8th Grade
SummerReads

"it wasn't open anymore. It was a "sword..."

"May the odds be ever in your favor."

Natalie Lopez
Class of 2013

The Pike School
Summer 2012
Dear Eighth Grade Families,

Welcome to this year’s edition of Pike's SummerReads. This list encompasses a wide variety of genres and formats, from classics, historical fiction and fantasy to graphic novels and science fiction. SummerReads is updated annually with the best new titles from every genre.

Building on the success of Pike Reads Green, the Pike community will again participate in an all-school reading experience. This summer’s theme is Pike Reads Forward, focusing on the many facets of diversity.

By the opening of school in September 2012, all 8th grade students should have read four books as outlined below:
- their Pike Reads Forward book (see back of this booklet)
- one book from this reading list, and
- one book of their own choosing.

Please complete all the required reading before the start of school, and bring both required titles to school in September. We have partnered with The Andover Bookstore to have the required reading titles available before the end of school.

In the fall, students will participate in activities that celebrate their summer reading for English. In addition, our entire community will engage in discussions around the Pike Reads Forward titles.

We encourage you to visit your local public library this summer, where you can find these books and many others, join summer reading activities, and volunteer. This summer's reading theme for teens is "Own the Night."

We hope you enjoy reading as part of your summer!

Warm regards,

Fran Mellin Linda Spence
Tina Morris Amy Salvatore
Classics/Traditional Literature

Little Women
Alcott
The four March sisters experience joy and pain as they grow up in 1860s Massachusetts.

Rebecca
DuMaurier
The classic love triangle: husband, wife #2, and... dead wife #1.

The Diary of a Young Girl: The Definitive Edition
Frank
Anne Frank's experiences in hiding from the Nazis, with previously omitted entries.

Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods & Heroes
Hamilton, E.
From Artemis to Thor, classic myths retold.

A Brave New World
Huxley
The classic science fiction novel examines a utopian world where “Community, Identity, Stability” is the motto. Life is good but Bernard Marx feels something is missing.

A Separate Peace
Knowles
Senior year at the Devon School begins peacefully enough but tragedy soon follows.

The Pearl
Steinbeck
Kino and his family struggle to survive. When he finds a valuable pearl, he hopes his dreams will come true.

Dracula
Stoker
For all you Twilight fans – read the original vampire tale!

The Sword and the Circle
Sutcliff
Discover all the drama and action of the Arthurian legend.

The Hobbit, or There and Back Again
Tolkien
It all begins here: an impossible quest, trickery, and finally - the Ring. Immerse yourself in Middle-Earth and meet Gandalf, Gollum, and our unlikely hero, Bilbo Baggins. Prequel to The Lord of the Rings trilogy.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
Twain
The classic tale of Huck’s free-spirited adventures along the Mississippi River, told with Twain’s trademark wry humor.

Short Stories/ Poetry

13: Thirteen Stories That Capture the Agony and Ecstasy of Being Thirteen
Authors like Meg Cabot and James Howe contributed to this collection.

You Come Too: Favorite Poems for All Ages
Frost
The best of Robert Frost.

Blue Lipstick: Concrete Poems
Grandits
Jessie shares her high school experience through witty poetry in cool shapes.

We the People
Katz
United States history through poetry.

Owning It: Stories about Teens with Disabilities
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Ten noted young adult authors illuminate experiences with a wide range of conditions, from cancer to alcoholism.

Edgar Allan Poe's Tales of Death and Dementia
Poe (illus. by Grimly)
A collection of the gothic writer's twisted horror stories.

Guys Read: Funny Business
Scieszka
A collection of hilarious stories, by authors like Jeff Kinney.

Swimming Upstream: Middle School Poems
Tilley
The trials and tribulations of middle school life.
## Fantasy

**The Amaranth Enchantment**  
*Berry*  
A strange turn of events leaves Lucy in possession of a powerful gem. Should she keep it? Her encounters with the handsome and mysterious Prince Gregor and a cunning thief lead her down a twisted path of dangerous deceptions and hidden truths.

