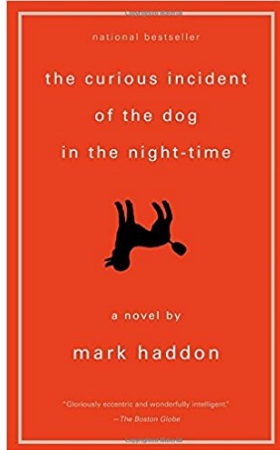


# Briarcliff High School

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade English - 2019



### Summer Reading Expectations

Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders are expected to read *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon over the summer.

#### **ASSIGNMENT:**

While reading your novel, take careful, detailed notes. Please bring your notes to class on the first day of school as they will be checked as a homework assignment. You will be expected to participate in discussions, and there will be an in-class assessment within the first few weeks. Your knowledge of the reading will be evaluated through class discussions, as well as the written assignment.

Make your notes meaningful to you. Use your own style, your own words, and your own ideas. Do not consult outside critical sources for your notes. We want to see your impressions and thoughts. Lastly, do not run on for pages and pages – remember that brevity is the soul of wit. Condense information!

Try to organize your notes in a way that is easy for you to study from and that focuses on literary elements such as the following:

- Plot (major events and purposeful choices)
- Characters
- Setting
- Themes
- Mood
- Point of View (narration)

**If you're looking for some other good books to read this summer, check out the list below!**

# Suggested Summer Reading

## 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Here is a list of suggested books for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. None of these books are required – they're just great books to read and enjoy!

### POPULAR TITLES

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| Acevedo, Elizabeth                    | <i><b>The Poet X:</b></i> Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking.<br><b>Printz Award Winner 2019</b>  |
| Adams, Douglas                        | <i><b>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy:</b></i> Seconds before Earth is destroyed to make room for a galactic freeway, a young man is rescued by an alien friend who whisks him away on a space-traveling adventure. <b>Sequels:</b> <u><i>Restaurant at the End of the Universe</i>, <i>Life, The Universe and Everything</i>, <i>So Long and Thanks for All the Fish</i> and <i>Mostly Harmless</i></u>  |
| Adeyemi, Tomi                         | <i><b>Children of Blood and Bone:</b></i> They killed my mother. They took our magic. They tried to bury us. Now we rise. Zelig Adebola remembers when the soil of Orisha hummed with magic. But everything changed the night magic disappeared. Now Zelig has one chance to bring back magic and strike against the monarchy. She must outwit and outrun the crown prince, who is hell-bent on eradicating magic for good. But the greatest danger may be Zelig herself as she struggles to control her powers and her growing feelings for an enemy. |
| Ahmed, Samira                         | <i><b>Internment:</b></i> A terrifying, futuristic United States where Muslim-Americans are forced into internment camps, and seventeen-year-old Layla Amin must lead a revolution against complicit silence.  |
| Albergotti, Reed & O'Connell, Vanessa | <i><b>Wheelmen: The Tour de France and the Greatest Sports Conspiracy Ever:</b></i> The sensational New York Times bestselling in-depth look at Lance Armstrong's doping scandal, the phenomenal business success built on the back of fraud, and the greatest conspiracy in the history of sports.  |
| Albert, Melissa                       | <i><b>The Hazel Wood:</b></i> When the scary, magical world in her grandmother's book of dark feminist fairy tales becomes real, seventeen-year-old Alice, partnered with Ellery, an obsessed fan of the fairy tales, must enter the world to rescue Alice's kidnapped mother.   |
| Black, Holly                          | <i><b>The Cruel Prince:</b></i> Jude was 7 when her parents were murdered and she and her two sisters were stolen away to live in the treacherous High Court of Faerie. Ten years later, Jude wants nothing more than to belong there, despite her mortality. But many of the fey hate humans especially Prince Cardan, the youngest and wickedest son of the High King. To win a place at Court, she must defy him--and face the consequences. <b>Sequel:</b> <i><b>The Wicked King</b></i>   |

