

While we trust that all Quinn students will read several books over the summer, ***all students are required to read at least one book from the following list*** of options around which students and teachers will form book discussion groups in early September as part of a school-wide celebration of reading. To support their understanding, student all complete a short graphic organizer for the book as they read.

Students rising into ***grade five will make this title part of their summer reading goals.*** Students going into ***grade six and seven also commit to choosing at least one other book that is "just right,"*** complete a short graphic organizer over the summer, and then do a book project in ELA class in September.

Graphic organizers can be found in the six page brochure entitled, *Quinn Middle School Summer Reading—2014*, accessible at our school's website.

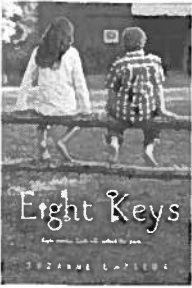


Small as an Elephant

- **Age Range:** 10 and up
 - **Grade Level:** 5 and up
 - **Paperback:** 288 pages
- by Jennifer Richard Jacobson

Jack's mom is gone, leaving him all alone on a campsite in Maine. Can he find his way back to Boston before the authorities realize what happened?

Ever since Jack can remember, his mom has been unpredictable, sometimes loving and fun, other times caught in a whirlwind of energy and "spinning" wildly until it's over. But Jack never thought his mom would take off during the night and leave him at a campground in Acadia National Park, with no way to reach her and barely enough money for food. With nothing but a small toy elephant to keep him company, Jack begins the long journey south, a journey that will test his wits and his loyalties - and his trust that he may be part of a larger herd after all.



Eight Keys

by Suzanne LaFleur

RL 5-6 Available as

Audio @CWMARS

Elise and Franklin have always been best friends. Elise has always lived in the big house with her loving Uncle and Aunt Jenny, who refuses to accept things as they are. And when they play a prank that goes horribly wrong, chaos erupts, and they find themselves in the midst of a battle that will change Settler's Landing--and their lives--forever.



by Anne Ursu

RL 5-6 Available as

Audio @CWMARS

Hazel and Jack have always been best friends, bonding over their shared love of science fiction and fantasy. They play make-believe "superhero baseball" and hang out in a derelict house they call the Shrieking Shack. But now that they're eleven, Hazel's mom is pushing her to make some female friends, and Jack is more interested in hanging out with his male friends than with Hazel. Then the impossible happens: Jack is taken away by a mysterious witch, and Hazel is the only one who can rescue him. Anne Ursu's Breadcrumbs is a retelling of the fairy tale "The Snow Queen," and it's fantastic.



The Night Fairy

by Laura Amy Schlitz

RL 3-5 Available as Ebook & Audio @CWMARS

What would happen to a fairy if she lost her wings and could no longer fly? Flory, a young night fairy no taller than an acorn and still becoming accustomed to her wings — wings as beautiful as those of a luna moth — is about to find out. What she discovers is that the world is very big and very dangerous. But Flory is fierce and willing to do whatever it takes to survive. If that means telling others what to do — like Skuggle, a squirrel ruled by his stomach — so be it. Not every creature, however, is as willing to bend to Flory's demands.



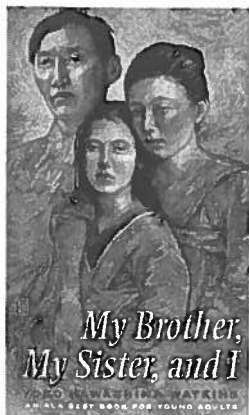
A Week in the Woods

by Andrew Clements

RL 4-6 Available as Audio @CWMARS

Mark didn't ask to move to New Hampshire, or to go to a hick school like Hardy Elementary, and he certainly didn't request Mr. Maxwell as his teacher. Mr. Maxwell doesn't like rich kids, or slackers, or know-it-alls, and he's decided that Mark is all of those things. Now the whole fifth grade is

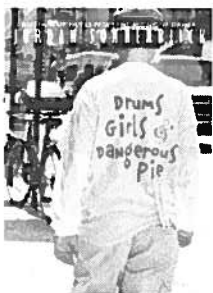
headed out for a week of camping — Hardy's famous Week in the Woods. At first it sounds dumb to Mark, but then he begins to open up to life in the country, and he decides it might be okay to learn something new. It might even be fun. But things go all wrong for Mark. The Week in the Woods is not what anyone planned-- especially not for Mr. Maxwell.



