

STONY BROOK'S SUGGESTED SUMMER READING LIST 2009
FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 5th GRADE IN THE FALL

*All of these authors have written other good books.

39 Clues series (Assorted authors) Amy and Dan, members of the powerful Cahill family, try to uncover the thirty-nine clues which will reveal the secrets of their lineage. There are currently 4 books in this series. #1 *The Maze of Bones*, #2 *One False Note*, #3 *The Sword Thief*, #4 *Beyond the Grave* (There will be 10 books in this series, each written by a different author.)

Benton, Jim. *Let's Pretend this Never Happened*. Jamie Kelly confides to her diary her experiences in middle school with a boy who likes to give insulting nicknames, cafeteria food, and gorgeous, perfect Angeline, the girl with the long blonde hair who sets all the trends. This outrageously funny series continues with *My Pants are Haunted*, *Am I The Princess or the Frog?*, *Never Do Anything Ever*, and *Can Adults Become Human?*

Birdsall, Jeanne. *The Penderwicks. A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy*. While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother. Sequel: *Penderwicks of Gardam Street*: The four Penderwick sisters are faced with the unimaginable prospect of their widowed father dating, and they hatch a plot to stop him.

Buckley, Michael. *The Sisters Grimm* series. Fairy-tale detectives Sabrina and Daphne Grimm live in the town of Ferryport Landing, a community of fairy-tale characters, Everafters, who are now using magical disguises to remain undetected alongside their normal neighbors. Ogres work at the post office, witches run the diner, and the town mayor is the legendary Prince Charming. Can the Sisters Grimm solve the problems that befall this town? **There are 7 titles in this series.**

Cabot, Meg. **Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls series**. Nine-year-old Allie has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules. **There are 3 books in this series**

Clements, Andrew. *Frindle*. When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

Collins, Suzanne. *Gregor the Overlander*. Babysitting can be such a drag – literally! While Gregor is babysitting his two-year-old sister Boots, she is sucked into an underground world. Gregor has no option but to embark on a mission to retrieve his sister by joining forces with mutant subterranean creatures in a battle against some particularly nasty rats. *Gregor and the Prophecy of Bane*, *Gregor and the Curse of the Warmbloods*, *Gregor and the Marks of Secret*, *Gregor and the Code of Claw* continue the story.

Creech, Sharon. *Walk Two Moons*. Thirteen-year-old Salamanca Tree Hiddle is proud of her Native American blood but tormented by the upheavals in her life. Traveling with her grandparents to find her mother, she recounts the bizarre story of her friend Phoebe and unravels her own story, as well. Newbery Medal 1995

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Enright, Dominique. *The Boys' Book : How to be the Best at Everything*. A book of activities for boys that provides step-by-step instructions for everything from reading a compass and building a raft to vanquishing vampires and hypnotizing chickens.

Foster, Juliana. *The Girls' Book : How to be the Best at Everything*. A book of activities for girls that provides step-by-step instructions for everything from strumming a guitar, eating with chopsticks, and making a camp in the wilderness to coping when zombies attack and surviving an alien invasion.

Gaiman, Neil. *Coraline*. Coraline ventures through a mysterious door in her kitchen and enters a world that is similar to, yet disturbingly different from her own. She is forced into conflict with a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.

Gantos, Jack. *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key*. To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention of controlling his mood swings when his prescription medications wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired.

GO Girl! Series. (assorted authors) Fly away, Fairies! Push off, Princesses! Hello, Real Girls! This wildly popular series for 7- to 10-year-old girls comes to us from Australia. Features genuine and heartfelt narratives about girls and their daily lives at home, in school, with friends and family. These books represent a "community" of girls that readers will want to belong to. **There are 12 books in this series.**

Griffiths, Andy. *The Day My Butt went Psycho!* Zack Freeman saves the world from a bunch of crazy, evil butts and their leader, the Great White Butt. Sequel: *Zombie Butts from Uranus*.

Grogan, John. *Marley, A Dog Like no Other*. A humorous and sentimental story about Marley, an oversize, energetic, and supremely loving yellow Lab. This is a special adaptation of the author's book "Marley & Me".

Gutman, Dan. *Baseball Card Adventure series*. Funny and well-paced, perfect for fans of time-travel, fantasy, and baseball! Full of sports trivia and actual historical documents. Joe Stoshack travels back in time to meet baseball greats!! In *Ray and Me*, the latest tile, Joe learns a hard lesson about wearing his baseball helmet at the plate. Stosh travels back to 1920 to try to save minor league baseball player Ray Chapman, who is the only known player to die from being struck in the head by a baseball. **There are 9 books in this series.**

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Among the Hidden*. In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong. **This is the first of 6 books in the Shadow Children series.**

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Found*. When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time. **Book 1 in the series "Missing".**

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Holm, Jennifer. *BabyMouse* series. Graphic novels that feature the comical and adventurous stories about the hopes and expectations of a very imaginative mouse. **There are 10 books in this series.**

Horowitz, Anthony. *Stormbreaker*. After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6. The story continues with *Point Blank*, *Skeleton Key*, *Eagle Strike*, *Ark Angel* and *Snakehead*.

