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# **New Haven Academy**

## **2019**

# **SUMMER READING**



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*“Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to  
make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is  
good for him.” - Maya Angelou*

The NHA Literature Dept. requires you to read at least two books during the summer. You may read (or listen to) any books of your choice. The following are suggestions that were selected from current best seller and YA recommended reading lists. Literature teachers have a form for reporting summer reading. You can access that document here: <http://goo.gl/nXkXmP>

## NUTMEG AWARD NOMINEES – HIGH SCHOOL

### **American Street by Ibi Zoboi**

Fabiola and her mother are on their way to the United States when her mother is detained by U. S. Immigration and sent back to Haiti. Fabiola is left to navigate her three boisterous cousins, Detroit's west side.

### **Beartown by Fredrik Backman**

The junior ice hockey team is close to winning the championship and the whole town is swirling with anticipation. When a scandal involving a player erupts, parents, children, and coaches are forced to choose sides.

### **The Cruel Prince by Holly Black**

After her parents' murder, Jude, a mortal, was taken away to live in the High Court of Faerie. Jude wants nothing more than to belong in the fey world, but doing so means defying a bloodthirsty prince.

### **The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue by Mackenzi Lee**

Wealthy young men in England used to go on a "grand tour" of Europe after completing their education. With his best friend Percy and his wise-beyond-her-years little sister Felicity to accompany him, and adventure at every turn, Monty's own grand tour is an unpredictable roller coaster ride.

### **Goodbye Days by Jeff Zentner**

Carver Briggs sent a text message to his friend Mars, a text that may have resulted in the car crash that killed Mars and Carter's two other best friends. With everyone blaming Carver, he must develop new relationships and learn how to cope with his guilt and grief.

### **Holding Up the Universe by Jennifer Niven**

After a traumatic event, Libby is ready to take on a normal teenage life. Jack is popular, but he has a secret that could upend his life. Though seemingly different, when stuck in community service together they are both surprised to find how alike they really are.

### **Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds**

Don't cry. Don't snitch. Get revenge. These are the rules that Will lives by, the rules that drive him to seek vengeance after his brother Shawn is killed.

### **Moxie by Jennifer Mathieu**

Viv has had enough of her Texas high school's sexist, football-loving, and small-minded world. Taking a page from her feminist mother's past, she rocks the student body with her underground "zine," and she brings together a seemingly disparate group of girls who find they have a lot to share.

### **Radio Silence by Alice Oseman**

This is not a love story. This is a story about a life-changing friendship, a mysterious podcast, and a devastating secret. After the paths of Frances and Aled intersect at a pivotal point, they learn that the only way to live the life you want is to use your voice.

### **Strange the Dreamer by Laini Taylor**

Lazlo Strange, a bookish orphan, travels to the semi-mythical city of Weep. There, he finds a blue-skinned family of young gods living in the sky citadel—and falls in love with Sarai, a manipulator of dreams.

## 2019 Top Ten Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers

*Poet X*. Acevedo, Elizabeth. *The* Xiomara secretly creates poetry to explore her shifting relationship with her Dominican immigrant parents, religion, her body, and chemistry lab partner/crush Aman.

*Game Changer*. Greenwald, Tommy Teddy Youngblood is one of the most talented incoming freshman football players on the team. After an incident at practice that lands Teddy in a coma, his family must fight to figure out what really happened.

*Hey Kiddo: How I Lost My Mother, Found My Father, and Dealt with Family Addiction*. Krosoczka, Jarrett. The story of the author's childhood growing up with a mother addicted to heroin and how his grandparents' support of his passion for art helped him survive.

*#MurderTrending*. McNeil, Gretchen. In the near future, the prison system has been replaced with a reality TV show--Alcatraz 2.0--that features staged executions of convicted murderers. Dee Guerrero becomes a sensation by accidentally killing one of the executioners--but how long can she survive?

*Track series (Sunny [vol. 3] and Lu [vol. 4])*. Reynolds, Jason. Sunny considers himself a murderer, because his mother died giving birth to him. He has been running track to please his dad, but what he really wants is to dance. Coach has the perfect solution. "Lightning" Lu is heading into the track championships as co-captain of his team. When unexpected hurdles come up, he wonders if lightning can really strike twice.

*Amal Unbound*. Saeed, Aisha. Amal's dream of becoming a teacher in her small Pakistani village vanishes when she is forced to become an indentured servant to the powerful Khan family to pay off her own family's debt.

*Animal Zombies! And Other Blood-Sucking Beasts, Creepy Creatures, and Real-Life Monsters*. Stiefel, Chana. Eye-popping photographs amp up the creepy factor in this fact book of strange and dangerous animals.

*Sadie*. Summers, Courtney. After the brutal murder of her little sister Mattie, Sadie will stop at nothing to track down the man responsible and bring him to justice.