

# Advanced English 9 Summer Reading Assignment



In Advanced English 9, we will study literature and look for connections among multiple texts. Therefore, for your summer reading options, we have provided you with a diverse selection of books written by renowned authors. This year's books are all contemporary fiction but from different genres. **You will select and read two.** You will take a test on each of your books on the first day of class.

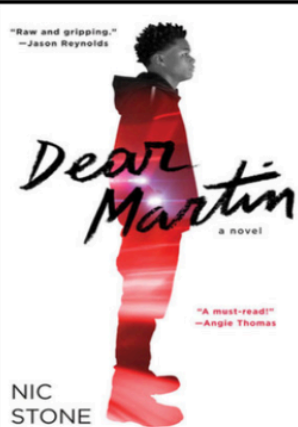


Carver Briggs never thought a simple text would cause a fatal crash, killing his three best friends, Mars, Eli, and Blake. Carver can't stop blaming himself for the accident, and a judge is pressuring the district attorney to open up a criminal investigation.

Eli's girlfriend, Carver's therapist, and Blake's grandmother ask Carver to spend a "goodbye day" with them to share their memories and say a proper farewell. As other families ask for their own goodbye day with Carver, will it mean making peace with their losses, or bring Carver one step closer to a complete breakdown-- and possibly prison?

Realistic Fiction

**Book Details**  
Interest Level: 7-12  
Lexile Level: HL620  
Page Count: 404  
Publication Date: 2017



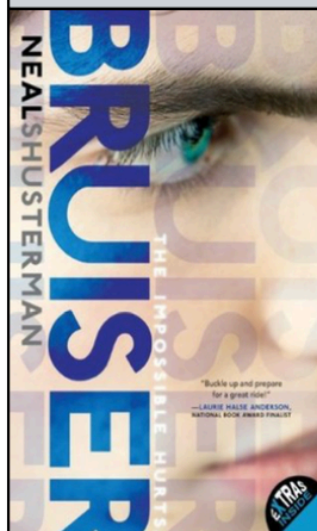
Justyce McAllister is top of his class and set for the Ivy League—but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs.

And despite leaving his rough neighborhood behind, he can't escape the scorn of his former peers or the ridicule of his new classmates.

Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a journal to Dr. King to find out.

Realistic Fiction

**Book Details**  
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Lexile Level: HL720  
Page Count: 224  
Publication Date: 2017



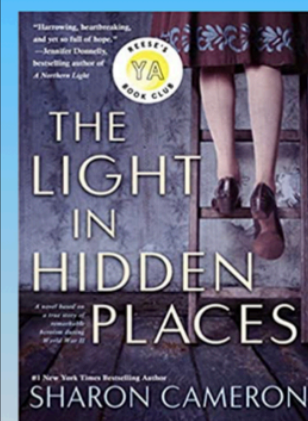
When Brontë starts dating Brewster "Bruiser" Rawlins—the guy voted "Most Likely to Get the Death Penalty" her twin brother, Tennyson, isn't surprised.

But then strange things begin to occur. Tennyson and Brontë's scrapes heal unnaturally fast, and cuts disappear before their eyes.

What at first seems like their good fortune turns out to be more than they bargained for...much more.

Fantasy Para-Normal

**Book Details**  
Interest Level: 9-12  
Lexile Level: 820  
Page Count: 352  
Publication Date: 2011



One knock at the door, and Stefania has a choice to make...

It is 1943, and for four years, sixteen-year-old Stefania has been working for the Diamant family in their grocery store in Przemyśl, Poland, singing her way into their lives and hearts. She has even made a promise to one of their sons, Izio—a betrothal they must keep secret since she is Catholic and the Diamants are Jewish.

But everything changes when the German army invades Przemyśl. The Diamants are forced into the ghetto, and Stefania is alone in an occupied city, the only one left to care for Helena, her six-year-old sister. And then comes the knock at the door. Izio's brother Max has jumped from the train headed to a death camp. Stefania and Helena make the extraordinary decision to hide Max, and eventually twelve more Jews. Then they must wait, every day, for the next knock at the door, the one that will mean death. When the knock finally comes, it is two Nazi officers, requisitioning Stefania's house for the German army.

With two Nazis below, thirteen hidden Jews above, and a little

Historical Fiction

**Book Details**  
Interest Level: 7-12  
Lexile Level: HL650  
Page Count: 400  
Publication Date: 2020



Keep your friends close and your enemies closer. Isn't that what they say? But how close is too close when they may be one and the same?

The Seven Stages War left much of the planet a charred wasteland. The future belongs to the next generation's chosen few who must rebuild it. But to enter this elite group, candidates must first pass The Testing—their one chance at a college education and a rewarding career.

Cia Vale is honored to be chosen as a Testing candidate; eager to prove her worthiness as a University student and future leader of the United Commonwealth. But on the eve of her departure, her father's advice hints at a darker side to her upcoming studies—trust no one.

But surely she can trust Tomas, her handsome childhood friend who offers an alliance? Tomas, who seems to care more about her with the passing of every grueling (and deadly) day of the Testing.

To survive, Cia must choose: love without truth or life without trust.

Dystopian

**Book Details**  
Interest Level: 8-12  
Lexile Level: 830  
Page Count: 352  
Publication Date: 2013



They killed my mother. They took our magic. They tried to bury us.

Now we rise.

Zélie Adebola remembers when the soil of Orisha hummed with magic. Burners ignited flames, Tiders beckoned waves, and Zélie's Reaper mother summoned forth souls.

But everything changed the night magic disappeared. Under the orders of a ruthless king, maji were killed, leaving Zélie without a mother and her people without hope.

Now Zélie has one chance to bring back magic and strike against the monarchy. With the help of a rogue princess, Zélie must outwit and outrun the crown prince, who is hell-bent on eradicating magic for good.

Fantasy

**Book Details**  
Interest Level: 9-12  
Lexile Level: HL670  
Page Count: 544  
Publication Date: 2018