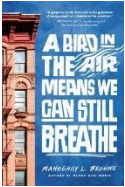


## Seventh Grade Summer Reading

Select one text to read over the summer. You can access these books through Nevins Library, brick-and-mortar bookstores, or online. A writing activity on your book will be given by your ELA teacher within the first two weeks of the school year. This assignment will account for five percent of the first trimester grade. To prepare, students are encouraged to take notes in a format of their choice.

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### -FICTION-



#### [A Bird in the Air Means We Can Still Breathe, by Mahogany L. Browne](#)

In this poignant, mixed-voice, mixed-form collection of interconnected prose, poems, and stories, teen characters, their families, and their communities grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic.



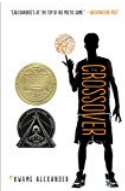
#### [The Hunger Games, by Suzanne Collins](#)

The nation of Panem, formed from a post-apocalyptic North America, is a country that consists of a wealthy Capitol region surrounded by 12 poorer districts. Early in its history, a rebellion led by a 13th district against the Capitol resulted in its destruction and the creation of an annual televised event known as The Hunger Games...each district must yield one boy and one girl between the ages of 12-18 through a lottery system to participate in the games...When 16-year-old Katniss's young sister, Prim, is selected as District 12's female representative, Katniss volunteers to take her place. (goodreads.com)



#### [Ghost, by Jason Reynolds](#)

Running. That's all that Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But never for a track team. Nope, his game has always been ball. But when Ghost impulsively challenges an elite sprinter to a race -- and wins -- the Olympic medalist track coach sees he has something: crazy natural talent. Thing is, Ghost has something else: a lot of anger, and a past that he is trying to outrun. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed and meld with the team, or will his past finally catch up to him? (goodreads.com)



#### [The Crossover, by Kwame Alexander](#)

**Newbury Medal 2015**

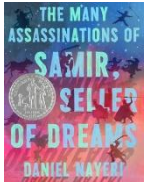
"With a bolt of lightning on my kicks . . . My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. Cuz tonight I'm delivering," announces dread-locked, 12-year old Josh Bell. He and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse, in this fast and furious middle grade novel of family and brotherhood. Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the court to realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story's heart-stopping climax proves a game-changer for the entire family. (goodreads.com)



#### [The Girl Who Drank the Moon, by Kelly Barnhill](#)

**Newbury Medal 2017**

Every year, the people of the Protectorate leave a baby as an offering to the witch who lives in the forest... [to keep] her from terrorizing their town. But the witch, Xan, is kind and... shares her home with a wise Swamp Monster...and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon. Xan rescues the abandoned children and delivers them to welcoming families...nourishing the babies with starlight. Xan accidentally fill[s] the ordinary child with extraordinary magic...When Luna approaches her 13th birthday, her magic begins to emerge -- but Xan is far away...it is up to Luna to protect those who have protected her. (goodreads.com)



**[The Many Assassinations of Samir, the Seller of Dreams, by Daniel Nayeri ; with paintings by Daniel Miyares](#)**

This is the tale of an exciting journey along the Silk Road with a young Monk and his newfound guardian, Samir, a larger-than-life character and the so-called "Seller of Dreams." The man is a scammer; his biggest skill being the ability to talk his way into getting what he wants. While that talking did save Monkey's life, it has left a lot of people furious with Samir--furious enough to hire assassins. Monkey decides to try and save Samir from the attempts on his life--as a way to pay off his debt! If he can save Samir six times, he'll be a free man...but will they all survive that long?

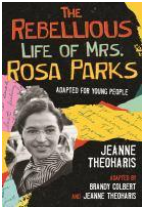
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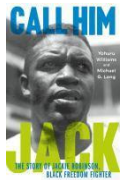
**[Trapped, by Marc Aronson](#)**

In early August 2010... a mine collapsed in Copiapó, Chile, and 33 miners were trapped 2,000 feet below the surface. For sixty-nine days they lived on meager resources and increasingly poor air quality. When they were finally rescued, the world watched with rapt attention and rejoiced in the amazing spirit and determination of the miners. What could have been a terrible tragedy became an amazing story of survival...By tracing the psychological, physical, and environmental factors surrounding the rescue, *Trapped* highlights the amazing technology and helping hands that made it all possible. From the Argentinean soccer players who hoped to raise morale, to NASA volunteering their expertise to come up with a plan...(goodreads.com)



**[The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks: Young Readers Edition, by Jeanne Theoharis ; adapted by Brandy Colbert and Jeanne Theoharis](#)**

This definitive biography of Rosa Parks provides an accessible examination of her six decades of activism, challenging young readers' perceptions of her as an accidental actor in the civil rights movement.



**[Call Him Jack: The Story of Jackie Robinson, Black Freedom Fighter by Yohuru Williams and Michael G. Long](#)**

An enthralling, eye-opening portrayal of this barrier-breaking American hero as a lifelong, relentlessly proud fighter for Black justice and civil rights.