

8th Grade Summer Reading

Please read one of the Darwin books listed below and 3-5 books of your choice from the larger Duke School reading lists.

Choose one of the following two books:

Charles and Emma

Deborah Heiligman

The True Adventures of Charley Darwin *Carolyn Meyer*

As you read the book on Charles Darwin, please be thinking about the following ideas. Use a few post-it notes to mark quotes in the book that you can refer to in the week we get back as we discuss the books.

- Darwin's role in changing the way society thinks about the world
- Characteristic traits that made him a great scientist
- Tensions he felt between his personal life and his scientific ideas

HISTORICAL FICTION



Book Thief by Markus Zusak (Gr.9 +)



City of Thieves by David Benioff (Adult books for young adults)

Company of Swans by Eva Ibbotson (Adult)



Copper Sun and Fire From the Rock by Sharon Draper (Gr. 8+)



Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam by Cynthia Kadohata (Gr. 5-8)

Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck











Half Brother by Kenneth Oppel (Gr.7-11)



Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson (Gr. 6-8)

The Help by Kathryn Stockett (Adult)

-  **Invention of Hugo Cabret** by Brian Selznick (Gr. 4-9)
-  **Kira-Kira** by Cynthia Kadohata (Gr. 5-8)
-  **Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy** by Gary D. Schmidt (Gr. 6-9)
-  **Milkweed** by Jerry Spinneli (Gr. 5+)
-  **Okay for Now** by Gary D. Schmidt (Gr. 6-9)
-  **The Other Side of Truth** by Beverley Naidoo (Gr. 5-8)
-  **Revolution** by Jennifer Donnelly (Gr.9+)
- Saving Zasha** by Randi Barrow (Gr. 5-8)
- Things They Carried** by Tim O'Brien (Adult)
-  **Under a War-torn Sky** by L.M. Elliott (Gr. 7+)
-  **Wednesday Wars** by Gary D. Schmidt (Gr. 6-9)
-  **Weedflower** by Cynthia Kadohata (Gr. 5-8)

Classics

- Catcher in the Rye** by J.D. Salinger (Adult Books for Young Adults)
- Tree Grows In Brooklyn** by Betty Smith (Gr. 7+)
- Of Mice and Men** by John Steinbeck (Adult)
- Jane Eyre** by Charlotte Brontë
- 1984** by George Orwell
- Brave New World** by Aldous Huxley
- Slaughterhouse Five** by Kurt Vonnegu

REALISTIC FICTION

Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher (Gr. 7+)



Absolutely True Story of a Part Time Indian by Sherman Alexie (Gr. 7-10)



After by Amy Efaw (Gr. 8+)

Along for the Ride and others by Sarah Dessen (Gr.8-10)



Before I Fall by Lauren Oliver (Gr. 9+)

Brooklyn Nine by Alan Gratz (Gr. 7-10)



Dairy Queen by C.G. Murdock (Gr. 7-10)

Double Dutch by Sharon M. Draper (Gr.6-9)

Everything for a Dog by Ann M. Martin (Gr. 4-6)



Fault in Our Stars and others by John Greene (Gr.9+)



First Part Last by Angela Johnson (Gr. 8+)

Forever by Judy Blume (Gr. 8+)

Forged by Fire by Sharon M. Draper (Gr. 7-10)*

Freaks and Revelations by Davida Willis Hurwin (Gr.9+)*



Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (Gr. 8-12)



Holes by Louis Sachar (Gr. 5-8)



Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer (Gr. 8+)



House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros (Gr. 6+)

How to Steal a Car by Pete Hautman (Gr. 7+)



I Am the Messenger by Markus Zusak; (Gr.9+)



If I Stay by Gayle Forman (Gr. 9+)

Jumping the Nail by Eve Bunting (Gr.6-8)



Life As We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer (Gr. 6-8)



Little Brother by Cory Doctorow (Gr. 10+)



Make Lemonade trilogy by Virginia Euwer Wolff (Gr. 7-12)



Mango-shaped Space by Wendy Mass (Gr. 5-8)

My Life in Pink and Green by Lisa Greenwald (Gr. 4-6)



On Devil's Court by Carl Deuker (Gr. 8-12)

One Shot by Susan Glick (Gr. 8-10)

The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton

Runner by Carl Deuker (Gr. 7+)



Shooting Kabul by N.H. Senzai (Gr. 5-8)



Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson (Gr. 6-12)

Tears of a Tiger and others by Sharon M. Draper (Gr. 9+)



Trouble by Gary D. Schmidt (Gr. 7)



Two Way Street by Lauren Barnholdt (Gr. 10-12)



