

Summer Reading 2014

127 Hours - Between a Rock and a Hard Place <i>Non-fiction</i>	Ralston, Aron	The author recounts his harrowing experience of being trapped for six days in Blue John Canyon in Utah and having to amputate his own right arm in order to save his life.
All the Truth That's in Me	Berry, Julie	Judith can't speak. But when her close-knit community of Roswell Station is attacked by enemies, She is forced to choose: continue to live in silence, or recover her voice.
And the Mountains Echoed**	Hosseini, Khaled	Presents a story inspired by human love. It tells how people take care of one another, and how choices resonate through subsequent generations.
Beautiful Boy** <i>Non-fiction</i>	Sheff, David	What had happened to my beautiful boy? To our family? What did I do wrong? Those are the wrenching questions that haunted every moment of David Sheff's journey through his son Nic's addiction to drugs and tentative steps toward recovery.
Behind the Beautiful Forevers** <i>Non-fiction</i>	Boo, Katherine	Examines and provides real-life accounts of urban poor families living in Bombay, India.
Book Thief, The	Zusak, Markus	Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.
Boy21	Quick, Matthew	Finley, an unnaturally quiet boy who is the only white player on his high school's varsity basketball team, lives in a dismal Pennsylvania town that is ruled by the Irish mob. When his coach asks him to mentor a troubled African American student who has transferred from an elite private school in California, he finds that they have a lot in common in spite of their apparent differences.
Cinder	Meyer, Marissa	Cinder, a gifted mechanic and a cyborg with a mysterious past, is blamed by her stepmother for her stepsister's illness, while a deadly plague decimates the population of New Beijing. But when Cinder's life gets intertwined with Prince Kai's, she finds herself at the center of an intergalactic struggle.
City of Bone	Clare, Cassandra	Suddenly able to see demons and the Darkhunters who are dedicated to returning them to their own dimension, fifteen-year-old Clary Fray is drawn into this bizarre world when her mother disappears and Clary herself is almost killed by a monster.
Code Name Verity	Wein, Elizabeth	In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France. The survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping secret all that she can.
Coldest Girl in Coldtown, The	Black, Holly	When seventeen-year-old Tana wakes up following a party, she finds herself in the aftermath of a violent vampire attack, and along with her ex-boyfriend and a mysterious vampire boy, the only other survivors, she travels to Coldtown, a quarantined Massachusetts city full of vampires.
Daughter of Smoke and Bone	Taylor, Laini	Seventeen-year-old Karou, a lovely, enigmatic art student in a Prague boarding school, carries a sketchbook of hideous, frightening monsters--the chimaerae who form the only family she has ever known.
Devil in the White City** <i>Non-fiction</i>	Larson, Erik	Tells the parallel stories of Daniel Burnham, the main architect of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, and serial killer Henry H. Holmes, discussing the challenges Burnham faced in creating the hugely successful White City, and looking at how Holmes used the opportunities afforded by the fair to lure victims to their deaths.
Divergent	Roth, Veronica	In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all.