**Graceling**  
*Cashore*  
Katsa’s unique power, or “grace,” is killing people, which her evil uncle, King Randa, uses to maintain power. Unwilling to accept her fate, she embarks on a treacherous path toward revolution – and love. Sequels: *Fire* and *Bitterblue* (just released).

**City of Bones (Mortal Instruments #1)**  
*Clarke*  
Clary’s having fun at a great party when she witnesses a murder – and the body disappears in front of her eyes. She’s a Shadowhunter and has a destiny to fulfill.  
Other series titles: *City of Ashes, City of Glass, City of Fallen Angels, City of Lost Souls.*

**The Black Tattoo**  
*Enthoven*  
Jack’s friend has been possessed by a powerful demon. He’ll have to battle the evil creatures and descend into Hell to rescue Charlie.

**Incarceron**  
*Fisher*  
Set in a bizarre civilization, Incarceron is a vast prison that contains an entire world. Finn is on the inside and wants out, while Claudia is desperate to find a way in.  
Sequel: *Sapphique.*

**Fallen series**  
*Kate*  
Lucinda has just landed in reform school after three years at an exclusive academy and the dark shadows are following her again. Cam is attentive (and attractive!) but there is something compelling about Daniel. Fallen angels and romance is a deadly combo.

**Lost in the Labyrinth**  
*Kindl*  
In this twist on the Minotaur myth, Princess Xenodice tries to save the monster from her sister Ariadne and Theseus, prince of Athens.

**Starclimber**  
*Oppel*  
Matt is in his final year of “astralnaut” training when terrorists attack the Celestial Tower. Sequel to *Airborn* and *Skybreaker.*

**Inheritance, or The Vault of Souls**  
*Paolini*  
Erago, Roran, and Nasuada combine forces to battle the evil Galbatorix in this stunning conclusion to the series. Other series titles: *Eragon, Eldest, Brisingr.*

**Green**  
*Roberts*  
A birthday package explodes on Lily’s porch and her destiny with leprechauns unfolds. This is a quick and fun fantasy.

**The Scorpio Races**  
*Stiefvater*  
Sean and “Puck” are pitted against each other in the Scorpio Races, held each year to drive away the deadly fairy horses. Who will survive?

**The Ring of Solomon: A Bartimaeus Novel**  
*Stroud*  
Asmira, a proud member of Queen of Sheba's royal guard, is on an impossible mission to kill the ruthless King Solomon. Bartimaeus, a powerful wise-cracking djinn, is stuck building a castle. When their paths collide, sparks fly and allegiances are tested.  

**The Thief**  
*Turner*  
Gen is ingenious, arrogant, and a master at thieving. Can he win his freedom by stealing a powerful stone? Other series titles: *The Queen of Attolia, The King of Attolia, A Conspiracy of Kings.*

**Extraordinary**  
*Werlin*  
Phoebe and Mallory are unlikely best friends - Phoebe’s rich but plain, and Mallory is gorgeous...and a faerie who has been sent to settle an old score. When Mallory’s resolve falters, her older brother arrives to seduce Phoebe and finish the job.

**Leviathan trilogy**  
*Westerfeld*  
In an alternate 1914 Europe, it’s the Darwinists and the Clankers who go to war with electrical weapons. Titles: *Leviathan, Behemoth, Goliath.*
**Science Fiction**

**The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy series**  
Adams  
The wickedly funny multi-volume adventures of Arthur Dent begin in this title as he explores the universe and meets wacky characters.

**Ship Breaker**  
Bacigalupi  
Nailer has a meager existence as part of a scavenging crew, stripping scrap metal from oil rigs and ships off the American coast. His world is turned upside down when he finds a shipwreck with a beautiful, wealthy survivor. Can he keep these treasures to himself, or will the ruthless bosses kill them both?

**iBoy**  
Brooks  
Information is power, right? Well, Tom has plenty of both, after fragments of an iPhone remain imbedded in his brain during a vicious attack. Can he bring the gang who's responsible to justice? Will his friend Lucy ever recover from her trauma?

**The Hunger Games trilogy**  
Collins  
In the futuristic society of Panem, 24 youth contestants battle to the death in a televised competition. How long will Katniss survive? And what will happen if she does? Trilogy titles: *The Hunger Games*, *Catching Fire*, and *Mockingjay*.

