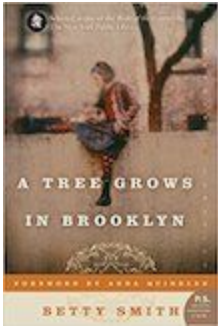


Brooklyn Friends School Summer Reading 2017 for rising 8th Graders

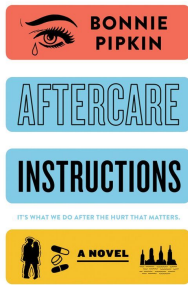


Required Reading: A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

This beloved American classic tells the story of a young girl growing up at the turn of the century. Set in a squalid Williamsburg that is very different from the hipster haven it is today, the story of Francie Nolan is one of love and survival.

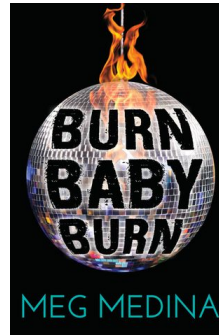
*You will be discussing this book at the beginning of the school year so you'll probably want to read it as close to September as possible.

Recommended: Summer is the perfect time to enjoy some fun, relaxing reading. To get you started, we have created this list of award winners, new titles and old favorites. Enjoy! Angie & Emily



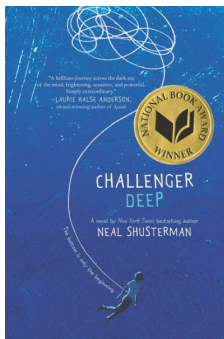
Aftercare Instructions by Bonnie Pipkin

"Troubled." That's seventeen-year-old Genesis according to her small New Jersey town. She finds stability in her relationship with her boyfriend until he abandons her at a Planned Parenthood clinic.



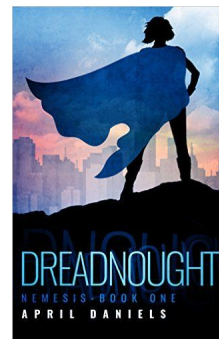
Burn Baby Burn by Meg Medina

Nora Lopez is seventeen during the infamous New York summer of 1977, when the city is besieged by arson, a massive blackout, and a serial killer named Son of Sam who shoots young women on the streets.



Challenger Deep by Neal Shusterman

A captivating novel about mental illness that lingers long beyond the last page.



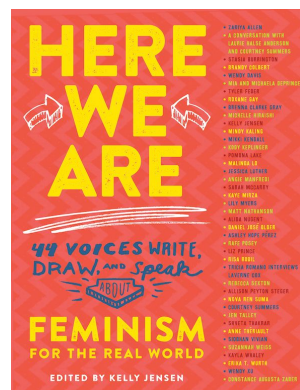
Dreadnought by April Daniels

Danny Tozer has a problem: she just inherited the powers of Dreadnought, the world's greatest superhero.



The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends.

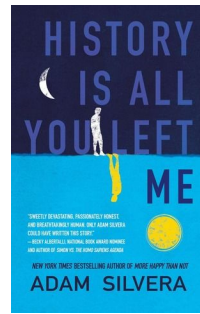


Here We Are: Feminism for the Real World by Kelly Jensen

Forty-four writers, dancers, actors, and artists contribute essays, lists, poems, comics, and illustrations about everything from body positivity to romance to gender identity to intersectionality to the greatest girl friendships in fiction.



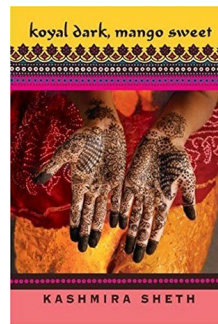
[Hidden Figures : the American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly](#)
The phenomenal true story of the black female mathematicians at NASA.



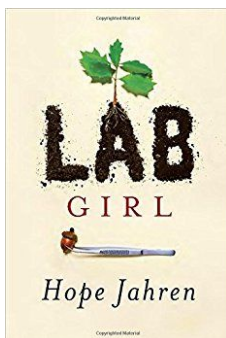
[History is All You Left Me by Adam Silvera](#)
When Griffin's first love and ex-boyfriend, Theo, dies in a drowning accident, his universe implodes.



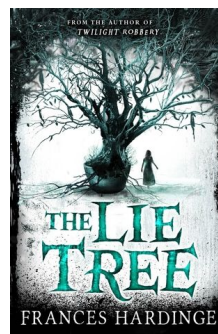
[It's Not Like It's a Secret by Misa Sugiura](#)
Sana always figured that the hardest thing would be to tell people that she wants to date a girl, but, telling the truth is easy...what comes after it, though, is a lot more complicated.



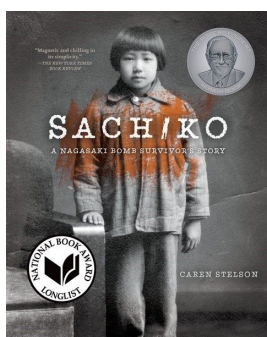
[Koyal Dark, Mango Sweet by Kashmira Sweet](#)
Jeeta's family is caught up in the whirlwind of arranging marriages for her two older sisters, but the drama and excitement leave Jeeta cold.



[Lab Girl by Hope Jahren](#)
Geobiologist Hope Jahren has spent her life studying trees, flowers, seeds, and soil. *Lab Girl* is her revelatory treatise on plant life—but it is also a celebration of the lifelong curiosity, and passion that drive every scientist.



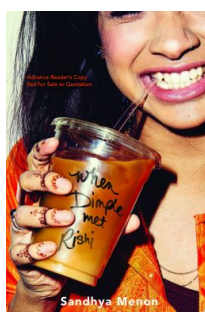
[The Lie Tree by Frances Hardinge](#)
In pursuit of justice and revenge, Faith hunts through her father's possessions and discovers a strange tree. The tree bears fruit only when she whispers a lie to it, but when eaten, delivers a hidden truth.



[Sachiko : a Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story by Caren Barzelay Stelson](#)
The true story of six-year-old Sachiko Yasui's survival of the Nagasaki atomic bomb on August 9, 1945, and the heartbreaking and lifelong aftermath.



[This is an Uprising: How Nonviolent Revolt is Shaping the Twenty-First Century by Mark Engler](#)
From protests around climate change to #BlackLivesMatter, a new generation is unleashing strategic nonviolent action for change.



[When Dimple Met Rishi by Sandhya Menon](#)
The rom-com that everyone's talking about! *Eleanor & Park* meets Bollywood in this hilarious and heartfelt novel about two Indian-American teens whose parents



[You in Five Acts by Una LaMarche](#)
This story is a eulogy for a friendship—the heartbreaks, the betrayals, the inside jokes, the remember-whens. And the tragedy that changed everything.

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