

Upper Cape Tech's Summer Reading List: Class of 2018 (Seniors)

Books Choices for ALL Grades: CP1 or CP2 Students Only

<p><i>Gulliver's Travels</i> by Jonathan Swift: Fiction, Adventure**</p>	<p>Shipwrecked and cast adrift, Lemuel Gulliver wakes to find himself on Lilliput, an island inhabited by little people, whose height makes their quarrels over fashion and fame seem ridiculous.</p>
<p><i>Cujo</i> by Stephen King: Fiction, Horror◆</p>	<p>Cujo used to be a big friendly dog, lovable and loyal to his trinity (THE MAN, THE WOMAN, and THE BOY) and everyone around him, and always did his best to not be a BAD DOG. But that all ends on the day this nearly two-hundred-pound Saint Bernard makes the mistake of chasing a rabbit into a hidden underground cave, setting off a tragic chain of events.</p>
<p><i>Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster</i> by John Krakauer: Autobiography, Survival ◆</p>	<p>Journalist-mountaineer Jon Krakauer, standing on the summit of Mt. Everest, saw nothing that "suggested that a murderous storm was bearing down." He was wrong.</p>
<p><i>Rise of the Rocket Girls: the Women who Propelled us, from Missiles to the Moon to Mars</i> by Nathalia Holt: Nonfiction, Women in Science ◆</p>	<p>The riveting true story of the women who launched America into space.</p>
<p><i>The Other Wes Moore: One Name Two Fates</i> by Wes Moore: Biography ◆ 🚩 ** 🔊</p>	<p>Two kids named Wes Moore were born blocks apart within a year of each other. Both grew up fatherless in similar Baltimore neighborhoods and had difficult childhoods; both hung out on street corners with their crews; both ran into trouble with the police. How, then, did one grow up to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated veteran, White House Fellow, and business leader, while the other ended up a convicted murderer serving a life sentence?</p>
<p><i>When you Never Said Goodbye: An Adoptee's Search for Her Birth Mother A Novel in Poems and Journal Entries</i> by Meg Kearney: Realistic Fiction ◆</p>	<p>Against the odds, eighteen-year-old Liz McLane, adoptee and aspiring poet, searches for her birth mother in this sensitive and daring novel told through her own accessible and moving poems and journal entries.</p>
<p><i>Scythe</i> by Neal Shusterman: Teen Dystopian Fiction * 📖</p>	<p>A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery: humanity has conquered all those things, and has even conquered death. Now Scythes are the only ones who can end life—and they are commanded to do so, in order to keep the size of the population under control.</p>
<p><i>Tabula Rasa</i> by Kristen Lippert-Martin: Teen Science Fiction, Mind-control ◆ 🚩</p>	<p>Sarah finds herself in a battle for her life within the walls of her hospital-turned-prison. A procedure to eliminate her memory goes awry, and she starts to remember snatches of her past. Was she an urban terrorist or vigilante? Has the procedure been her salvation or her destruction? The answers lie trapped within her mind.</p>

