

Watervliet High School English Department
Summer Reading Suggestions

*(Titles with an * next to them are more challenging)*

Fiction

Title

Author

The Chosen

Chaim Potok

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn

Betty Smith

Something Wicked This Way Comes

Ray Bradbury

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

Maya Angelou

*Pride and Prejudice

Jane Austen

*Wuthering Heights

Charlotte Bronte

*My Antonia

Willa Cather

Prince of Tides

Pat Conroy

After the First Death

Robert Cormier

*Crime and Punishment

Fyodor Dostoyevsky

*As I Lay Dying

William Faulkner

The Great Gatsby

F. Scott Fitzgerald

A Raisin in the Sun

Lorraine Hansberry

*Tess of the D'Urbervilles

Thomas Hardy

The Scarlet Letter

Nathaniel Hawthorne

A Farewell to Arms

Ernest Hemingway

*Les Miserables

Victor Hugo

Their Eyes Were Watching God

Zora Neale Hurston

Ironweed

William Kennedy

A Separate Peace

John Knowles

Call of the Wild

Jack London

All the Pretty Horses

Cormac McCarthy

*Song of Solomon	Toni Morrison
*Beloved	Toni Morrison
*Hard Times	Studs Terkel
Rabbit Run	John Updike
Slaughterhouse Five	Kurt Vonnegut
The Color Purple	Alice Walker
*The Age of Innocence	Edith Wharton
She's Come Undone	Wally Lamb
*Geek Love	Katherine Dunn
The Bell Jar	Sylvia Plath
Lonesome Dove	Larry McMurtry
The Green Mile	Stephen King
The Stones Cry Out	Hikaru Okuizumi
*The House of the Spirits	Isabel Allende
Sunrise Over Fallujah	Walter Dean Myers
Twisted	Laurie Halse Anderson

Historical Fiction

The Book Thief	Markus Zusak
Hiroshima	John Hersey
Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe
Snow in August	Pete Hamill
The Plot Against America	Philip Roth

Fantasy/Science Fiction

Watership Down	Richard Adams
*The Handmaid's Tale	Margaret Atwood
The Illustrated Man	Ray Bradbury
The Martian Chronicles	Ray Bradbury

*Stranger in a Strange Land	Robert Heinlein
*Brave New World	Aldous Huxley
The Time Machine	H.G. Wells
War of the Worlds	H.G. Wells
The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkein
Ender's Game	Orson Scott Card
Wicked	Gregory McGuire
Twilight or any sequels	Stephanie Meyer
Frankenstein	Mary Shelley
The Golden Compass	Philip Pullman
Childhood's End	Arthur Clarke
Interview with the Vampire	Anne Rice
 <u>Non-Fiction</u>	
Helter Skelter	Vincent Bugliosi
The Westies	T.J. English
A Walk in the Woods	Bill Bryson
Kaffir Boy: An Autobiography	Mark Mathabane
Into the Wild	Jon Krakauer
Nickel and Dimed: On (not) Getting By in America	Barbara Ehrenreich
*Prozac Nation	Elizabeth Wurtzel