Diviners	Bray, Libba	Seventeen-year-old Evie O'Neill is thrilled when she is exiled from small-town Ohio to New York City in 1926, even when a rash of occult-based murders thrusts Evie and her uncle, curator of the Museum of American Folklore, Superstition, and the Occult, into the thick of the investigation.
Don't Turn Around	Gagnon, Michelle	After waking up on an operating table with no memory of how she got there, Noa must team up with computer hacker Peter to stop a corrupt corporation with a deadly secret.
Eleanor and Park	Rowell, Rainbow	Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits--smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.
Every Day	Levithan, David	Every morning A wakes in a different person's body, in a different person's life, learning over the years to never get too attached, until he wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon.
Fahrenheit 451**	Bradbury, Ray	A book burning official in a future fascist state finds out that books are a vital part of a culture he never knew. He clandestinely pursues reading, until he is betrayed.
False Prince, The	Nielsen, Jennifer	In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.
Fault in Our Stars, The	Green, John	Sixteen-year-old Hazel, who has cancer, meets Augustus at a kids-with-cancer support group and, as they fall in love, they both wonder how they will be remembered.
Final Four, The	Volpini, Paul	Four players at the Final Four of the NCAA basketball tournament struggle with the pressures of tournament play and the expectations of society at large.
Graffiti Moon	Crowley, Cath	Told in alternating voices, this is an all-night adventure featuring Lucy, who is determined to find a graffiti artist named Shadow, and Ed, the last person Lucy wants to spend time with, except for the fact that he may know how to find Shadow.
I am Malala <i>Non-fiction</i>	Yousafzai, Malala	When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday October 9, 2012, she almost paid the ultimate price.
In Darkness	Lake, Nick	In the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake, fifteen-year-old Shorty, a poor gang member from the slums of Site Soleil, is trapped in the rubble of a ruined hospital. As he grows weaker he has visions and memories of his life of violence, his lost twin sister, and of Toussaint L'Ouverture, who liberated Haiti from French rule in the 1804.
In Zanesville**	Jo Ann Beard	A fourteen-year-old girl awaits signs of womanhood and navigates life alongside her best friend in a small Midwestern city in the 1970s, but their friendship is tested by their families, a group of popular girls, and more of life's trials.
Insignia	Kincaid, S.J.	Tom, a fourteen-year-old genius at virtual reality games, is recruited by the United States Military to begin training at the Pentagon Spire as a Combatant in World War III, controlling the mechanized drones that do the actual fighting off-planet.
Jane Eyre	Bronte, Charlotte	The heroine, a plain and penniless governess, falls in love with the brooding, melancholy master of Thornfield.
Legend	Lu, Marie	In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy.
Let the Great World Spin**	McCann, Colum	Philippe Petit's illicit 1974 high-wire walk between the World Trade Center towers is the touchstone for stories of the people down below, including an Irish monk living in the Bronx projects, a Park Avenue mother in mourning for her son who died in Vietnam, and a heroin-addicted hooker.

Little Bee**	Cleave, Chris	A confrontation between a sixteen-year-old Nigerian orphan, called Little Bee, and a wealthy British couple on vacation, has life-changing consequences for everyone involved.
Long Way Gone, A <i>Non-fiction</i>	Beah, Ishmael	The author describes his experiences after war drove him from his home in Sierra Leone and he was picked up by the government army at the age of thirteen. He served as a soldier for three years before being removed from fighting by UNICEF, eventually moving to the United States.
Looking for Alaska**	Green, John	Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.
Madman's Daughter, The	Shepherd, Megan	Dr. Moreau's daughter, Juliet, travels to her estranged father's island, only to encounter murder, medical horrors, and a love triangle.
Maze Runner, The	Dashner, James	Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.
Midwinter Blood	Sedgwick, Marcus	Seven linked vignettes unfold on a Scandinavian island inhabited--throughout various time periods--by Vikings, vampires, ghosts, and a curiously powerful plant.
Never Fall Down <i>Non-fiction</i>	McCormick, Patricia	When soldiers arrive in his hometown in Cambodia, Arn Chorn Pond is separated from his family and sent to a labor camp, where he works in the rice paddies until he volunteers to learn to play an instrument--a decision that both saves his life and lands him in battle.
Night Circus, The	Morgenstern, Erin	A circus known as Le Cirque des Rêves features two illusionists, Celia and Marco, who are unknowingly competing in a game to which they have been irrevocably bound by their mercurial masters. As the two fall deeply and passionately in love with each other, their masters intervene with dangerous consequences.
Out of the Easy	Sepetys, Ruta	Josie, the seventeen-year-old daughter of a French Quarter prostitute, is striving to escape 1950 New Orleans and enroll at prestigious Smith College, when she becomes entangled in a murder investigation.
Pride and Prejudice	Austen, Jane	In early nineteenth-century England, a spirited young woman copes with the courtship of a snobbish gentleman as well as with the romantic entanglements of her four sisters.
Pure	Baggott, Julianna	In a post-apocalyptic world, Pressia, a sixteen-year-old survivor with a doll's head fused onto her left hand meets Partridge, a "Pure" dome-dweller who is searching for his mother, sure that she has survived the cataclysm.
Quiet: The Power of Introverts <i>Non-fiction</i>	Cain, Susan	Explores the role introverts play in a world that is geared towards those who enjoy communicating with others and offers practical suggestions at how introverts can make sure their message is heard.
Raft, The	Bodeen, S.A.	Experienced traveler Robie, having decided to take a cargo plane from Honolulu to Midway Atoll after a visit with her aunt, struggles to survive with the co-pilot, Max, after the plane crashes in the Pacific Ocean and they are left on a raft in shark-infested waters with only one bag of Skittles.
Raven Boys, The	Stiefvater, Maggie	Though she is from a family of clairvoyants, Blue Sargent's only gift seems to be that she makes other people's talents stronger, and when she meets Gansey, one of the Raven Boys from the expensive Aglionby Academy, she discovers that he has talents of his own--and that together their talents are a dangerous mix.
Rebecca	du Maurier, Daphne	For months after her death, the memory of Rebecca de Winter continues to dominate everyone at her former home, Manderley, one of the most famous English country houses.

