

## EPS MIDDLE SCHOOL FUN SUMMER READING!

If you are looking for a great book  
to help occupy your time this summer, your hunt is over!  
Eastside Prep students and teachers recommended these books...

### *Red Scarf Girl*

By Ji-li Jiang

Favorite Part: The beginning.

Recommended for: 6th, 7th, 8th

### *No Longer Human*

By Dazai Osamu

Favorite Part: The strong, serious, real-world themes.

Recommended for: 8th

### *Solitaire*

By Alice Oseman

Favorite Part: Tori's perspectives.

Recommended for: 8th

### *The Summer I Turned Pretty*

By Jenny Han

Favorite Part: The end.

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

### *The Foot Book*

By Dr. Seuss

Favorite Part: The greatest rhymes of all time.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

*Last Night at the Telegraph Club*

By Malinda Lo

Favorite Part: ALL OF IT, OMG. And when Lily first went to the Telegraph Club.

Recommended for: 6th, 7th, 8th

*I Killed Zoe Spanos*

By Kit Frick

Favorite Part: Unreliable narrator, thriller, and different timelines!

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

*True or False: A CIA Analyst's Guide to Spotting Fake News*

By Cindy L. Otis

Favorite Part: In True or False, former CIA analyst Cindy Otis will take readers through the history and impact of fake news over the centuries, sharing stories from the past and insights that readers today can gain from them. Then, she shares lessons learned in over a decade working for the CIA, including actionable tips on how to spot fake news, how to make sense of the information we receive each day, and, perhaps most importantly, how to understand and see past our own information biases, so that we can think critically about important issues and put events happening around us into context.

Recommended for: 6th, 7th, 8th

*The Alice Network*

By Kate Quinn

Favorite Part: Women. Spies. In. World. Wars!

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

*Holes*

By Louis Sachar

Favorite Part: The opening and the end.

Recommended for: 6th, 7th

*The Golden Compass*

By Philip Pullman

Favorite Part: The armored polar bear battle, definitely.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th

*Biting the Wax Tadpole*

By Elizabeth Little

Favorite Part: The silly anecdotes, sidebars, and illustrations.

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

*Keeper of the Lost Cities (Series)*

By Shannon Messenger

Favorite Part: When Sophie Foster talks to her friends. And the whole thing is just so exciting. As the series goes on, it just gets better and better!

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

*Dune*

By Frank Herbert

Favorite Part: The dialogue is all so weighted and political and it's creative and... Idk, I like it all!

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

*Crime and Punishment*

By Fyodor/Feodor Dostoevsky

Favorite Part: I would say being inside Raskolnikov's weird brain.

Recommended for: 6th, 7th

*His Dark Materials (Series)*

By Philip Pullman

Favorite Part: All of it.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th

*Man's Search for Meaning*

By Viktor Frankl

Favorite Part: The whole thing!

Recommended for: 8th

*House of the Dead / Notes from a Dead House*

By Fyodor Dostoevsky

Favorite Part: When he said something about how the real punishment was in the time lost to the labor camps.

Recommended for: 8th

*Catch-22*

By Joseph Heller

Favorite Part: When he is being court-martialed and it's so clearly biased and awesome and hilarious. And Major Major Major Major and Washington Irving.

Recommended for: 6th, 7th, 8th

*All the Light We Cannot See*

By Anthony Doerr

Favorite Part: The whole book!

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th

*The Book Thief*

By Markus Zusak

Favorite Part: Rudy Steiner challenging Lisa Meminger to a race.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

*Ender's Game*

By Orson Scott Card

Favorite Part: I don't have just one favorite part.

Recommended for: 5th

*Romeo and Juliet*

By William Shakespeare

Favorite Part: The overall message.

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

*Macbeth*

By William Shakespeare

Favorite Part: The three witches.

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

*Les Miserables*

By Victor Hugo

Favorite Part: All of it.

Recommended for: 8th

*Crooked Kingdom* (Book 2 in the *Six of Crows* Duology)

By Leigh Bardugo

Favorite Part: Outsmarting Van Eck & Pekka.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

*The Mistborn Trilogy*

By Brandon Sanderson

Favorite Part: The lore, plot, plot twists, characters, logic, and politics.

Recommended for: 6th, 7th, 8th

*We Were Liars*

By Emily Jenkins (Pen Name: E. Lockhart)

Favorite Part: Life on the island!

Recommended for: 6th, 7th, 8th

*Beyond the Bright Sea*

By Lauren Wolk

Favorite Part: When Crow finds her family/brother.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th

*Madoka's Secret*

By Deme Kingyobachi

Favorite Part: When Madoka and Itsuki model Madoka's sister's designs for her.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

*A Plague of Giants*

By Kevin Hearne

Favorite Part: I liked the fact that the story is told from around 10-15 different perspectives- to tell the WHOLE story.

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

*Red Queen (Series)*

By Victoria Aveyard

Favorite Part: My favorite things about these books are the plot twists and how the hierarchy in the setting is set up and explained.

Recommended for: 6th, 7th, 8th

*Heartless*

By Marissa Meyer

Favorite Part: The theme!!

Recommended for: 6th, 7th, 8th

*The Land of Stories*

By Chris Colfer

Favorite Part: How descriptive the book is! You can picture it exactly in your mind!

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

*Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus*

By Dusti Bowling

Favorite Part: When the main character finds her grandma.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th

*The Westing Game*

By Ellen Raskin

Favorite Part: When Turtle meets Mr. Westing.

Recommended for: 5th

*Buggy Adventures*

By Nehal Joshi

Favorite Part: Defeating the evil Mole.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th

*Thrawn Ascendancy (Trilogy)*

By Timothy Zahn

Favorite Part: The last book.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

*The Boys in the Boat*

By Daniel James Brown

Favorite Part: The final Olympic race.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*

By Mark Twain

Favorite Part: The graveyard.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

*Refugee*

By Alan Gratz

Favorite Part: When the two different characters cross paths in the end.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th

*Project Hail Mary*

By Andy Weir

Favorite Part: When Grace is learning to communicate with his fellow Eridian, Rocky. The two come from very different planets and species, but share two things in common: an understanding of science and a world-threatening problem.

Recommended for: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

*The Tao is Silent*

By Raymond M. Smullyan

Favorite Part: The chapter called, "On Making an Effort." It has some really amusing thoughts to offer on the subject of "making an effort" and "amounting to something."

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

*Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*

By Lisa See

Favorite Part: Lily's first trip to the Temple of Gupo.

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

*I Kissed Shara Wheeler*

By Casey McQuiston

Favorite Part: When Chloe found Shara...

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

*Heartstopper (Series)*

By Alice Oseman

Favorite Part: When Nick's pen exploded all over him.

Recommended for: 7th, 8th

*The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*

By V.E. Schwab

Favorite Part: Every little moment between Addie and Henry.

Recommended for: 7th, 8th