**Matched**  
Condi  
Life is perfect in Cassia's world, down to her computer-assigned future husband, until a computer glitch reveals a second match - an Aberration named Ky. Like Jonas in *The Giver*, Cassia begins to have doubts about her world. Sequel: *Crossed*.

**The House of the Scorpion**  
Farmer  
Matt is a clone, considered a monster by all except El Patrón. Can he ever escape the land of Opium and his horrible fate?

**Life As We Knew It series**  
Pfeffer  
Everyone in Miranda's town is psyched to watch the meteor hit the moon – but when it does, disaster follows.

**Unwind**  
Shusterman  
In this disturbing dystopian America, teens can be marked for "unwinding" and their organs given to others. Follow Connor's desperate attempt to escape his fate.

**Supernatural**

**The House of Dead Maids**  
Dunkle  
Tabby Aykroyd arrives at Seldom House on the Yorkshire moors to be a nursemaid to Young Master, but soon realizes something is very wrong. The ghosts of former maids and masters haunt her every move. Can she escape turning into a spirit?

**Drink, Slay, Love**  
Durst  
Pearl is having the time of her vampire life…until she's stabbed by a unicorn, and can appear more "normal" to human prey. It's the opportunity of a "lifetime"—right?

**Beastly**  
Flinn  
Kyle is rich, vain, popular – and about to be cursed. How can he undo the evil spell? A modern romantic twist on *Beauty and the Beast*.

**A Monster Calls**  
Ness  
Conor is watching his mom battle cancer when a demanding monster pounds on his window. What does the creature want? (And can he possibly help Conor's mom?)

**The Prince of Mist**  
Ruiz Zafón  
It's 1943, and Max and his family have gone to the seaside to escape the brutality of World War II, only to uncover fresh horrors in their garden.

**Shiver**  
Stiefvater  
Grace has always been drawn to the wolves around her house, especially the one with yellow eyes. What is the connection between them? Don't miss this incredible romance! Other series titles: *Linger, Forever*.

**The Replacement**  
Yovanoff  
The town of Gentry is prosperous, thanks to a terrible bargain made long ago: every 7 years, a child is taken and replaced with a changeling. Who will be next?
Mystery/Adventure

City of the Beasts
Allende
Alexander goes with his grandmother to the Amazon in search of a legendary beast. Who would want to sabotage their expedition?

Shift
Bradbury
Chris and Win's cross-country bike trip was supposed to be the highlight of their summer. When Win disappears, the FBI suspect foul play, and Chris is at the top of their list.

Being
Brooks
"Cut that thing open!" Lying on a hospital bed, Robert hears the mysterious men yell to the doctor - and runs for it. Part human, part machine, he must escape.

The Da Vinci Code
Brown
A brutal murder, a desperate clue, a high-speed chase through Europe - if Robert Langdon and the beautiful Sophie Neveu can put together the clues, they may just solve the crime, and discover an alternate history of Christianity.

The Gallagher Girls series
Carter
Cammie and her friends at the Gallagher Academy are spies-in-training with amazing adventures, but also want to have normal teen fun. Titles: I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You, Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy, Don't Judge a Girl by her Cover, Only the Good Spy Young, Out of Sight, Out of Time.

Murder on the Orient Express
Christie
Hercule Poirot's skill at solving mysteries is put to the test aboard the fabled luxury train, the Orient Express. Also try other titles by the "Queen of Crime."

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
Doyle
The one and only Mr. Holmes solves mysteries both macabre and mundane with the help of his trusted friend, Dr. Watson. On video: a 21-century Holmes on PBS!

I Know What You Did Last Summer
Duncan
Fans of Pretty Little Liars, this book is for you! Julie and her friends pledge to keep a horrible secret, but everyone starts getting mysterious, threatening notes. Who else knows about what happened?

The House of Silk: A Sherlock Holmes Novel
Horowitz
Doyle's estate authorized Anthony Horowitz to write a new adventure about the famed detective! This time, Holmes and Watson uncover a sinister, sadistic plot involving the "best" of London society.

