

## SUMMER 2017 7TH GRADE RECOMMENDED READING LIST

Alcott, Louisa May	Little Women*
Bauer, Marion	On my Honor
Child, Tera Lynn	Forgive my Fins
Chima, Cinda Williams	Warrior Heir *
Collins, Suzanne	Gregor, the Overlander*
Condle, Ally	Matched
Cooney, Caroline	Code Orange
Creech, Sharon	Walk Two Moons
Dashner, James	Eye of the Minds
Flanagan, John	The Ranger's Apprentice: Ruins of Gorlan
Grant, K.M.	Blood Red Horse*
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Double Identity
Hiaason, Carl	Flush
Korman, Gordon	No More Dead Dogs
Kostick, Conor	Epic*
Lewis, C.S.	The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*
Lupica, Mike	Heat
Mowll, Joshua	Operation: Red Jericho
Palacio, R. J.	Wonder
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Esperanza Rising* or Becoming
	Naomi Leon*
Smith, Roland	Cryptid Hunters or Peak*
Spinelli, Jerry	Crash
Ursu, Anne	The Shadow Thieves*
Van Draanen, Wendelin	Flipped
Yolen, Jane	The Devil's Arithmetic*

Because research states that students who do not read over the summer experience significant drops in decoding skills and reading levels, the seventh grade teachers highly recommend students to read at least one book off of the list over the summer. \*Starred novels are more challenging for Pre-AP.

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**Little Women-** Following the lives of four sisters on a journey out of adolescence, Louisa May Alcott's classic explores the difficulties associated with gender roles in a Post-Civil War America.

**On my Honor-** Joel's best friend, Tony, is a daredevil. It was Tony's idea to make the long bike ride to the Starved Rock state park, and Tony's idea to stop for a swim in the dangerous Vermillion River. So why does Joel feel so much guilt when tragedy strikes?

**Forgive my Fins-** 17-year-old Lily, half-mermaid and half-human, has been living on land and attending high school, where she develops a crush on a boy but is afraid to tell him of her true destiny as the ruler of an undersea kingdom of Thalassinia.

**Warrior Heir-** After learning about his magical ancestry and his own warrior powers, 16-year-old Jack embarks on a training program to fight enemy wizards.

**Gregor the Overlander-** This novel is written by the same author as *Hunger Games*. When 11-year-old Gregor and his 2-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving humans, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

**Matched-** Cassia has always trusted the Society to make the right choices for her: what to read, what to watch, what to believe. So when Xander's face appears on-screen at her Matching ceremony, Cassia knows he is her ideal mate . . . until she sees Ky Markham's face flash for an instant before the screen fades

**Code Orange-** While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and all of New York City.

**Walk Two Moons-** After her mother leaves home suddenly, Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her Phoebe, whose mother also left.

**Eye of the Minds-** Michael loves gaming, especially on the VirtNet. If Michael accepts the government's proposal danger lurks between reality and the virtual world.

**Ruins of Gorlan-** When 15-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.

**Blood Red Horse-** A special horse named Hosanna changes the lives of two English brothers and those around them as they fight with King Richard I against Saladin's armies during the Third Crusades.

**Double Identity-** Bethany's parents have always been overprotective, but when they suddenly drop out of sight without explanation, leaving her with an aunt she never knew existed, Bethany discovers shocking secrets that make her question everything.

**Flush-** With their father jailed for sinking a riverboat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister Abby must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected water around their Florida Keys home.

**No More Dead Dogs-** Nobody understands Wallace Wallace. This reluctant school football hero has been suspended from the team for writing an unfavorable book report of *Old Shep, My Pal*. But Wallace won't tell a lie -- he hated every minute of the book! After refusing to do a rewrite, his English teacher, who happens to be directing the school play *Old Shep, My Pal*, forces him go to the rehearsals as punishment. Although Wallace doesn't change his mind, he does end up changing the play into a rock-and-roll rendition, complete with Rollerblades and a moped!

**Epic- On New Earth,** a world based on video role-playing game, Erik persuades his friends to aid him in some usual gambits in order to save Erik's father from exile and safeguard the futures of each of their families.

**The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe-** During the World War II bombings of London, four siblings are sent to a country house where they find a wardrobe that transports them to a magical world called Narnia.

**Heat-** Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing little league baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only 12 years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.

**Operation Red Jericho-** The posthumous papers of Rebecca MacKenzie document her adventures, along with her brother Doug, in 1920s Chila as the teenaged siblings are sent to live aboard their uncle's ship where they become involved with dangerous activities of a mysterious secret society.

**Wonder-** 10-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities was not expected to survive, goes from being home schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunts and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student

**Becoming Naomi Leon** When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.

**Esperanza Rising-** A sudden tragedy forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California during the Great Depression, and to settle in a camp for Mexican farm workers. When their new life is

threatened, Esperanza must find a way to rise above her difficult circumstances--Mama's life, and her own, depend on it.

**Cryptid Hunters-** Twins, Grace and Marty, along with a mysterious uncle, are dropped in the middle of the Congolese jungle in search of their missing photojournalist parents.