Robopocalypse	Wilson, Daniel	Archos, a powerful artificial intelligence, takes on the persona of a shy human boy and begins to take over the world's technology and turn it against humanity, launching a robot war that no one seems to be able to contain or stop.
Round House, The**	Erdrich, Louise	After Geraldine Coutts is attacked on the Ojibwe reservation in North Dakota, her husband Bazil, a tribal judge, tries to find justice for his wife, and their teenage son, Joe, tries to help his mother heal.
Salvage the Bones	Ward, Jesmyn	Pregnant fifteen-year-old Esch and her family live in Bois Sauvage, Mississippi, which puts them in the path of Hurricane Katrina, and as they try to stock the small amount of food they have in preparation for the disaster, the family's love for each other will be their only hope for survival.
Scorpio Races, The	Stiefvater, Maggie	Nineteen-year-old returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl ever to ride in the annual Scorpio Races, both trying to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line.
See You at Harry's	Knowles, Jo	Twelve-year-old Fern feels invisible in her family, where grumpy eighteen-year-old Sarah is working at the family restaurant, fourteen-year-old Holden is struggling with school bullies and his emerging homosexuality, and adorable, three-year-old Charlie is always the center of attention, and when tragedy strikes, the fragile bond holding the family together is stretched almost to the breaking point.
Tell the Wolves I'm Home	Brunt, Carol Rifka	After her world is upended by the death of her beloved artist uncle, who was the only person who understood her, fourteen-year-old June forges a poignant relationship with her uncle's grieving special friend.
The Orphan Train	Kline, Christina Baker	When seventeen-year-old Molly Ayer is sent to perform community service at elderly Vivian Daly's home in order to avoid juvenile hall, she discovers that the two are very much alike, despite the vast age difference.
Tiger Lily	Anderson, Jodi Lynn	Fifteen-year-old Tiger Lily receives special protections from the spiritual forces of Neverland, but then she meets her tribe's most dangerous enemy--Peter Pan--and falls in love with him.
Tragedy Paper, The	Laban, Elizabeth	While preparing for the most dreaded assignment at the Irving School, Duncan gets wrapped up in the tragic tale of Tim Macbeth, a former student who had a relationship with the wrong girl, and in his own ill-fated romance with Daisy.
Unbroken Bio	Hillenbrand, Lauren	A biography of Olympic runner and World War II bombardier, Louis Zamperini, who had been rambunctious in childhood before succeeding in track and later serving in the military, which led to a trial in which he was forced to find a way to survive in the open ocean after being shot down.
Under the Never Sky	Rossi, Veronica	When Aria, a sheltered and fragile Dweller, is exiled from her home in Reverie, she must face The Death Shop, a land filled with cannibals and dangerous energy storms, and her only hope for staying alive depends on Outsider Perry, a savage hunter.
Water for Elephants	Gruen, Sara	Veterinary school student Jacob falls in love with circus star Marlena, the brutal life under the Big Top, and special elephant named Rosie.
Why We Broke Up	Handler, Daniel	Sixteen-year-old Min Green writes a letter to Ed Slaterton in which she breaks up with him, documenting their relationship and how items in the accompanying box, from bottle caps to a cookbook, foretell the end.

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