My Brother, My Sister, and I
by Yoko Kawashima Watkins

- **Age Range:** 12 and up
- **Lexile Measure:** 750L (What's this?)
- **Mass Market Paperback:** 224 pages

Sequel to So Far From the Bamboo Grove. Thirteen-year-old Yoko and her older brother and sister live in abject poverty in Japan at the end of World War II. When the clog factory warehouse they call home is destroyed by fire, their lives become even more desperate, particularly when Yoko's sister, Ko, is injured and must be hospitalized and her brother, Hideyo, is accused of murder. "Beautifully direct and emotionally honest.



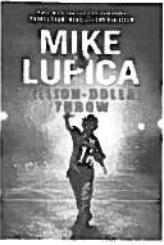
Drum, Girls, and Dangerous Pie

by Jordan Sonneblick

RL 6-9 Available as

Audio @CWMARS

Thirteen-year-old Steven has a totally normal life: he plays drums in the All-Star Jazz band, has a crush on the hottest girl in the school, and is constantly annoyed by his five-year-old brother, Jeffrey. But when Jeffrey is diagnosed with leukemia, Steven's world is turned upside down. He is forced to deal with his brother's illness and his parents' attempts to keep the family in one piece. Salted with humor and peppered with devastating realities, DRUMS, GIRLS, AND DANGEROUS PIE is a heartwarming journey through a year in the life of a family in crisis.



Million-Dollar Throw

- **Age Range:** 10 and up
- **Grade Level:** 5 and up
- **Paperback:** 272 pages

by Mike Lupica

If a million dollars was at stake, could you make the throw?

Nate Brodie is nicknamed “Brady” not only for his arm, but also because he’s the biggest Tom Brady fan. He’s even saved up to buy an autographed football. And when he does, he wins the chance for something he’s never dreamed of—to throw a pass through a target at a Patriots game for one million dollars.



Fablehaven Book 1

by Brandon Mull

RL 5-6

For centuries mystical creatures of all description were gathered into a hidden refuge called Fablehaven to prevent their extinction. The sanctuary survives today as one of the last strongholds of true magic. Enchanting? Absolutely. Exciting? You bet. Safe? Well, actually, quite the opposite. Kendra and her brother, Seth, have no idea that their grandfather is the current caretaker of Fablehaven. Inside the gated woods, ancient laws keep relative order among greedy trolls, mischievous satyrs, plotting witches, spiteful imps, and jealous fairies. However, when the rules get broken — Seth is a bit too curious and reckless for his own good — powerful forces of evil are unleashed, and Kendra and her brother face the greatest challenge of their lives.

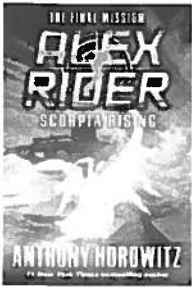


The Incredible Journey

- **Age Range:** 8 - 12 years
- **Grade Level:** 3 - 7
- **Paperback:** 160 pages

by Sheila Burnford

Instinct told them that the way home lay to the west. And so the tough young Labrador retriever, the roguish bull terrier and the indomitable Siamese set out through the Canadian wilderness. Separately, they would soon have died. But, together, the three house pets faced starvation, exposure, and wild forest animals to make their way home to the family they love. *The Incredible Journey* is one of the great children's stories of all time--and has been popular ever since its debut in 1961.



Scorpia Rising (Alex Rider #9)

- **Age Range:** 10 and up
- **Grade Level:** 5 and up
- **Paperback:** 400 pages

by Anthony Horowitz

Scorpia has dogged Alex Rider for most of his life. They killed his parents, they did their best to con Alex into turning traitor, and they just keep coming back with more power. Now the world's most dangerous terrorist organization is playing with fire in the world's most combustible land: the Middle East. No one knows Scorpia like Alex. And no one knows how best to get to Alex like Scorpia. Until now.