The Castaways (The Curse of the Jolly Stone)
Lawrence
Tom Tin and his companions are floating in the ocean near Australia. How will they survive? A non-stop adventure on the high seas. Sequel to The Convicts and The Cannibals.

The No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency series
McCall Smith
Immerse yourself in a sun-baked town in Botswana, where Mma. Ramotswe solves mysteries large and small. On video: see this gorgeous setting in the HBO series.

Bliss
Myracle
Starting a new school is always tough, but beyond the daily drama, Bliss starts to hear "blood voices" in her head. What connection do they have to a recent death?

The Ruby in the Smoke
Pullman
Sally Lockhart is on the trail of a missing gem. Don't miss this and others in the series, Shadow in the North, and The Tiger in the Well.

The Lying Game
Shepard
Sutton is Emma's long-lost sister, murdered before Emma can meet her. Can Emma, posing as Sutton, put together the clues that will lead to her killer?

The Black Arrow: A Tale of the Two Roses
Stevenson
A classic tale of murder, revenge and war.

Black Mirror
Werlin
Frances is devastated at the news of her brother Daniel’s suicide, until she starts investigating the Unity Service group at their boarding school.
**Historical Fiction**

**What I Saw and How I Lied**
Blundell
Things are looking up for Evie – her stepfather is back from World War II and there's finally money to buy things. When they suddenly leave town, a mysterious stranger follows them, with tragic results.

**March Toward the Thunder**
Bruchac
Louis leaves his life in Canada to join the Union army and quickly discovers the horrors of the Civil War.

**Revolution**
Donnelly
While spending Christmas break in Paris, Andi discovers a diary written during the French Revolution. Who knew that the chaos of 1700s Paris could rival the drama in her own life?

**Phantoms in the Snow**
Duble
Noah, recently orphaned, has been sent to his uncle, who is training for a special mission during World War II. Should he join this corps of mountain fighters?

**Romeo’s Ex: Rosaline**
Fiedler
Inspired by Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*, this is the story of the tragedy as witnessed by Rosaline, Juliet’s cousin.

**The Luxe**
Godbersen
In 1899 Manhattan, the haves and the have-nots gossip, fall in love, and plot to keep (or lose) their reputations. Other series titles: *Rumors*, *Envy*, *Splendor*.

**In Darkness, Death**
Hoobler
Did a ninja murder Lord Inaba? Seikei and his Judge Ooka must solve the mystery with a bloodstained origami butterfly as the only clue.

**Guardian**
Lester
This slim novel packs a powerful punch, dealing with racism in the American South. Ansel’s nemesis and the town bully, Zach, rapes and kills Mary Susan but pins the blame on "Big Willie." How can Ansel set the record straight?

**The Smile**
Napoli
Elisabetta, the daughter of a wealthy merchant in 1500s Florence, is in love with the handsome Gurliano de Medici, but will they find happiness? This is the story of Elisabetta’s transformation into the *Mona Lisa*, the most famous painting in the world.

**Woods Runner**
Paulsen
Samuel's frontier existence is shattered after the battles of Lexington and Concord; can he rescue his parents? This is an action-packed, quick adventure.

**Between Shades of Gray**
Sepetys
Lina has a comfortable life in Soviet Lithuania until her family is sent to Siberia, where they endure brutal conditions. Based on the author’s family history.

**The Help**
Stockett
Read this compelling drama about household help in the 1960s South and then watch the Oscar-nominated movie.

**A Parcel of Patterns**
Walsh
The year is 1665 and the plague has infected a small English village. Amid suspicion and death, the townspeople consider taking an extraordinary step to save others.
Realistic

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian  Alexie
A powerful look at racism and life on a Spokane reservation. Junior leaves "the rez" to attend high school at a wealthier white school where even his basketball star status doesn't help him fit in. The author deftly balances hilarity and tragedy.

Best Foot Forward  Bauer, J.
With her trademark wit, Jenna fights against a corporate takeover of Gladstone shoes. Sequel to Rules of the Road.

Don't Call Me Ishmael  Bauer, M.
Ishmael still can't believe his parents named him after a character in Moby Dick – how can he enter 9th grade with a name like that?

Shark Girl  Bingham
This novel in verse explores life for Jane after she has a devastating encounter with a shark.

