

Newton South High School
SUMMER 2005 9th GRADE READING LIST

Now that you have graduated from middle school, we want to encourage you to continue to read over the summer.

All students entering Curriculum I are required to read ***The House of the Scorpion***, by Nancy Farmer, which tells of an unusual hero's journey, a central theme of the ninth grade year. Students entering Curriculum II are required to read ***Tears of a Tiger*** by Sharon Draper. All students are **also** required to read **one** book from the list below, and **one** book of their choice.

At the beginning of the school year, you will be asked to consider, discuss, and respond to the books verbally and/or in written form. A summer reading examination is usually given. You should be prepared to bring either the books or detailed notes, or both to class sometime during the first weeks of school. If you have read any of these books previously, they should choose others for their summer reading.

Have a great summer and Read, Read, Read

Albanov, Valerian, **In the Land of White Death**
Alvarez, Julia, **Before We Were Free**
Anderson, Laurie Halse, **Speak**
Anderson, M.T., **Feed**
Beals, Melba Patillo, **Warriors Don't Cry**
Bennett, James, **The Squared Circle**
Berg, Elizabeth, **Durable Goods**
Bradbury, Ray, **Dandelion Wine**
Bradley, Marion, **Firebrand**
Brashears, A., **Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants**
Bronte, Charlotte, **Jane Eyre**
Card, Orson Scott, **Ender's Game, Ender's Shadow**
Chbosky, Stephen, **The Perks of Being a Wallflower**
Chin, Frank, **Donald Duk**
Cormier, Robert, **Tenderness**
Courtenay, B., **Power of One**
Crutcher, Chris, **Running Loose, Ironman or Whale Talk**
Demetz, Hanna, **The House on Prague Street**
Dickens, Charles, **Oliver Twist**
duMaurier, Daphne, **Rebecca**
Gaines, Ernest, **A Gathering of Old Men or A Lesson Before Dying**
Geras, Dele, **Troy**
Gibbons, Kaye, **Ellen Foster**
Gordon, Sheila, **Waiting for the Rain**
Hamill, Pete, **Snow in August**
Haruf, Kent, **Plainsong**
Hemingway, Ernest, **The Old Man and the Sea**
Homer, W.H.D. Rouse (Translator) **The Iliad**
Katz, Jon, **Geeks**
Kincaid, Jamaica, **Annie John**
King, Steven, **The Stand**
Kinsella, W.P., **Shoeless Joe**
Lynch, Chris, **Iceman**

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Maguire, Gregory, **Wicked**
Malamud, Bernard, **The Natural**
Martinez, Victor, **Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida**
Mathabane, Mark, **Kaffir Boy**
Montgomery, Lucy Maud, **Anne of Green Gables**
Mori, Kyoko, **Shizuku's Daughter**
Myers, Walter Dean, **Fallen Angels** or **Hoops** or **Monster**
Peters, Julie Ann, **Luna**
Potok, Chaim, **The Chosen**
Pullman, Phillip, **The Golden Compass**
Renault, Mary, **The King Must Die**
Rouse, **The Iliad**
Rowling, J.K. **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix**
Rushdie, Salman, **Haroun and the Sea of Stories**
Sacher, Louis, **Holes**
Santiago, Esmeralda, **When I Was Puerto Rican** (biog.) **B Santiago**
Senna, Danzi, **Caucasia**
Shange, Ntozake, **Betsey Brown**
Smith, Betty, **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn**
Snicket, Lemony, **The Series of Unfortunate Events** series (any title in series)
Stoker, Bram, **Dracula**
Tolkien, J.R.R., **The Hobbit**
Townsend, Sue, **The Diary of Adrian Mole**
Twain, Mark, **The Adventures of Tom Sawyer** or **The Prince and the Pauper**
White, T. H., **The Sword in the Stone** or **The Once and Future King**
Wideman, John Edgar, **Brothers and Keepers**
Wilhelm, Kate, **Good Children**
Williams-Garcia, Rita, **Like Sisters on the Homefront**