Akata Witch** by Nnedi Okorafor
- **The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas
- **Hidden Figures** by Margot Lee Shetterly
- **The Martian** by Andy Weir
- **Packing for Mars** by Mary Roach
- **Survivors Club** by Michael Bornstein and Debbie Bornstein Holinstat
- **The Port Chicago 50** by Steve Sheinkin
- **The Family Romanov** by Candace Fleming
- **To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before** by Jenny Han
- **The Poet X** by Elizabeth Acevedo
- **Black Girl Magic: A Poem** by Mahogany L. Brown
- **Tell Me Again How a Crush Should Feel** by Sara Farizan
- **Photographic: The Life of Graciela Iturbide** by Isabel Quintero & Zeke Pena
- **Nimona** by Noelle Stevenson
- **Shadowshaper** by Daniel Jose Older
- **The Rest of Us Just Live Here** by Patrick Ness
- **Holding Up the Universe** by Jennifer Niven
- **So You’ve Been Publicly Shamed** by Jon Ronson
- **The Freedom Summer Murders** by Don Mitchell
- **The Harlem Hellfighters** by Max Brooks
- **The Many Faces of Josephine Baker** by Peggy Caravantes
- **Glory O’Brien’s History of the Future** by A.S. King
- **Noggin** by John Corey Whaley
- **Six of Crows** by Leigh Bardugo
- **Station Eleven** by Emily St. John Mandel
- **We Should All Be Feminists** by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- **The Book Thief** by Markus Zusak
- **The Handmaid’s Tale** by Margaret Atwood
- **A Prayer for Owen Meany** by John Irving
- **Little Brother** by Cory Doctorow
- **I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings** by Maya Angelou
- **Fahrenheit 451** by Ray Bradbury