<p><i>Quarantine #1: The Loners</i> by Lex Thomas: Dystopian Teen Fiction, Horror, Thriller ♦ 🚩</p>	<p>It was just another ordinary day at McKinley High--until a massive explosion devastated the school. When loner David Thorpe tried to help his English teacher to safety, the teacher convulsed and died right in front of him. And that was just the beginning</p>
<p><i>The Story of Owen: Dragon Slayer of Trondheim</i> by E.K. Johnston: Teen Fantasy Fiction 🚩</p>	<p>When Owen's legendary dragon-slayer aunt is too injured to continue her vocation, she starts teaching him the ways of the family business. And when Owen meets Siobhan, their friendship becomes part of an epic saga, as Siobhan turns into Owen's bard and tells the tale of his adventures to help him change the future of dragon slaying forever.</p>
<p><i>Prairie Fire: Sequel to The Story of Owen:</i> by E.K. Johnston: Teen Fantasy Fiction 🚩</p>	<p>Every dragon slayer owes the Oil Watch a period of service, and young Owen was no exception. What made him different was that he did not enlist alone. His two closest friends stood with him shoulder to shoulder. Steeled by success and hope, the three were confident in their plan. But the arc of history is long and hardened by dragon fire. Try as they might, Owen and his friends could not twist it to their will. Not all the way. Not all together.</p>
<p><i>Everything, Everything</i> by Nicola Yoon: Teen Romance Fiction, Suspense</p>	<p>Maddy has SCID, which makes her allergic to the world, and she has not left her house since she was a baby. Now 18, she falls in love with the boy next door and is willing to risk everything to be with him.</p>
<p><i>Camp So-and-So</i> by Mary McCoy: Teen Fantasy Fiction ♦ 🚩</p>	<p>The letters went out in mid-February. Each letter invited its recipient to spend a week at Camp So-and-So, a lakeside retreat for girls nestled high in the Starveling Mountains. Each letter came with a glossy brochure with photographs of young women climbing rocks, performing Shakespearean theatre under the stars, and spiking volleyballs. Each letter was signed in ink by the famed and reclusive businessman and philanthropist, Inge F. Yancey IV.</p>
<p><i>The Martian</i> by Andy Weir: Science Fiction, Space Travel ♦ 🚩</p>	<p>Six days ago, astronaut Mark Watney became one of the first people to walk on Mars. Now, he's sure he'll be the first person to die there. After a dust storm nearly kills him and forces his crew to evacuate while thinking him dead, Mark finds himself stranded and completely alone with no way to even signal Earth that he's alive—and even if he could get word out, his supplies would be gone long before a rescue could arrive</p>

AP Students are Required to Read ALL Three Books

<p><i>How to Read Literature Like a Professor</i> by Thomas C. Foster</p>
<p><i>Dante's Inferno</i> translated by Anthony Esolen</p>
<p><i>East of Eden</i> by John Steinbeck</p>

Seniors May Also Choose One from the Following List

<p><i>Blood: Book One of the Mercian Trilogy</i> by K. J. Wignall: Teen Horror, Fantasy ♦ 🚩</p>	<p>Back in the Thirteenth Century, Will was destined to be Earl of Mercia, although he never lived to inherit his title. In the centuries that follow, Will has led a lonely life, learning to deal with whatever the present day throws at him, always searching for answers but never finding any. Until this time, when he awakens after a 20-year-slumber, hungry for the blood that sustains his undeath, when it appears that he is finally getting a glimpse at why he exists. He does indeed have a destiny, and an enemy, but revealing that fate will be a matter of trust.</p>
<p><i>The Queen of Blood: Book One of the Queens of Renthia</i> by Sarah Beth Durst: Teen Fantasy ♦ 📖</p>	<p>Daleina is determined to keep her family safe from vengeance-seeking spirits, placing her in the crossfire of an insecure queen and powerful spirits.</p>
<p><i>American Gods: A Novel</i> by Neil Gaiman: Horror, Mystery, Mythology ♦ 📖</p>	<p>Shadow gets out of prison early when his wife is killed in a car crash. At a loss, he takes up with a mysterious character called Wednesday, who is much more than he appears. In fact, Wednesday is an old god, once known as Odin the All-father, who is roaming America rounding up his forgotten fellows in preparation for an epic battle against the upstart deities of the Internet, credit cards, television, and all that is wired. Shadow agrees to help Wednesday, and they whirl through a psycho-spiritual storm that becomes all too real in its manifestations</p>
<p><i>Splinter</i> by Sasha Dawn: Teen Thriller, Mystery, Suspense ♦ 🚩</p>	<p>Sixteen-year-old Sami hasn't seen her mother in ten years and neither has anyone else. The police suspect Sami's father had something to do with her mom's disappearance, but Sami's never believed that. Her mother chose to abandon her and start a new life. It's that simple. But now, evidence has emerged about another missing woman who used to be involved with Sami's dad. Coincidence or evidence that the cops have been right all along?</p>
<p><i>Naked '76</i> by Kevin Brooks: Teen Fiction, Suspense, Romance ♦ 🚩</p>	<p>London, 1976: A summer of creation, destruction, and blistering heat. Lili Garcia stands at the edge of London's growing punk scene, playing bass with one of city's wildest bands. The group's success has only strained things between Lili and Curtis Ray, her cool, rebellious boyfriend and bandmate. Lili soon meets William Bonney, a guitarist from Northern Ireland. William is as reserved as Curtis Ray is loud, haunted by the life he left behind, but every bit as brilliant a musician. William's quiet confidence moves Lili to search for what she really wants. But the secrets of William's past could mean danger for both of them . .</p>
<p><i>Shoot Like a Girl: One Woman's Dramatic Fight in Afghanistan and on the Home Front</i> by Mary Jennings Hegar: Biography ♦</p>	<p>On July 29, 2009, Air National Guard major Mary Jennings "MJ" Hegar was shot down while on a Medevac mission on her third tour in Afghanistan. Despite being wounded, she fought the enemy and saved the lives of her crew and their patients. But soon she would face a new battle: to give women who serve on the front lines the credit they deserve..</p>

