

St. George's School of Montreal
GRADE SEVEN SUMMER READING 2009

Artemis Fowl

Eoin Colfer

Fantasy

Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is the most ingenious criminal mastermind in history. With two trusty sidekicks in tow, he hatches a cunning plot to divest the fairyfolk of their pot of gold.

Scat

Carl Hiasen

Fiction

Scat is the story of Nick and Marta, whose biology teacher didn't return from a class field trip to the Black Vine swamp. Not that Mrs. Starch is going to be missed; she was the most fearsome teacher at Truman School. But neither of them think that she was called away on a "family emergency," but instead was the victim of foul play, probably by Smoke, the class delinquent.

Framed

Frank Cottrell Boyce

Historical Fiction

A hilariously funny and imaginative novel based on a true story from the Second World War when paintings from the National Gallery were stored in Welsh slate-mines for safe-keeping.(E. Dawson)

Count Karlstein

Philip Pullman

Thriller

This is an eerie, old-fashioned tale of murderous plots and ghostly surprises one All Hallows` Eve.

Fever 1793

Laurie Halse Anderson

Historical Fiction

A Yellow Fever epidemic washes over Philadelphia, the then-capitol of the United States, and young Mattie is forced to adapt to a suddenly changed world.

Al Capone Does My Shirts

Gennifer Choldenke

Fiction

Twelve-year-old Moose moves to Alcatraz in 1935 so his father can work as a prison guard and his younger, autistic sister, Natalie, can attend a special school in San Francisco. It is a time when the federal prison is home to notorious criminals like gangster Al Capone. Depressed about having to leave his friends and winning baseball team behind, Moose finds little to be happy about on Alcatraz. He never sees his dad, who is always working; and Natalie's condition-- her tantrums and constant needs--demand all his mother's attention. Things look up for Moose when he befriends the irresistible Piper, the warden's daughter, who has a knack for getting Moose into embarrassing but harmless trouble.

Elsewhere**Gabrielle Zevin****Coming-of-age**

This book has a unique twist. Having been killed by a hit and run driver, Liz now lives in Elsewhere with the grandmother who died before she was born. Although Liz is maturing, coping with disappointments, and controlling her anger, she is getting younger. What exactly is going on here?

The Thief Lord**Cornelia Funke****Fantasy/Adventure**

Two brothers run away from their aunt and are being chased by a detective when they find shelter with Venice's "thief lord."

Larklight**Philip Reeve****Sci Fi**

Art and his sister Myrtle are British youngsters living with their father at Larklight during the reign of Queen Victoria. However, in this alternate Victorian era, Britain controls not only most of Earth—including the American colonies—but also Venus, Mars, and the moons of Jupiter. Larklight is a home that hangs just beyond the moon. Art is happy living in the suburbs of the solar system, but his priggish sister longs for the excitement of London's social scene. When giant spiders attack their home and their father disappears, the siblings are tossed onto a lifeboat and float through the ether until they are rescued by young space pirates with a grudge against the Empire. This Victorian Star Wars trio hurtles through space battling robots, aliens, and a loony scientist.

Three Wishes**Deborah Ellis****Non-Fiction**

This collection of accounts from young Israeli and Palestinian people between the ages of 8 and 18 portrays the sapping toll of war on their lives.