Tesla's Attic (The Accelerati Trilogy #1)

- **Age Range:** 8 - 12 years
- **Grade Level:** 3 - 7
- **Hardcover:** 256 pages

by Neal Shusterman

Tesla's Attic is the first book in a brilliantly imagined and hilariously written trilogy that combines science, magic, intrigue, and just plain weirdness, about four kids who are caught up in a dangerous plan concocted by the eccentric inventor Nikola Tesla.

After their home burns down, fourteen-year-old Nick, his younger brother, and their father move into a ramshackle Victorian house they've inherited. When Nick opens the door to his attic room, he's hit in the head

by a toaster. That's just the beginning of his weird experiences with the old junk stored up there. Nick figures out that the attic is a strange magnetic vortex, which attracts all sorts of trouble. It's as if the attic itself has an intelligence . . . and a purpose.

Fans of intrigue, action, humor, and nonstop surprises are guaranteed a read unlike any other in Tesla's Attic, Book One of the Accelerati Trilogy



The Japanese Tsunami, 2011 (I Survived #8) • Age Range: 7 - 10 years

- **Grade Level:** 2 - 5
- **Paperback:** 112 pages

by Lauren Tarshis

Visiting his dad's hometown in Japan four months after his father's death would be hard enough for Ben. But one morning the pain turns to fear: first, a massive earthquake rocks the quiet coastal village, nearly toppling his uncle's house. Then the ocean waters rise and Ben and his family are swept away-and pulled apart-by a terrible tsunami. Now Ben is alone, stranded in a strange country a million miles from home. Can he fight hard enough to survive one of the most epic disasters of all time?



Who Could That Be At This Hour? (All The Wrong Questions #1) by Lemony Snicket

- **Age Range:** 8 and up
- **Grade Level:** 3 and up
- **Series:** All the Wrong Questions (Book 1)
- **Hardcover:** 272 pages

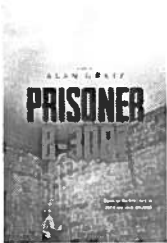
The adventure began in a fading town. Far from anyone he knew or trusted, a young Lemony Snicket started an apprenticeship for a secret organization shrouded in mystery and secrecy. He asked questions that shouldn't have been on his mind. Now he has written an account that should not be published that shouldn't be read. Not even by you. Seriously, we recommend that you do NOT ask your parents for this, the first book in his new ALL THE WRONG QUESTIONS series. Lemony Snicket, in case you don't already know, grew up to be the author of A Series of Unfortunate Events series.



Game Changers Book 2: Play Makers

- **Age Range:** 8 - 12 years
- **Grade Level:** 3 - 7
- **Paperback:** 224 pages

by Mike Lupica Mike Lupica presents the second book in his NEW YORK TIMES bestselling Game Changers series! Still living large off their incredible football championship win just weeks before, Ben McBain and his crew must now prepare for basketball season. Ben is known as the best point guard throughout the league. And now that Shawn O'Brien has joined their team, they are a shoo-in to win it all. But there is a new kid in town, Chase Braggs, a point guard like Ben who seems to be better, stronger, and faster. Refusing to let his team down, Ben hits the courts hard to practice. Ben's rivalry with Chase seems to take the fun out of playing ball with his best friends. Will Ben be able to pull it together for his team and for himself?



Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gratz

- **Age Range:** 10 - 14 years
- **Grade Level:** 5 - 9
- **Lexile Measure:** 760L (What's this?)
- **Hardcover:** 272 pages

Survive. At any cost.

As a Jewish boy in 1930s Poland, Yanek is at the mercy of the Nazis who have taken over. Everything he has, and everyone he loves, have been snatched brutally from him. And then Yanek himself is taken prisoner -- his arm tattooed with the words PRISONER B-3087.

