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ENGLISH 9 SUMMER READING LIST

Books

1. **Alvarez, Julia** – How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents – It's a long way from Santo Domingo to the Bronx, but if anyone can go the distance, it's the Garcia girls – four lively Latinas plunged from a pampered life of privilege on an island compound into the big-city chaos of New York.
2. **Anonymous** – Go Ask Alice – The classic diary of an anonymous, addicted teen.
3. **Bonham, Frank** – Durango Street – A young man deals with the dangers of gangs.
4. **Brian, Kate** – Princess and the Pauper – A new take on Twain's story when Julia Johnson who lives in a run-down apartment finds that she's a look-alike of the Crown Princess of Vineland!
5. **Burchard, Peter** – Frederick Douglass: For the Great Family of Man – "A biography of the runaway slave who became an abolitionist, a crusader for women's rights and an advisor to Abraham Lincoln." Includes photographs.
6. **Crowe, Chris** – Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case – When a Mississippi court failed to convict the white murderers of a fourteen-year-old African-American in 1955, it helped spark the civil rights movement.
7. **Crutcher, Chris** – Whale Talk – T. J. forms a swim team from misfits to fight his school's jock culture.
8. **Davis, Jill, Ed.** – Open Your Eyes – "A collection of memoirs and stories about a variety of travel experiences that changed the lives of some of today's most popular writers."
9. **Deuker, C.** – High Heat – When sophomore Shane Hunter's father is arrested for money laundering at his Lexus dealership, the star pitcher's life of affluence and private school begins to fall apart.
10. **Frank, E.R.** – Friction – When a new girl at the private school Alex attends starts rumors about Alex's favorite teacher, Alex and her 8th grade classmates are not sure how to act around him or with one another.
11. **Frey, Darcy** – The Last Shot – Written as a journal, this true story tells of four high school basketball players (including Stephone Marbury) and the obstacles they face on their paths to playing Division I college basketball.
12. **Frost, Helen** – Keesha's House – Keesha knows about the haven at Joe's house because she lives there away from the tirades of her alcoholic father. She shares her knowledge with six other teens in need who tell their stories of leaving home and finding it again through groups of sestinas and sonnets.
13. **Gaines, Ernest** – A Gathering of Old Men – When murder occurs in rural Louisiana, several black men claim responsibility, each appearing before the local sheriff with an identical shotgun.
14. **Green, Bette** – Summer of My German Soldier – Because of her unlikely friendship with a German soldier during World War II, a young Jewish girl becomes involved in his attempt to escape prison camp.
15. **Grishom, John** – The Street Lawyer – A lawyer who decides to fight for those in need instead of reaching for wealth.
16. **Gunther, John** – Death Be Not Proud – A father's memoir of a brave, intelligent, spirited boy facing death at age 17.

17. **Hughes, Langston** – **Not Without Laughter** – A coming of age novel filled with humor set in a small Kansas town.
18. **Jennings, Michael** – **They Cage the Animals at Night** – Story of a young boy who goes from one foster home to another.
19. **Kerr, M.E.** – **Fell** – A new identity and admission to a prep school changes John in this funny story.
20. **Kincaid, Jamaica** – **Annie John** – The teenage years of a girl's life in Antigua. Her lively childhood is soured by conflict with her mother, and eventually she must leave her beautiful island for a better education.
21. **Koertge, Ron.** – **Shakespeare Bats Cleanup** – “When a 14 year-old baseball player catches mononucleosis, he discovers that keeping a journal and experimenting with poetry not only helps fill the time, it also helps him deal with life, love and loss.”
22. **Levine, Gail Carson** – **The Two Princesses of Bamarre** – A timid princess must learn bravery to search for a cure when her adventurous sister becomes ill with the “gray death”.
23. **Lewis, C.S.** – **The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe** – Tale of children who step into enchanted Narnia.
24. **Lubar, David** – **Dunk** – New Jersey Shore resident Chad becomes fascinated with the “Bozo” in the boardwalk dunk tank.
25. **Mathbane, Mark** – **Kaffir Boy**- Written with courage and conviction, Mark Mathbane reveals the extraordinary memoir of growing up in a world under apartheid.
26. **McCullers, Carson** – **A Member of the Wedding** – Twelve year old Frankie tries to escape her life and start a new one.
27. **Mosley, Walter** – **Devil in a Blue Dress** – Easy Rawlins, a black detective in Los Angeles, gets caught up in a web of corruption and betrayal while trying to locate a missing young woman.
28. **Myers, Walter Dean** – **Malcolm X: By Any Means Necessary** – Walter Dean Myers has written a compelling account of a complex man whose life reflected many
29. **Naidoo, Beverly** – **The Other Side of Truth** – Nigerian refugees Sade and her younger brother are abandoned in London when their uncle fails to meet them at the airport.
30. **Orczy, Baroness** – **The Scarlet Pimpernel** – Portrays the hardships of the nobility during the French Revolution.
31. **Paulsen, Gary** – **How Angel Peterson Got His Name** – Gary gives us “slapstick, wacky, daring” tales of extreme sports straight from his own boyhood.
32. **Pullman, Philip** – **The Golden Compass** – Fantasy of a young orphan growing up in a strange world. Part one of a fascinating trilogy.
33. **Ritter, John H.** – **Boy Who Saved Baseball** – The fate of a small California town rests on the outcome of one baseball game and Tom Gallagher hopes to lead his team to victory with the secrets of the now disgraced player, Dante Del Gato.
34. **Saldana, Rene, Jr.** – **Finding Our Way** – Each distinct (Mexican-American teenage) voice (in these stories) shares secret thoughts that draw the reader into daily dramas of love, danger, loyalty and pride.
35. **Sheldon, Dyan** – **Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen** – In her new school, “Lola” sets her sights on the lead in the annual drama production, and finds herself in conflict with the most popular girls in school.
36. **Smith, Betsy** – **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn** – A young girl growing up in Brooklyn, strives to survive.

37. **Soto, Gary** – **Living Up the Street** – A boy's coming of age in the barrio, parochial school, attending church, public summer school, and trying to fall out of love so he can join a baseball team.
38. **Tan, Amy** – **The Kitchen God's Wife** – This is the story of Jiang Weile's life, from when she was six years old in China to being a widowed matriarch in San Francisco.
39. **Uchida, Yoshio** – **Picture Bride** – The story of a Japanese immigrant who comes to the U.S. to marry a man she has never met
40. **Wallace, Rich** – **Losing is Not An Option** – In nine interwoven stories, Wallace brings a small-town high school to life through the sharp, spare voice - and the heart-pounding defeats and triumphs – of an athlete's experiences from sixth grade through high school.
41. **Wells, H. G.** – **The War of the Worlds** – A tale of the destruction of earth and what happens after.
42. **White, T.H.** – **Once and Future King** – A great Arthurian legend of Arthur's quest for the Excalibur.
43. **Woodson, Jacqueline** – **I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This** – Marie, the only African-American girl in the eighth grade willing to befriend her white classmate Lena, discovers that Lena's father is doing horrible things to her in private.
44. **Woodson, Jacqueline** – **Locomotion** – In a series of poems, 11 year old Lonnie writes about his life, after the death of his parents, separated from his younger sister, living in a foster home and finding his poetic voice at school.

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