

2020 Summer Reading List:

Choose one of the following books to read:

1. *The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor, Sonia Sotomayor, Delacorte Books for Young Readers (2018)*

Discover the inspiring life of Justice Sonia Sotomayor, the first Latina and third woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court, in this middle-grade adaptation of her bestselling adult memoir, *My Beloved World*.

2. *The Poet X, Elizabeth Acevedo, Harper Teen (2018)*

A young girl in Harlem discovers slam poetry as a way to understand her mother's religion and her own relationship to the world.

3. *The Crossover, Kwame Alexander, HMH Books for Young Readers (2014)*

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

4. *The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B, Teresa Toten, Delacorte Books for Young Readers (2015)*

Adam not only is trying to understand his OCD while trying to balance his relationship with his divorced parents, but he's also trying to navigate through the issues that teenagers normally face, namely the perils of young love.

5. *Refugee, Alan Gratz, Scholastic Press (2017)*

Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.

Before you read, research the author of the book you chose. Find the answers to three of the following questions.

Where was the author born? Where does the author live now?

Where did the author go to school? What did the author study?

What else has the author written?

What are some of the author's major accomplishments?

What is something you learned about the author that you found interesting?

While you read, write down five words you find that you do not recognize. Look up the definition of each of these words. Write one original sentence correctly using each word (five sentences total).

Word	Definition	Original Sentence

After you read-

Summarize the book in 2-3 sentences:

Describe the setting (time and place) in which the book takes place:

Describe the main character of the book (name, age, gender identity, physical characteristics, personality traits). If you read *Trickster* or *Refugee*, choose one of the main characters to Describe:

Why do you think the author wrote this book? What do you think the author's message is?

If you could ask the author one question, what would you ask?

What did you like/dislike about the book? Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?