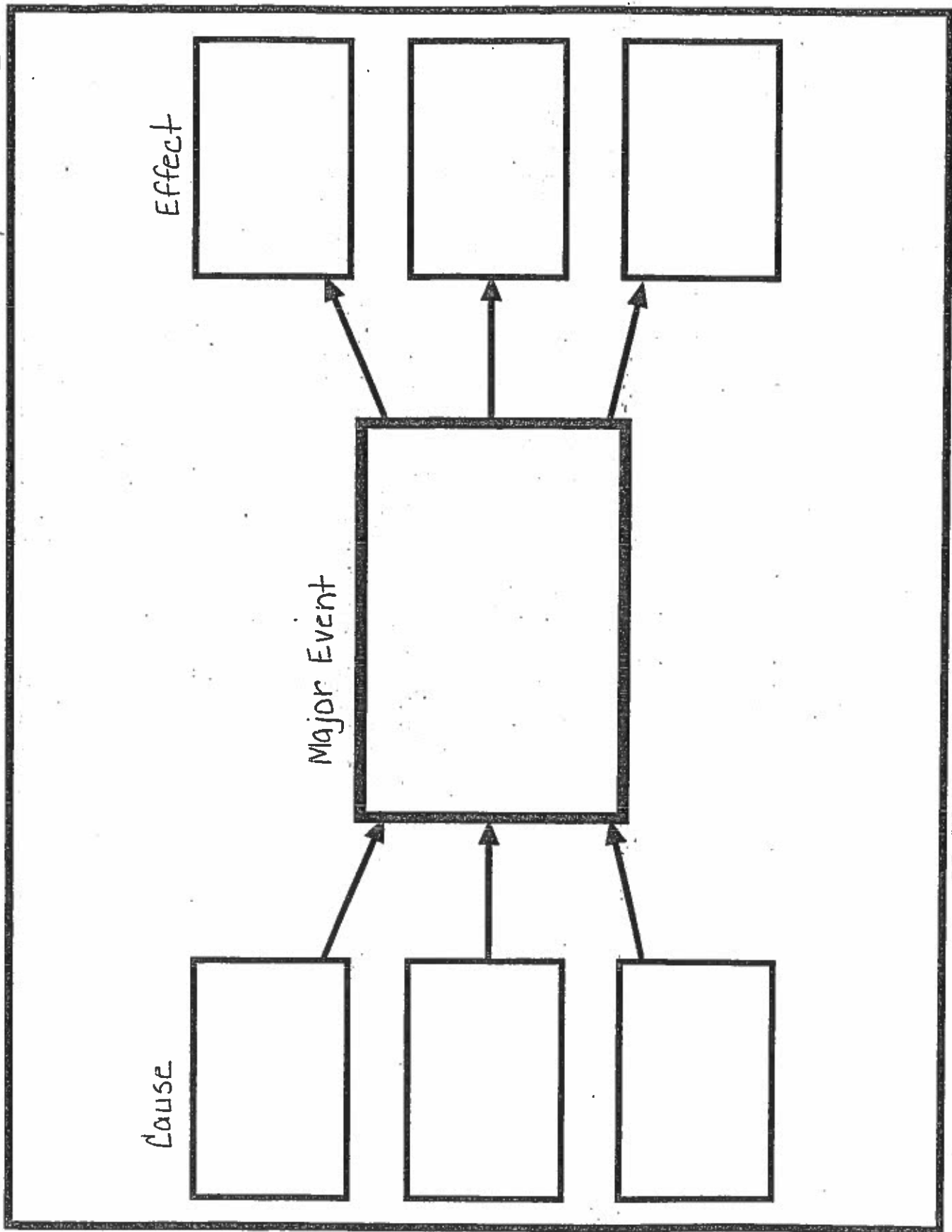
**Peak-** After fourteen-year-old Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he's left with two choices: wither away in Juvenile Detention or go live with his long-lost father, who runs a climbing company in Thailand. But Peak quickly learns that his father's renewed interest in him has strings attached. *Big strings.*

**Crash-** Cocky seventh-grade super-jock Crash Coogan got his nickname the day he used his first football helmet to knock his cousin Bridget flat on her backside. And he has been running over people ever since, especially Penn Webb, the dweeby, vegetarian Quaker kid who lives down the block. Through the eyes of Crash, readers get a rare glimpse into the life of a bully in this unforgettable and beloved story about stereotypes and the surprises life can bring.

**Shadow Thieves-** After her cousin Zee arrives from England, 13-year-old Charlotte and he must set out to save humankind from denizens of the underworld, Nightmares, Death, Pain and a really nasty guy named Phil.

**Flipped-** In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.

**Devil's Arithmetic-** Hannah is tired of holiday gatherings--all her family ever talks about is the past. In fact, it seems to her that's what they do every Jewish holiday. But this year's Passover Seder will be different--Hannah will be mysteriously transported into the past . . . and only she knows the unspeakable horrors that await.



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