Wild Things by Clay Carmichael (Gr. 5-8)

Year I Turned Sixteen series by Diane Schwemm (Gr. 9+)



You Have Seven Messages by Stewart Lewis (Gr. 8-12)

FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION

11/22/63 by Stephen King (*Adult*)



Airborn series by Kenneth Oppel (Gr. 6-10)

Airman by Eoin Colfer (Gr. 7-10)*



Alcatraz versus the Evil Librarians by Brandon Sanderson (Gr. 5-8)

Alice in Quantumland by Robert Gilmore

Ashes by Ilsa J. Bick (Gr. 10+)



Bartimaeus trilogy by Jonathan Stroud (Gr. 6+)

Beautiful Creatures series by Kami Garcia (Gr. 7+)

Boneshaker and others by Cherie Priest



Chalice by Robin McKinley (Gr. 9+)

City of Bones by Cassandra Clare (Gr.8+)

Clockwork Dark series by John Claude Bemis (Gr. 6-9)



Delirium by Lauren Oliver (Gr. 8+)



Dreamwalker's Child by Steve Voake (Gr.5-8)



Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card (*Adult books for young adults*)

Everafter by Amy Huntley (Gr. 8+)

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury



Game of Sunken Places by M. T. Anderson (Gr. 5-9)



Going Bovine by Libba Bray (Gr. 8+)

Leviathan and others by Scott Westerfield (Gr. 7+)



Graceling (Seven Kingdoms series) and others by Kristin Cashore (Gr. 8+)



Hero and the Crown and **The Blue Sword** by Robin McKinley (Gr. 7+)

Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien (Gr. 6-9)



House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer (Gr. 6-10)



Life as We Knew It and others by Susan Beth Pfeffer (Gr. 6-8)



Little Brother by Cory Doctrow (Gr. 10+)



Matched series by Allie Condie (Gr.7+)

Maze Runner trilogy by James Dashner (Gr. 6-10)



Numbers series by Rachel Ward (Gr. 8-10)



Reckless by Cornelia Funke (Gr. 7-10)

The Roar by Emma Clayton (Gr. 5-8)

Robopocalypse by Daniel H. Wilson (Adult books for young adults)



Ship Breaker by Paolo Bacigalupi (Gr. 7+)



Shiver series by Maggie Stiefvater (Gr. 9+)



Watchmen by Alan Moore (YA)



When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead (Gr. 5-8)

Wherever You Go by Heather Davis (Gr. 8+)

NON-FICTION

56: Joe DiMaggio and the Last Magic Number in Sports by Kostya Kennedy

Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

Bad Boy by Walter Dean Myers

Beckham: Both feet on the ground by David Beckham

Black Hawk Down by Mark Bowden

Coming of Age in the Milky Way by Timothy Ferris



Demon in the Freezer by Richard Preston (Adult books for young adult)*

Department of Mad Scientists: How DARPA Is Remaking Our World, from the Internet to

Artificial Limbs by Michael Belfiore

Fast Food Nation by Eric Schlosser



Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer (Adult books for young adults)

It's not about the Bike: My journey Back To Life by Lance Armstrong

Maus: A Survivor's Tale: My Father Bleeds History and others by Art Spiegelman

October Sky by Homer Hickam

Rafa by Rafael Nadal and John Carlin

Reason for Hope by Jane Goodall

Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson

Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert by

Michael Northrop

Universe in a Mirror by Robert Zimmerman

Worm: The First Digital World War by Mark Bowden

MYSTERY/HORROR

9th Judgment by James Patterson (Adult)

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie (Adult)



Chasing Vermeer series by Blue Balliett (Gr. 5-8)

Day by Day Armageddon by J.L. Bourne (Adult)

Pendergast series by Douglas Preston (Adult)

Rule of Four by Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason (Adult/HS)



Skulduggery Pleasant series by Derek Landy (Gr. 5-8)

Other Side of Dark by Joan Lowry Nixon (Gr. 6-9)

Monstrumologist series by Rick Yancey (Gr.8-10)

Double Helix by Nancy Werlin (Gr.8+)

HUMOR

Bossypants by Tina Fey (Adult)

Discworld series by Terry Pratchett (Adult books for young adults)

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (others in series) by Douglas Adams (Adult Books for Young Adults)

Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And other concerns) by Mindy Kaling (Adult books for young adults)

Letters from a Nut by Ted L. Nancy

Strange Stories for Strange Kids edited by Art Spiegelman & Francoise Mouly (Pre-K-12)



When You Are Engulfed In Flames by David Sedaris (Adult)

