



# 2017 Farragut High School Summer Reading

Choose **one book** from this list that you are interested in reading. Then complete the assessment and relax! Have a great summer!

## March: Book One

by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell



**Genre:** Non-Fiction, Graphic Novel

**Pricing:** \$9.52 on Amazon

**Synopsis:** This groundbreaking graphic novel provides a first-person account of the Civil Rights Movement from key figure John Lewis. The Nashville Student Movement is portrayed, giving this book a local angle. This book is the first in a trilogy. It was named a Coretta Scott King Honor Book and was named an Outstanding Book for the College Bound.

**Potentially Controversial Content:** racial slurs from bigoted characters and in the context of nonviolent resistance training, language in the same context, depiction of Bloody Sunday and murder of Emmett Till, depiction of Inauguration Day 2009, religious viewpoint, depiction of killing chickens for supper, bigotry and racism, other violence from the time period, author is current U.S. Representative

## Red Queen

by Victoria Aveyard



**Genre:** Fantasy (dystopian)

**Pricing:** \$7.01 on Amazon

**Synopsis:** Fans of *The Hunger Games* and *The Selection* will enjoy this dystopian novel. "In a world divided by blood--those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities--seventeen-year-old Mare, a Red, discovers she has an ability of her own. To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess and betroths her to one of his own sons. But Mare risks everything and uses her new position to help the Scarlet Guard--a growing Red rebellion--even as her heart tugs her in an impossible direction." -Follett

**Potentially Controversial Content:** bigotry and violence of a dystopian world, drinking at social functions (only by characters who are of age,) some kissing, characters with supernatural powers

# Between Shades of Gray

by Ruta Sepetys



**Genre:** Historical Fiction, Realistic Fiction

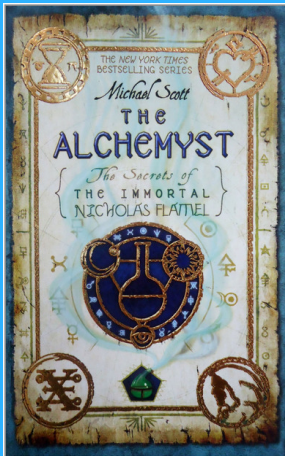
**Pricing:** \$5.69 on Amazon

**Synopsis:** "In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil." -Follett This book was written by a Tennessee author who is Lithuanian-American, telling the little known story of what happened to her people during World War II.

**Potentially Controversial Content:** oppression/humiliation and genocide of Lithuanian people, brutality of Soviet soldiers, sexual innuendo, kissing, horrors of war, gulags, and genocide (including character being groped and adult character forced into prostitution)

# The Alchemyst: Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel

by Michael Scott



**Genre:** Fantasy

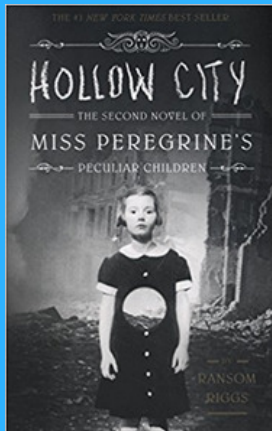
**Pricing:** \$4.99 on Amazon

**Synopsis:** "Nicholas Flamel appeared in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter—but did you know he really lived? And he might still be alive today! Discover the truth in Michael Scott's New York Times bestselling series the *Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel* with *The Alchemyst*, book one." --Amazon.com

**Potentially Controversial Content:** mild fantasy violence, magic

# Hollow City: The Second Novel of Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children

by Ransom Riggs

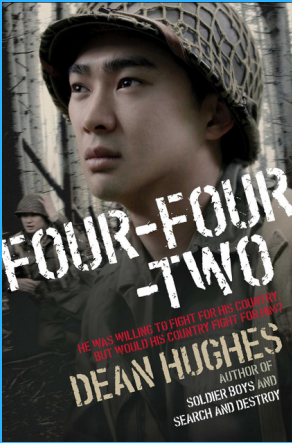


**Genre:** Fantasy

**Pricing:** \$7.62 on Amazon

**Synopsis:** The first book in this series was on last year's summer reading list. Fans of *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* will want to continue with *Hollow City*, which picks up right where the first book ends. "Jacob Portman and his newfound friends travel to war-torn 1940 London where they use their unusual talents to find a cure for Miss Peregrine, the beloved headmistress of their orphanage who has been trapped in the body of a bird." -Follett

