



Seventh Grade Summer Reading List 2010

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

Everyone wants to be accepted, liked and included. Melody Brooks, diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, is no exception. While limited in her physical abilities she is incredibly intelligent with talents that surpass children her own age. Her life is filled with people that judge her on her appearance rather than trying to understand her, however, Melody works tirelessly to change the opinions of the people who can't seem to get past her physical disabilities.

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

Soldier's Heart by Gary Paulsen

In June 1861, when the Civil War began, Charley Goddard enlisted in the First Minnesota Volunteers. He was 15. He didn't know what a "shooting war" meant or what he was fighting for, but he didn't want to miss out on a great adventure. Unfortunately, the adventure turned out to be a horrible war where survival was limited, and the effects on those who made it out alive were damaging to their hearts and minds.

If a Tree Falls at Lunch Period by Gennifer Choldenko

Kirsten and Walk, seventh-graders at an elite private school, alternate telling how race, wealth, weight and other issues shape their relationships as they and other misfits stand up to a mean but influential classmate. All the while the two are uncovering a long-kept secret about themselves.

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

As a toddler, Bod, short for Nobody, stumbles into a graveyard after his family is murdered. Here, Bod is cared for and lovingly raised by the graveyard's ghosts and otherworldly creatures.

Slam by Walter Dean Myers

Greg "Slam" Harris is a seventeen-year-old who thinks he is all that on the court -- and he's not that far off. He can play point guard and slam-dunk the ball, making him a star on any team. The problem is that this year Slam is at a new school, and his new coach and teammates don't give him the respect he thinks he deserves. In addition to his problems at school, Slam is finding that his support system at home is falling apart and he must find his way on his own.