He is forced from one nightmarish concentration camp to another, as World War II rages all around him. He encounters evil he could have never imagined, but also sees surprising glimpses of hope amid the horror. He just barely escapes death, only to confront it again seconds later.

Can Yanek make it through the terror without losing his hope, his will -- and, most of all, his sense of who he really is inside?



Strike Three, You're Dead by Josh Berk

- **Age Range:** 8 - 12 years
- **Grade Level:** 3 - 7
- **Paperback:** 272 pages

Lenny Norbeck is a die-hard baseball lover. Unfortunately, he's no player himself (according to him, he's "the worst there ever was.") But he'd make a heck of an announcer. He gets a lot of practice sitting with his best friends, Mike and Other Mike, watching Phillies games from their lawn couch—a sweet outdoor TV arrangement Mike's dad hooked them up with. Being a real announcer is his dream, and he gets his chance to prove himself when he enters an "Armchair Announcer" contest and wins. The prize: he gets to be the broadcaster, live, for one inning at a real Phillies game.

The game goes very wrong, though. Before Lenny gets to do his inning, a young, promising pitcher fresh out of the minors literally drops dead on the mound. The official verdict is that he died of a heart attack, but Lenny has a hunch there's something more going on. So he and the Mikes set out to investigate. The suspects are many, and though the trio barks up the wrong tree a few times, they are always right on the heels of the real killer. . . .



Shadow by Michael Morpurgo

- **Age Range:** 10 - 14 years
- **Grade Level:** 5 - 9
- **Paperback:** 208 pages

Author of *War Horse*, and bestselling storyteller Michael Morpurgo brings this story of a boy, his lost dog, and the lengths he would go to be reunited. With the horrors of war bearing down on them, Aman and his mother are barely surviving in an Afghan cave, and staying there any longer will end horribly. The only comfort Aman has is Shadow, the loyal spaniel that shows up from places unknown, it seems, just when Aman needs him most.



Chomp by Carl Hiaasen

- **Age Range:** 10 and up
- **Grade Level:** 5 and up
- **Paperback:** 304 pages

Wahoo Cray lives in a zoo. His father is an animal wrangler, so he's grown up with all manner of gators, snakes, parrots, rats, monkeys, snappers, and more in his backyard. The critters he can handle. His father is the unpredictable one. When his dad takes a job with a reality TV show called "Expedition Survival!", Wahoo figures he'll have to do a bit of wrangling himself—to keep his dad from killing Derek Badger, the show's boneheaded star, before the shoot is over.

They've only been on location in the Everglades for a day before Derek gets bitten by a bat and goes missing in a storm. Search parties head out and promptly get lost themselves. And then Tuna's dad shows up with a gun . . . It's anyone's guess who will *actually* survive "Expedition Survival". . .

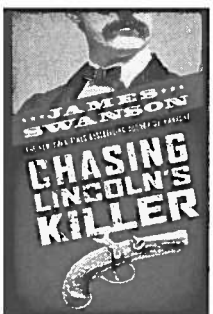


Old Yeller

by Fred Gipson

RL 5-6 Available as Audio @CWMARS

At first, Travis couldn't stand the sight of Old Yeller. The stray dog was ugly, and a thieving rascal, too. But he sure was clever, and a smart dog could be a big help on the wild Texas frontier, especially with Papa away on a long cattle drive up to Abilene. Strong and courageous, Old Yeller proved that he could protect Travis's family from any sort of danger. But can Travis do the same for Old Yeller?



Chasing Lincoln's Killer

by James L. Swanson

RL 5-7

"This story is true. All the characters are real and were alive during the great manhunt of April 1865. Their words are authentic and come from original sources: letters, manuscripts, trial transcripts, newspapers, government reports, pamphlets, books and other documents. What happened in Washington, D.C., that spring, and in the swamps and rivers, forests and fields of Maryland and Virginia during the next twelve days, is far too incredible to have been made up." So begins this fast-paced thriller that tells the story of the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth and gives a day-by-day account of the wild chase to find this killer and his accomplices.