

Bristol Public Schools
High School English Recommended Reading - 2011
GRADE 9

TITLE	AUTHOR	LEVEL	ANNOTATION
<i>Shooting Monarchs</i>	John Halliday	YA	Macy and Danny, two teenage boys who have both grown up under difficult circumstances, turn out very differently--one becomes a hero, the other a murderer.
<i>Getting Away With Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case</i>	Chris Crowe	NF YA	True Account of the murder of fourteen-year-old Emmett Till, in Mississippi in 1955.
<i>Honeybee: Poems & Short Prose</i>	Naomi Shihab Nye	NF YA	In eighty-two poems and paragraphs, Naomi Shihab Nye alights on the essentials of our time—our loved ones, our dense air, our wars, our memories, our planet—and leaves us feeling curiously sweeter and profoundly soothed.
<i>John Lennon: All I Want is the Truth</i>	Elizabeth Partridge	NF YA	Partridge chronicles the emotional highs and paralyzing lows Lennon transformed into brilliant, evocative songs. With striking black-and white photographs spanning his entire life, this is the unforgettable story of one of rock's biggest legends.
<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i>	Alexie Sherman	YA	Junior is a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend a farm town high school where he is the only Indian. National Book Award winner.
<i>Slam</i>	Walter Dean Myers	YA	Slam can control everything on the court, but off the court, it's a different story
<i>Into the Wild</i>	John Krakauer	AD	Nonfiction/ What drives Alex to trek into Alaska alone?
<i>Into Thin Air</i>	John Krakauer	AD	Nonfiction/ The climb up Mt. Everest turns deadly.
<i>Magic Kingdom for Sale</i>	Terry Brooks	YA/AD	Science fiction/Fantasy
<i>Children of the River</i>	Linda Crew	YA	Fiction/Culture Clash/Cambodia/US
<i>Guts</i>	Gary Paulson	YA	Personal memoir-story behind <i>Hatchet</i> and "Brian" books
<i>Cut</i>	Patricia McCormick	YA/AD	Fiction/Self-Destructive teen
<i>The Last Mission</i>	Harry Mazer	YA	Fiction/WWII/POW Experience
<i>Somewhere in the Darkness</i>	Walter Dean Myers	YA	Fiction/Son's search for father
<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i>	Maya Angelou	YA/AD	Nonfiction/ Angelou's autobiography
<i>Criss Cross</i>	Lynne Ray Perkins	YA	Debbie and Hector approach crossroads in their lives - book includes some amazing illustrations
<i>Shattered Mirror</i>	Amelia Atwater Rhodes	YA	Sarah Tigress Vida comes from a long line of Vampire hunting witches. Should she befriend an enemy?

<i>The Gospel According to Larry</i>	Janet Tashjian	YA	Josh tries to win Beth's love through his blog but runs into some road bumps on the way.
<i>The Uglies</i>	Scott Westerfeld	YA	Playing on every teen's passionate desire to look as good as everybody else, Scott Westerfeld (Midnighters) projects a future world in which a compulsory operation at sixteen wipes out physical differences and makes everyone pretty by conforming to an ideal standard of beauty.
<i>Silent to the Bone</i>	E.L. Koningsburg	YA	When his infant half sister Nikki appears unconscious, 13-year-old Branwell Zamborska rushes to call for help. But when the 911 operator asks him for key information, Branwell cannot speak; he's been struck mute, seemingly by the tragic, frightening situation.
<i>Breathing Underwater</i>	Alex Flinn	YA	Nick Andreas has just been served a restraining order from the person he loves the most in the world. After beating his girlfriend, the sixteen-year-old offender finds himself attending group therapy and writing in a journal about the things he's done. He's the son of an abuser, and it looks like that abuse has surfaced within himself.
<i>Driver's Ed</i>	Caroline B. Cooney	YA	Three teenagers' lives are changed forever when they thoughtlessly steal a stop sign from a dangerous intersection and a young mother is killed in an automobile accident there.
<i>Blind Faith</i>	Ellen Wittlinger	YA	This heartfelt novel shows how loss can tear families apart and sometimes bring strangers together.
<i>The Key to the Golden Firebird: a novel</i>	Maureen Johnson	YA	As three teenaged sisters struggle to cope with their father's sudden death, they must reexamine friendships, lifelong dreams, and their relationships with each other and their father.
<i>Swallowing Stones</i>	Joyce McDonald	YA	Suspenseful and powerfully moving, this is the unforgettable story of an accidental crime and its haunting web of repercussions.
<i>Go and Come Back</i>	Joan Alove	YA	Alicia, a young tribeswoman living in a village in the Amazonian jungle of Peru, tells about the two American woman anthropologists who arrive to study her people's way of life.
<i>Monkey Town : the Summer of the Scopes trial</i>	Ronald Kidd	YA	This historical novel about the 1925 Scopes "Monkey Trial" is narrated by fifteen-year-old Frances Robinson.
<i>The Wrong Hands</i>	Nigel Richardson	YA	British teen Graham Sinclair, 14, was born with large, strange hands that have folds between the fingers like the inside of a closed umbrella. He endures the accompanying shame and ridicule because he has an amazing secret: he can make his hands grow even more and then use them to fly.
<i>The Body of Christopher Creed</i>	Carol Plum-Ucci	YA	Torey Adams, a high school junior with a seemingly perfect life, struggles with doubts and questions

			surrounding the disappearance of the class outcast.
<i>Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment</i>	James Patterson	YA	14-year-old Maximum Ride (Max), and members of the "Flock", are just like ordinary kids, except they have wings and can fly. When the youngest member of their group is abducted by the mutant Erasers, the "Flock" take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.
<i>Chanda's Secrets</i>	Allan Stratton	YA	16 year-old Chanda, living in a small fictional city in Southern Africa, already has a hard life but she struggles valiantly with the shame and stigma of the African AIDS pandemic, when it hits her own family.
<i>An Innocent Soldier</i>	Josef Holub	YA	In 1812 a farmhand named Adam is conscripted into Napoleon's Grande Armée. As the army marches relentlessly towards far away Russia, Adam is tormented by a sadistic sergeant, but is saved by a bond of unusual friendship with an aristocratic lieutenant, who takes him on as a personal servant. Horrifying look into the privations of war under Napoleon.
<i>Zoo</i>	Graham Marks	YA	Seventeen-year-old Cam Stewart was living a comfortable life in Southern California until he is kidnapped. Cam escapes his worst nightmare, only to find a more bizarre reality waiting for him. On the run, some new friends help Cam uncover the truth about his life-and about the person he was supposed to be.
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