Ask Me No Questions  Budhos
Nadira and her older sister are on their own; their father has been detained at the Canadian border and has sent them back home to New York. How can they pretend that nothing's wrong when they might be deported any minute?

Diamonds in the Shadows  Cooney
Jared is furious – his mother has invited an African refugee family to live with them, upending his comfortable suburban world. But the newcomers are hiding a violent secret from their past which puts everyone in danger.

November Blues  Draper
November is still reeling from the death of her boyfriend Jericho when she receives unexpected, emotional news. What will she do next? Sequel to The Battle of Jericho.

Desire Lines  Gantos
Walker knows two of his female classmates are having an affair - should he keep the secret? Can he rise above prejudice?

End Game  Garden
Told through flashbacks, this powerful book looks at the events leading up to a school shooting. Gray Wilton had problems before and things are not looking up at his new school.

Looks  George
Even though Meghan is over 200 pounds, she’s invisible at her high school. She forms an unusual alliance with Aimee, who has the opposite problem, to exact revenge on queen-bee Cara.

Paper Towns  Green
Margo, Quentin's childhood friend, is gorgeous, popular, quirky - and out of his league. So why is she at his bedroom window one night? Her bizarre and cruel plan leads Q on a hilarious quest.

The Juliet Club  Harper
Kate has sworn off love, but her summer trip to Verona, Italy, home of the tragic Romeo and Juliet, holds plenty of drama and surprises.

The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks  Lockhart
Entering her sophomore year at Alabaster Prep, Frankie snags her first boyfriend, but is excluded from his all-male secret society. Problem? Not for our brilliant Frankie!

Peace, Love, and Baby Ducks  Myracle
Carly's not really jealous of her younger, newly-hot sister - but when they start high school together, she has a hard time keeping Anna under control.

Half Brother  Oppel
Ben's father, a psychologist, has just brought home the subject of his latest research - a chimpanzee! "Zan" will live with them during the research study.
**A Long Walk to Water**
Based on a true story, Salva, one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, manages to come to America after a brutal attack on his village. His story alternates with that of Nya, who walks hours to fetch water in a similar village. How their two lives intersect is inspiring.

**Boys Without Names**
Gopal and his family are desperate for money. When he is offered a job, he jumps at the chance, but finds himself enslaved in a sweatshop with no hope of escape.

**Marcelo in the Real World**
The summer before Marcelo’s senior year in high school, he’s given a deal by his high-powered lawyer dad: work at the law firm and then he can choose between returning to his beloved special ed school, or mainstreaming at “regular” school.

**The Wave**
This short novel is based on an actual experiment that a high school social studies teacher devised to demonstrate how the Nazis used propaganda and psychology. Could you see yourself betraying your classmates? Never? Think again...

**The Rules of Survival**
Matt is trying desperately to protect his little sister from his volatile mother. How can he get help and keep everyone safe?

**Zigzag**
Robin's boyfriend Chris has ditched her for a summer in Rome, leaving her no choice but to go on a cross-country road trip with her aunt and two bratty cousins.

**Humor**

**Little Blog on the Prairie**
Poor Gen - her parents have signed the family up for "pioneer camp" - working on a farm as if it's 1890 instead of 2010. Little does she know that the texts she sends her friends are going up on a blog. What embarrassing details are going online?

**How They Croaked: Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous**
Did you know that Henry VIII’s corpse exploded? Find out all the gory details!

**Bucking the Sarge**
How would you like to have a driver’s license at the age of 13? Luther doesn’t think it’s so great, since it means working for his mom – otherwise known as the Sarge.

**Son of the Mob**
Vince Luca doesn’t want any part of “the life” – his father’s crime racket - but once he falls for Kendra, he’s got a surprise coming. Sequel: Hollywood Hustle.

**I Am a Genius of Unspeakable Evil and I Want To Be Your Class President**
This outrageous novel is by the executive producer of The Daily Show. Oliver is the 3rd richest person in the world, enjoys torturing his teachers, and will go to any lengths to win the school election. Root beer in the water fountain? He would get my vote!

**Born Standing Up: A Comic’s Life**
Comedian and actor Steve Martin describes his life and career. Funny to read; even better, listen to the author read the audiobook.

**Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie**
Drum-playing Steven knew 8th grade would be tough – but he didn’t imagine his younger brother would be diagnosed with leukemia. The author calls this a “funny cancer novel” – and he’s right.

**Spy Goddess: To Hawaii, With Love**
Rachel Buchanan is back and this time she’s hot on the trail of a mysterious artifact. Her journey takes her from Blackthorn Academy to beautiful Hawaii.
Non-fiction

Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom, and Science  
Aronson
Who knew that one simple ingredient could have such a complicated social and scientific history?

They Called Themselves the K.K.K.: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group  
Bartoletti
Drawing on letters and diaries of KKK founders, as well as slave narratives and photos, the author gives life to this chilling movement.

A Lion Called Christian  
Bourke
First published in 1971, this true story of a pet lion and his return to the African wild was re-published after the owners’ reunion with Christian went viral on YouTube.

The Dark Game: True Spy Stories  
Janeczko
Learn about codes, high-tech gadgets, and the life of double agents, from the American Revolution to the Cold War and beyond.

Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life  
Kingsolver
Read the fascinating account of one family’s commitment to "eat local" for a year.

Where Men Win Glory: The Odyssey of Pat Tillman  
Krakauer

A Night to Remember  
Lord
One hundred years ago this year, the “unsinkable” ocean liner, Titanic, sank on a frigid night in the Atlantic. Re-live that night with this gripping, classic account.

Chalked Up  
Sey
Jennifer Sey, the 1986 U.S. gymnastics champion, opens up about the toll that years of elite training took on her body and on her family.

Chasing Lincoln’s Killer  
Swanson
Did you know that it took 12 days for the manhunt to catch up to John Wilkes Booth? Follow this fast-paced chase.

Sports

Days of Grace: A Memoir  
Ashe
Arthur Ashe was a true champion, both on the tennis court and beyond. Read his compelling story.

The Girl Who Threw Butterflies  
Cochrane
Devastated after her father’s death, Molly decides to try out for the baseball team. Is her knuckleball enough to earn her a spot? Will the coach take a girl?

Rush for the Gold  
Feinstein
Teen reporters Stevie and Susan have another mystery on their hands. This time, Susan’s a competitor at the London Olympics – is someone trying to fix her race?


Only A Game  
Littlefield
The well-known NPR sports commentator offers his take, often humorous and always insightful, on a wide range of sports topics. A great short book.

Boost  
Mackel
Savvy is 6'2" and a hard-working basketball phenom, practicing jump shots whenever she’s not helping at her aunt's farm. But when steroids are found in her gym bag, she has to step up her defensive game.

Kick  
Myers/Workman
This amazing new novel was co-written by Walter Dean Myers and a teen fan. Kevin, arrested for stealing a car, is in danger of not playing in the state soccer tournament. Sargent Brown just may be on his side. Can Kevin trust him?

Born to Play: My Life in the Game  
Pedroia
See what PD has to say about his incredible drive to succeed on the field.
**Graphic Novels, Graphic Non-Fiction**

Full-length narratives told through sequential comic-strip art are compelling and complex. From historical fiction and fantasy to classics and memoir, there's something for everyone.

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*** Recently Reviewed and Recommended ***

Pike students have posted book reviews on the library catalog! Just search the catalog for these titles, click on the stars and see what your friends have to say!

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An All-School Summer Reading Experience

This summer, all Pike students, faculty, staff, and administrators will read a book that deepens their appreciation of the differences and similarities between people. “Forward” is the informal name of “Future With Diversity,” an Upper School diversity group. A small group from Pike’s Diversity Committee reviewed many children’s and young adult novels and chose contemporary realistic fiction titles that touch on many aspects of diversity.

In the fall, the entire Pike community will gather in small groups for book discussions led by adult facilitators. Upper School students will focus on areas of social awareness and justice. To help students prepare for this meeting, questions to think about will be available later this summer on the library web site.

Book Choices for Grades 8 and 9
Students have indicated which title they have chosen on the list below.

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***Reading Notes***

SummerReads compiled by Mrs. Mellin and Ms. Spence.

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