<p><i>The Handmaid's Tale</i> by Margaret Atwood: Teen Dystopian Fiction ♦ 🚩 📖</p>	<p>Set in the near future, it describes life in what was once the United States and is now called the Republic of Gilead, a monotheocracy that has reacted to social unrest and a sharply declining birthrate by reverting to, and going beyond, the repressive intolerance of the original Puritans. The regime takes the Book of Genesis absolutely at its word, with bizarre consequences for the women and men in its population. The story is told through the eyes of Offred, one of the unfortunate Handmaids under the new social order.</p>
<p><i>The Hero with a Thousand Faces</i> by Joseph Campbell: Nonfiction, Mythology **</p>	<p>Campbell explores the theory that important myths from around the world which have survived for thousands of years all share a fundamental structure, which Campbell called the monomyth. In a well-known quote from the introduction to <i>The Hero with a Thousand Faces</i>, Campbell summarized the monomyth: “A hero ventures forth from the world of common day into a region of supernatural wonder: fabulous forces are there encountered and a decisive victory is won: the hero comes back from this mysterious adventure with the power to bestow boons on his fellow man”.</p>
<p><i>The Memory of Light</i> by Francisco X. Stork: Teen Realistic Fiction ♦ 📖 🔊</p>	<p>When Vicky Cruz wakes up in the Lakeview Hospital Mental Disorders ward, she knows one thing: After her suicide attempt, she shouldn't be alive. But then she meets Mona, the live wire; Gabriel, the saint; E.M., always angry; and Dr. Desai, a quiet force. With stories and honesty, kindness and hard work, they push her to reconsider her life before Lakeview, and offer her an acceptance she's never had. But Vicky's newfound peace is as fragile as the roses that grow around the hospital. And when a crisis forces the group to split up, sending Vicky back to the life that drove her to suicide, she must try to find her own courage and strength. She may not have them. She doesn't know.</p>
<p><i>Dreamland</i> by Sarah Dessen: Teen Romance Fiction, Suspense ♦ 📖</p>	<p>Love can be a very dangerous thing. After her sister left, Caitlin felt lost. Then she met Rogerson. When she's with him, nothing seems real. But what happens when being with Rogerson becomes a larger problem than being without him?</p>
<p><i>Heartless</i> by Marissa Meyer: Teen Fantasy Fiction ♦ 🔊</p>	<p>Long before she was the terror of Wonderland, she was just a girl who wanted to fall in love. Catherine may be one of the most desired girls in Wonderland, and a favorite of the unmarried King of Hearts, but her interests lie elsewhere. A talented baker, all she wants is to open a shop with her best friend. But according to her mother, such a goal is unthinkable for the young woman who could be the next queen. Then Cath meets Jest, the handsome and mysterious court joker. For the first time, she feels the pull of true attraction. At the risk of offending the king and infuriating her parents, she and Jest enter into an intense, secret courtship. Cath is determined to define her own destiny and fall in love on her terms. But in a land thriving with magic, madness, and monsters, fate has other plan</p>
<p><i>The Smell of Other People's Houses</i> by Bonnie Sue Hitchcock: Teen Historical Fiction ♦ 📖</p>	<p>Life in 1970s Alaska proves difficult for teens, native and non-native alike. In four distinct voices, Ruth, Alyce, Dora, and Hank express the heartbreak and tragedy altering their lives forever—poverty, unwanted pregnancy, death, and abuse. However, when their lives intertwine like invisible threads, each may receive a chance for redemption</p>

