



Summer Reading Challenge

7TH Grade Reading List 2025

1. Fish in a Tree by Lynda Hunt

Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people by creating clever yet disruptive distractions to hide her inability to read. Her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally discovers that there's a lot more to her—and to everyone—than a label, and that great minds don't always think alike.

2. Pop by Gordon Korman

When Marcus moves to a new town in the dead of summer, he doesn't know a soul. While practicing football for impending tryouts, he strikes up a friendship with a man named Charlie, the best football player Marcus has ever seen. He can't believe his good luck when he finds out that Charlie is Charlie Popovich, or "the King of Pop," as he'd been nicknamed during his career as an NFL linebacker.

3. The War That Saved My Life (Series) by Kimberly Bradley

Ten-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him.

4. City of Ember (series) by Jeanne DuPrau

The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. She and her friend Doon must race to figure out the clues before the lights go out on Ember forever!

5. The Thing About Leftovers by C.C Payne

Fizzy is a good Southern girl who just wants to be perfect. And win the Southern Living cook-off. The being perfect part is hard though, since her parents' divorced and everything in her life has changed. So Fizzy tries her best, but it's hard to stay quiet when her family keeps getting more complicated. Fortunately, the Southern Living cook-off gives her a welcome distraction, as do her new friends Miyoko and Zach, who have parent issues of their own.

6. Gregor the Overlander (1st book of "Underland" series) by Suzanne Collins

When Gregor falls through a grate in the laundry room of his apartment building, he hurtles into the dark Underland, where spiders, rats, cockroaches coexist uneasily with humans. This world is on the brink of war, and Gregor's arrival is no accident. A prophecy foretells that Gregor has a role to play in the Underland's uncertain future. Gregor wants no part of it -- until he realizes it's the only way to solve the mystery of his father's disappearance. Reluctantly, Gregor embarks on a dangerous adventure that will change both him and the Underland forever.

7. A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen

When the Berlin Wall went up, twelve-year-old Gerta's family is suddenly divided. She, her mother, and one brother live on the eastern side, controlled by the Soviets. But her father and other brother who had gone west to find work cannot return home. Four years later, Gerta sees her father on a viewing platform and realizes he wants her to risk her life trying to tunnel to freedom.