Hunter, Erin. *Seekers* series. Three young bears of different species--one black, one polar, and one grizzly--travel on a perilous quest to the Northern Lights, escorting a shape-shifting grizzly cub whose destiny will affect them all. **There are 3 books in this series.**

Hunter, Erin. *Warriors*. A fascinating feline fantasy--the struggle between ThunderClan, a group of feral cats, and the enemy, ShadowClan. **This series contains 8 titles.**

Hunter, Erin. *Warriors: The New Prophecy*. Called by StarClan to fulfill a new prophecy, a group of young cats sets out on a long and dangerous journey, knowing only that trouble threatens the forest. **This series contains 6 titles.**

Hunter, Erin. *Warriors: Power Of Three*. Hollypaw, Jaypaw, and Lionpaw, the children of the ThunderClan warriors Squirrelflight and Brambleclaw, learn their powers can help the Clan and begin their apprenticeships, and a prophecy warns of trouble. **This series contains 6 titles.**

Lord, Cynthia. *Rules*. Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

Lupica, Mike. *Comeback Kids* series. Young sport aficionados team up to help each other succeed in both sports and school. **There are 4 books in this series.**

MacLachlan, Patricia. *Edward's Eyes*. Edward is one of a large and close family that loves baseball, music, books, and each other, and when he unexpectedly dies and his parents donate his organs, his wonderful eyes go to a perfect recipient.

Myers, Walter Dean. *Journal of Scott Pendelton: A World War II Soldier*. A seventeen-year-old soldier from central Virginia records his experiences in a journal as his regiment takes part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy and subsequent battles to liberate France. (This is part of the **My Name is America** series of historical fiction for boys).

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. *Boys Start the War*. Disgusted that a family with three girls moves into the house across the river, nine-year-old Wally and his three brothers declare a practical joke war on the girls. This is the first book in the Hatford Boys which continues with *The Girls Get Even*, *Boys Against the Girls*, *The Girls' Revenge* etc.

O'Connor, Barbara. *How to Steal a Dog*. Living in the family car in their small North Carolina town after their father leaves them virtually penniless, Georgina, desperate to improve their situation and unwilling to accept her overworked mother's calls for patience, persuades her younger brother to help her in an elaborate scheme to get money by stealing a dog and then claiming the reward that the owners are bound to offer.

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Paterson, Katherine. *Bridge to Terabithia*. During a storm, Jess' new friend Leslie meets an unexpected tragedy while trying to reach their secret kingdom to Terabithia. Newbery Medal 1978

Paulsen, Gary. *Lawn Boy*. Things get out of hand for a twelve-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business.

Raskin, Ellen. *The Westing Game*. An assortment of people are brought to an apartment house, then told they are heirs to the Westing Estate, but must solve the mystery of his murder first, by working in pairs and putting together an odd assortment of clues. Newbery Medal 1979.

Rawls, Wilson. *Where the Red Fern Grows*. Billy and his two dogs form a strong loving bond while hunting together for raccoons. Victory comes to the three of them, as well as, great sorrow.

Riordan, Rick. **Percy Jackson & the Olympians series**. Beginning with *The Lightning Thief*. Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, and is sent to Camp Half Blood where he is befriended by a satyr and the demigod daughter of Athena who join him in a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a catastrophic war. *Sea of Monsters*, *Titan's Curse* and *Battle of the Labyrinth*, and *The Last Olympian* continue this popular series.

Smith, Jeff. *Bone*. Graphic Novels present the adventures of three cousins from Boneville, Fone Bone, Phoney Bone, and Smiley Bone. **There are 9 books in this series.**

Snicket, Lemony. *The Bad Beginning*. After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune. This is the first book in the **Series of Unfortunate Events**.

Spinelli, Jerry. *Maniac Magee*. After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries. Newbery Medal 1991.

Stewart, Trenton Lee. *The Mysterious Benedict Society*. After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. Sequel: **The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey**

Winkler, Henry. **Hank Zipzer series contains 15 titles** starting with *Niagra Falls, or Does It?* Fourth-graders Hank, Ashley, and Frankie are excitedly preparing for a magic show at the Rock 'N Bowl when Hank's creative alternative to an English essay lands him in detention and grounded the week of the show. The **Hank Zipzer series** continues with *I Got a "D" in Salami*, *Day of the Iguana*, *Zippety Zinger*, *The Night I Flunked My Field Trip*, *Holy Enchilada*, etc.