<p><i>The Infinite Sea: The Second Book of the 5th Wave</i> by Rick Yancey: Teen Science Fiction, Suspense ♦ 🚩 🔊</p>	<p>Cassie Sullivan and her companions lived through the Others' four waves of destruction. Now with the human race nearly exterminated and the 5th Wave rolling across the landscape, they face a choice: brace for winter or set in search of other survivors before the enemy closes in.</p>
<p><i>Consider: The Holo Series:</i> by Kristy Acevedo: Teen Science Fiction, Suspense 🚩</p>	<p>As if 17-year-old Alexandra Lucas' anxiety disorder isn't enough, mysterious holograms suddenly appear, heralding the end of the world. They bring an ultimatum: heed the warning and step through a portal-like vertex to safety, or stay and be destroyed by a comet that is on a collision course with Earth. The holograms, claiming to be humans from the future, bring the promise of safety. But without the ability to verify their story, Alex is forced to consider what is best for her friends, her family, and herself. To stay or to go. A decision must be made. With the deadline of the holograms' prophecy fast approaching, Alex feels as though she is living on a ticking time bomb, until she discovers it is much, much worse.</p>
<p><i>The Takedown</i> by Corrie Wang: Teen Psychological Thriller, Suspense, Science Fiction ♦</p>	<p>Kyla Cheng doesn't expect you to like her. For the record, she doesn't need you to. On track to be valedictorian, she's president of her community club, a debate team champ, plus the yummy Mackenzie Rodriguez has firmly attached himself to her hip. She and her three high-powered best friends don't just own their senior year at their exclusive Park Slope, Brooklyn high school, they practically define the hated species Popular. Kyla's even managed to make it through high school completely unscathed. Until someone takes issue with this arrangement.</p>
<p><i>Pointe Claw</i> by Amber J. Keyer: Teen Sports Fiction ♦ 🚩</p>	<p>Two teenage girls fight for their dreams and their sanity in this intense novel about the pressures society places on women to be perfect, especially in the dance world.</p>
<p><i>A Wrinkle in Time: The Graphic Novel</i> by Madeleine L'Engle and Hope Larson: Teen Science Fiction, Fantasy</p>	<p>Everyone in town thinks Meg is volatile and dull-witted and that her younger brother Charles Wallace is dumb. People are also saying that their father has run off and left their brilliant scientist mother. Spurred on by these rumors, Meg and Charles Wallace, along with their new friend Calvin, embark on a perilous quest through space to find their father. In doing so they must travel behind the shadow of an evil power that is darkening the cosmos, one planet at a time.</p>
<p><i>Ashes</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson: Teen Historical Fiction ♦</p>	<p>Isabel thought that freeing her sister from a south Carolina plantation would be the hard part, but as they make their way north, she sees more clearly that neither the Redcoats nor the Patriots sees value in freedom for people of color.</p>

♦ May contain scenes that are graphic in nature (violence, sexual content, drug or alcohol abuse)

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