**Potentially Controversial Content:** mild language, heavy kissing, monster violence/gore



# Four-Four-Two

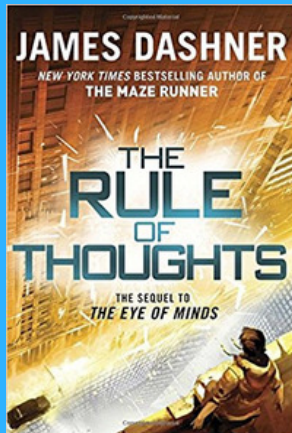
by Dean Hughes

**Genre:** Historical Fiction, Realistic Fiction

**Pricing:** \$7.82 on Amazon

**Synopsis:** "Yuki Nakahara is an American. But it's the start of World War II, and America doesn't see it that way. Like many other Japanese Americans, Yuki and his family have been forced into an internment camp in the Utah desert. But Yuki isn't willing to sit back and accept this injustice—it's his country too, and he's going to prove it by enlisting in the army to fight for the Allies." This "thought-provoking, action-packed page-turner is based on the little-known history of the Japanese Americans who fought with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team during World War II." --Amazon.com

**Potentially Controversial Content:** racial slurs during WWII, violence/horror of war



# The Rule of Thoughts

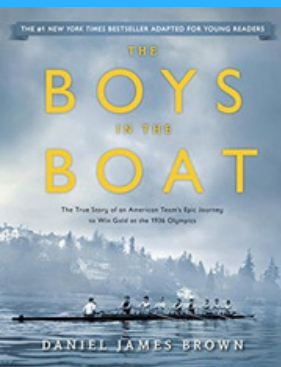
by James Dashner

**Genre:** Science Fiction

**Pricing:** \$4.49 on Amazon

**Synopsis:** The first book in this series was on last year's summer reading list. "Michael thought he understood the VirtNet, but the truth he discovered is more terrifying than anyone at VirtNet Security could have anticipated. The cyber terrorist Kaine isn't human. It's a Tangent, a computer program that has become sentient. And Michael just completed the first step in turning Kaine's master plan, the Mortality Doctrine, into a reality. The Mortality Doctrine will populate Earth entirely with human bodies harboring Tangent minds. The VNS would like to pretend the world is perfectly safe, but Michael and his friends know that the takeover has already begun. And if they don't stop Kaine soon, it will be game over for humanity." -Amazon.com

**Potentially Controversial Content:** mild language, some violence



# The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Adaptation)

by Daniel James Brown

**Genre:** Non-Fiction, Sports Interest

**Pricing:** \$7.06 on Amazon

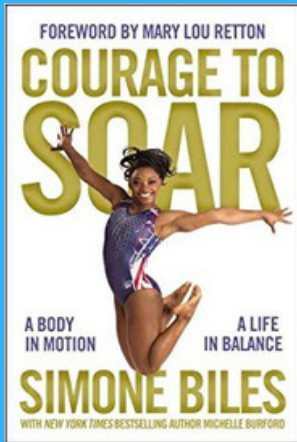
**Synopsis:** "For readers of *Unbroken*, out of the depths of the Great Depression comes the astonishing tale of nine working-class boys from the American West who at the 1936 Olympics showed the world what true grit really meant. With rowers who were the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew was never expected to defeat the elite East Coast teams, yet they did, going on to shock the world by challenging the German boat rowing for Adolf Hitler. This book was the inspiration for the PBS American Experience Documentary 'The Boys of '36.'" --Amazon.com

**Potentially Controversial Content:** one mention of adults drinking alcohol

## Courage to Soar:

# A Body in Motion, A Life in Balance

by Simone Biles and Michelle Burford

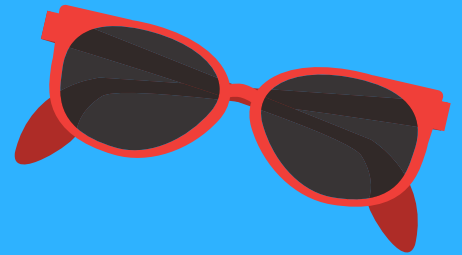


**Genre:** Non-Fiction, Sports Interest

**Pricing:** \$4.99 on Amazon

**Synopsis:** Are you a fan of the Olympics, gymnastics, or just enjoy reading about famous teens? You might like this book by Olympic gold medalist Simone Biles, the most decorated U.S. gymnast of all time. "Through years of hard work and determination, she has relied on her faith and family to stay focused and positive, while having fun competing at the highest level and doing what she loves. Here, in her own words, Simone takes you through the events, challenges, and trials that carried her from an early childhood in foster care to a coveted spot on the 2016 Olympic team." -Amazon.com

**Potentially Controversial Content:** mention of drug abuse of biological mother, racism, school fight/violence (brief scene,) brief mention of self-mutilation of fellow student, mention of belly button piercing, religious viewpoint



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