Fisher Library Recommended Reading List
7th Grade

Adventure | Contemporary | Historical | Mystery | SF/Fantasy | Classics

Adventure

**Stormbreaker**, by Anthony Horowitz *
FIC HOR

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle’s dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

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**Independence Hall**, by Roland Smith *
FIC SMI

Quest and his stepsister Angela are thrust into the dangerous world of the American Secret Service and the Israeli Mossad when they learn Angela’s real mother was a former Secret Service agent who was killed by a terrorist group.

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**Loot: How to Steal a Fortune**, by Jude Watson *
FIC WAT

When Alfie McQuinn, the notorious jewel thief, is killed on a job, his last words to his son, March, are to "find jewels," which leads the boy to the twin sister he never knew he had -- and the perfect partner to carry on the family business.

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**The Wanderer**, by Sharon Creech
FIC CRE

Thirteen-year-old Sophie and her cousin Cody record their transatlantic crossing aboard the Wanderer, a forty-five foot sailboat, which, along with uncles and another cousin, is en route to visit their grandfather in England.

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**Dogsong**, by Gary Paulsen
FIC PAU

A fourteen-year-old Eskimo boy who feels assailed by the modernity of his life takes a 1400-mile journey by dog sled across ice, tundra, and mountains seeking his own "song" of himself.

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**Contemporary**

**Foul Trouble**, by John Feinstein
FIC FEI

College recruiters are clambering to sign up Terrell Jamerson, the #1 high school basketball player in the country. But not all of these recruiters are straight shooters, and Terrell will have to think fast if he wants to stay in the game.

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**The Honest Truth**, by Dan Gemeinhart
FIC GEM

Mark, tired of being sick with cancer, conceives a plan to climb Mount Rainier, and runs away from home with his dog, Beau--but with over two hundred miles between him and his goal, and only anger at his situation to drive him on, nothing will be easy, and only his best friend suspects where he is heading.

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Zen and the Art of Faking It, by Jordan Sonnenblick
FIC SON

When thirteen-year-old San Lee moves for the umpteenth time, he is looking for a way to stand out. His knowledge of Zen Buddhism, gained in his previous school, provides the answer—and the need to quickly become a convincing Zen master.

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Ghost, by Jason Reynolds *
FIC REY

Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential.

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Amal Unbound, by Aisha Saeed
FIC SAE

In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family.

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Historical

Chasing Secrets, by Gennifer Choldenko
FIC CHO

Thirteen-year-old Lizzie and her secret friend Noah, who is hiding in her house, plan to rescue Noah's father from quarantined Chinatown, and save everyone they love from contracting the plague spreading in 1900s San Francisco.

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Under the Blood-Red Sun, by Graham Salisbury
FIC SAL

Tomikazu Nakaji's biggest concerns are baseball, homework, and a local bully, until life with his Japanese family in Hawaii changes drastically after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

Moon over Manifest, by Clare Vanderpool
FIC VAN

Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up, and where she hopes to find out some things about his past.

A Single Shard, by Linda Sue Park
FIC PAR

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.

Crispin: The Cross of Lead, by Avi
FIC AVI

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.
Mystery

**The House on the Gulf**, by Margaret Pederson Haddix  
FIC HAD

A sixteen-year-old boy arranges a housesitting job for the summer, but he starts acting strangely after his family moves in, and his sister begins to suspect they are not supposed to be there.

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**The Black Dragon**, by Julian Sedgwick  
FIC SED

Talented half-Chinese, half-British magician Danny and strongman Zamora try to find the connection between the disastrous end of the circus Mysterium, and the disappearance of his aunt, who is investigating sinister gangs in Hong Kong.

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**The Thief Lord**, by Cornelia Funke  
FIC FUN

Escaping the aunt who wants to adopt only one of them, two orphaned brothers run away from Hamburg to Venice, finding shelter with a gang of street children and their leader, the thirteen-year-old "Thief Lord," while also eluding the detective hired to return them to Germany.

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**Greenglass House**, by Kate Milford *  
FIC MIL

At Greenglass House, a smuggler's inn, the innkeepers’ adopted son Milo plans to spend his winter relaxing, but soon guests arrive with strange stories about the house that send Milo and Meddy, the cook's daughter, on an adventure.

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**The Westing Game**, by Ellen Raskin  
FIC RAS

The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

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**SciFi/Fantasy**

**Leviathan**, by Scott Westerfeld  
FIC WES

In an alternate 1914 Europe, Austrian Prince Alek, on the run from the Clanker Powers who are attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery, forms an alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically-engineered beasts.

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**Pi in the Sky**, by Wendy Mass  
FIC MAS

Joss, the seventh son of the Supreme Overlord of the Universe, must team up with a human girl to recreate Earth, when the planet is accidentally erased from existence.

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**Inkheart**, by Cornelia Funke  
FIC FUN

Meggie learns that her father Mo, a bookbinder, can "read" fictional characters to life when an evil ruler named Capricorn, freed from the novel "Inkheart" years earlier, tries to force Mo to release an immortal monster from the story.

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**Keeper of the Lost Cities**, by Shannon Messenger *
FIC MES

Sophie discovers abilities that have always caused her to stand out are because she is actually an elf. After she is brought to Eternalia where she can hone her skills, Sophie learns she harbors certain secrets that others would kill to learn.

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**The False Prince**, by Jennifer A. Nielsen *
FIC NIE

In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king’s long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.

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**The House of the Scorpion**, by Nancy Farmer *
FIC FAR

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patrón, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

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**The Emerald Atlas**, by John Stephens *
FIC STE

Kate, Michael, and Emma have passed from one orphanage to another in the ten years since their parents disappeared, but now they learn that they have special powers, a prophesied quest, and a fearsome enemy.

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Classics

The Outsiders, by S.E. Hinton
FIC HIN

Rivalry between rich and poor gangs in 1960s Oklahoma leads to the deaths of three teenagers and intense soul-searching for one of the youths involved, a sensitive fourteen-year-old writer named Ponyboy.

The Princess Bride, by William Goldman
FIC GOL

A classic tale of true love, high adventure, pirates, princesses, giants, miracles, fencing, and a frightening assortment of wild beasts, resulting in the most beautiful girl in the world marrying the handsomest prince in the world.

The Witch of Blackbird Pond, by Elizabeth George Speare
FIC SPE

In 1687 in Connecticut, Kit Tyler, feeling out of place in the Puritan household of her aunt, befriends an old woman considered a witch by the community and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft.

Oliver Twist, by Charles Dickens
FIC DIC

In nineteenth-century England, Oliver, a young orphan boy, lives in the squalid surroundings of a workhouse until he becomes involved with a gang of thieves and needs to choose what kind of person he will be.

* First in a series