

# Leon High School Summer Reading 2023

Many of this year's reading selections were taken from the **Florida Association for Media in Education Florida Teens Read** book list for 2023-24. Additional titles are provided by your English teachers as books that we consider must-reads. **The mission of our summer reading is to encourage students to read enjoyable, quality literature that will stimulate imagination, awaken curiosity, expand horizons, enhance verbal fluency, and foster critical thinking and a lifelong love for reading and learning.**



**Florida Teens Read** nominates ten to fifteen books per year. The books nominated were chosen to:

- ❖ Engage high school students
- ❖ Reflect interests of high school students
- ❖ Represent a variety of genres, formats, reading levels, viewpoints, and ethnic and cultural perspectives

**DISCLAIMER:** The books listed below are for high school students grades nine through twelve. In order to engage their interest and to provide a spur to critical thinking, the book selections include those that involve sensitive issues. The content of some of the titles may be more mature than younger students may have previously encountered. Please recognize that this is a voluntary reading program. Not every book selected will suit every student.

**Parents: Please use your judgment in helping your child choose a book that you find suitable.**

## Florida Teens Read 2023-2024 Book List

***The Agathas*** by Kathleen and Lawson Glasgow  
***Ain't Burned All the Bright*** by Jason Reynolds  
***All My Rage*** by Sabaa Tahir  
***Blackout*** by Dhonielle Clayton  
***The Cost of Knowing*** by Brittney Morris  
***Defy the Night*** by Brigid Kemmerer  
***The Getaway*** by Lamar Giles  
***I Must Betray You*** by Ruta Sepetys  
***In Harm's Way (Young Readers Edition)*** by Doug Stanton and Michael Tougas  
***Live, Laugh, Kidnap,*** by Gabby Noone  
***The Mary Shelly Club*** by Goldy Moldavsky  
***Mirror Girls*** by Kelly McWilliams  
***Roxy*** by Neil Shusterman and Neal Shusterman  
***We Weren't Looking to be Found*** by Stephe Kuehn  
***The Weight of Blood*** by Tiffany D. Jackson

Please follow the link below to read a brief description of each book.

[https://www.scribd.com/document/637355634/2023-2024-annotated-list?secret\\_password=cFWZHISYGitelJx8RCcT#](https://www.scribd.com/document/637355634/2023-2024-annotated-list?secret_password=cFWZHISYGitelJx8RCcT#)

## **Additional titles loved by your teachers:**

*The Time Machine* by H.G. Wells

*Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson

*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

*Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens

*Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe

*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith

*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou

*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte

*Dracula* by Bram Stoker

*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain

*On the Road* by Jack Kerouac

*My Name is Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok

*The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd

Participation in summer reading is voluntary for all grades **except for** those students enrolled in AP Language and Composition and AP Literature for the 2023-24 school year. Students in these classes will be receiving additional information regarding their assignments.

Your assignment is to read books you find of interest and share them with your friends and family. That's it---read and enjoy!

Enjoy your summer. We look forward to seeing you in the fall. 😊

Per School Board Policy 2240, Leon County Schools recognizes that certain instructional materials may conflict with a student's or parent's value system. In such cases, a parent may request in writing an alternative summer reading assignment. Please direct inquiries to Stacy Fabrega.