**Required Reading:** *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

*In this classic, coming-of-age novel* Ponyboy and Johnny are two “greasers” who never seem to get a break. *When they get caught up in a gang-related killing they didn’t see coming, they run away and learn that their lives will never be the same again.*

*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

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<td>Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely</td>
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<td><em>The Great American Whatever</em></td>
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Honestly Ben by Bill Konigsberg
Ben Carver is back to normal. He's working steadily in his classes at the Natick School. He just got elected captain of the baseball team.

It Ain't So Awful Falafel by Firoozeh Dumas
Zomorod Yousefzadeh is the new kid on the block . . . for the fourth time. California's Newport Beach is her family's latest perch, and she's determined to shuck her brainy loner persona and start afresh with a new name—Cindy.

Loving vs. Virginia: a documentary novel of the landmark civil rights case by Patricia Hruby Powell
In 1955, in Caroline County, Virginia, amidst segregation and prejudice, injustice and cruelty, two teenagers fell in love.

The Passion of Dolssa by Julie Berry
Dolssa is an upper-crust city girl who's been branded a heretic, on the run from the friar who condemned her mother to death by fire and wants Dolssa executed, too.

Queens of Geek by Jen Wilde
Three friends, two love stories, one convention: this fun, feminist love letter to geek culture is all about fandom, friendship, and finding the courage to be yourself.

Ramona Blue by Julie Murphy
Ramona was only five years old when Hurricane Katrina changed her life forever. Since then, it's been Ramona and her family against the world.

Samurai Rising by Pamela S. Turner
This epic warrior tale reads like a novel, but this is the true story of the greatest samurai in Japanese history.

Saving Montgomery Sole by Markio Tamaki
Montgomery Sole is a square peg in a small town, forced to go to a school full of jocks and girls who don't even know what irony is. It would all be impossible if it weren't for her best friends.

That Thing We Call a Heart by Sheba Karim
In her quest to figure out who she really is and what she really wants, Shabnam looks for help in an unexpected place—her family, and her father's beloved Urdu poetry.

Wonder Women: 25 Innovators, Inventors, and Trailblazers Who Changed History by Sam Maggs
A fun and feminist look at forgotten women in science, technology, and beyond.