

# Eighth Grade Summer Reading Recommendations

## Mystery/Suspense

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*  
John Green, *Paper Towns*  
Mark Haddon, *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*  
E. Lockhart, *We Were Liars*  
Cherie Priest, *I Am Princess X*  
Marcus Zusak, *I Am the Messenger*

## Science Fiction

Ally Condie, *Matched*  
James Dashner, *The Maze Runner*  
Nancy Farmer, *House of the Scorpion*  
Neal Shusterman, *Unwind*  
Sherri Smith, *Orleans*

## Fantasy

Paulo Coelho, *The Alchemist*  
Neil Gaiman, *Neverwhere*  
Kerstin Gier, *Ruby Red*  
Tom McNeal, *Far, Far Away*  
Ransom Riggs, *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*  
William Ritter, *Jackaby*  
Megan Shull, *The Swap*

## Historical Fiction

M.T. Anderson, *The Pox Party (The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing)*  
Anthony Doerr, *All the Light We Cannot See*  
Jennifer Donnelly, *A Northern Light*  
Elizabeth Wein, *Code Name Verity*  
Marcus Zusak, *The Book Thief*

## Sports

Kwame Alexander, *Booked*  
Daniel James Brown, *Boys in the Boat*  
Darcy Frey, *Last Shot*  
John Krakauer, *Into Thin Air*  
Michael Lewis, *The Blind Side*  
Matthew Quick, *Boy21*  
Wendelin Van Draanen, *The Running Dream*

## Contemporary Fiction

Sherman Alexie, *Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*  
Sarah Dessen, *Just Listen*  
K.L. Going, *Fat Kid Rules the World*  
Jean Kwok, *Girl in Translation*  
Lindsey Leavitt, *Going Vintage*  
Walter Dean Myers, *Monster*  
Teresa Toten, *Unlikely Hero of Room 13B*

## Classics

Richard Adams, *Watership Down*  
Anne Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*  
Daphne Du Maurier, *Rebecca*  
Alexander Dumas, *The Count of Monte Cristo*  
Jack London, *Call of the Wild*  
Betty Smith, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*  
Dodie Smith, *I Capture the Castle*  
J.R.R. Tolkein, *The Hobbit*  
Robert Lewis Stevenson, *Treasure Island*

## Non-Fiction

M.T. Anderson, *Symphony for the City of the Dead*  
Don Brown, *Drowned City*  
Joshua Davis, *Spare Parts*  
Kenneth Davis, *In the Shadow of Liberty*  
William Kamkwamba, *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*  
John Krakauer, *Into the Wild*  
Don Mitchell, *The Freedom Summer Murders*  
Wes Moore, *The Other Wes Moore*  
Samantha Seiple, *Ghosts in the Fog*  
Steve Sheinkin, *Most Dangerous*  
Steve Sheinkin, *Lincoln's Grave Robbers*  
Pamela Turner, *Samurai Rising*  
Maya Van Wagenen, *Popular*  
Jacqueline Woodson, *Brown Girl Dreaming*  
Malala Yousfzai, *I Am Malala*