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| Brashares, Ann   | <i><b>The Here and Now:</b></i> Seventeen-year-old Prenna, an immigrant who moved to New York when she was twelve, came from another time and she and the other travelers must follow strict rules to avoid destroying the new life they have worked so hard to get, as well as the one person Prenna is desperate to protect. Follow the rules. Remember what happened. Never fall in love.   |
| Burcaw, Shane    | <i><b>Laughing at My Nightmare:</b></i> With acerbic wit and a hilarious voice, Shane Burcaw's <i>Laughing at My Nightmare</i> describes the challenges he faces as a twenty-one-year-old with spinal muscular atrophy. From awkward handshakes to having a girlfriend and everything in between, Shane handles his situation with humor and a "you-only-live-once" perspective on life. While he does talk about everyday issues that are relatable to teens, he also offers an eye-opening perspective on what it is like to have a life threatening disease.  |
| Buxbaum, Julie   | <i><b>Tell Me Three Things:</b></i> Sixteen-year old Jessie, still grieving over her mother's death, must move from Chicago to "The Valley," with a new stepfamily but no new friends until an anonymous fellow student emails and offers to help her navigate the school's treacherous social waters.   |
| Calame, Dan      | <i><b>Dan vs. Nature:</b></i> Shy and scrawny Dan Weekes spends his time creating graphic novels inspired by his dream girl and looking out for his mom as she dates every man in the state of California. Then his mom drops a bomb: she and Hank, are engaged, and she's sending her "two favorite men" on a survivalist camping trip to "bond." Determined to trick Hank into showing his true — flawed — colors on the trip, Dan and his nerdy germaphobe best friend, Charlie, prepare a series of increasingly gross and embarrassing pranks.  |
| Caletti, Deb     | <i><b>A Heart in a Body in the World:</b></i> When everything's been taken from you, what else is there to do but run? That's what Annabelle does-- from Seattle to Washington, DC. She's not ready to think about the <i>why</i> , just the <i>how</i> --muscles burning, heart pumping, feet pounding the earth. But no matter how hard she tries, she can't outrun the tragedy from the past year, or the person-- <i>The Taker</i> --that haunts her. Followed by Grandpa Ed in his RV and backed by her brother and friends, Annabelle becomes a reluctant activist as people connect her journey to the trauma from her past. <b>Printz Honor Book, 2019</b> |
| Deen, Nathasha   | <i><b>In the Key of Nira Ghani:</b></i> Nira Ghani has always dreamed of becoming a musician. Her Guyanese parents, however, have big plans for her to become a scientist or doctor. Nira's grandmother and her best friend, Emily, are the only people who seem to truly understand her desire to establish an identity outside of the one imposed on Nira by her parents. When auditions for jazz band are announced, Nira realizes it's now or never to convince her parents that she deserves a chance to pursue her passion.  |
| de la Pena, Matt | <i><b>The Living:</b></i> Shy took the job on a cruise ship to make some money. He'll rake in the tips and be able to help his mom with the bills. And how bad can it be? Bikinis, free food, maybe even a girl  |

or two. Everything changes when the Big One hits. Shy's only weeks out at sea when an earthquake more massive than ever before recorded hits and his life is forever changed. The earthquake is only the first disaster. Suddenly it's a fight to survive for those left living.

Eichar, Donnie

***Dead Mountain: The True Story of the Dyatlov Pass Incident -***

In February 1959, a group of nine experienced hikers in the Russian Ural Mountains died mysteriously on an elevation known as Dead Mountain. Eerie aspects of the incident-- unexplained violent injuries, signs that they cut open and fled the tent without proper clothing or shoes, a strange final photograph taken by one of the hikers, and elevated levels of radiation found on some of their clothes-- have led to decades of speculation over what really happened. Eichar retraces the hikers' fateful journey in the Russian winter to bring the real story of what happened that night on Dead Mountain.

Elston, Ashley

***This is Our Story:*** No one knows what happened that morning at River Point. Five boys went hunting. Four came back. The boys won't say who fired the shot that killed their friend, Grant; the evidence shows it could have been any one of them. Kate, an intern at the DA's office and the Assistant DA must solve the crime to get justice for Grant.

Foley, Jessie Ann

***The Carnival at Bray:*** In 1993, Maggie is dismayed to leave Chicago and her beloved Uncle Kevin behind when she moves to a small Irish town. Yet it is within this evocative setting that Foley unwinds Maggie's exceptional coming-of-age tale, where Maggie discovers music and forgiveness as antidotes for grief. **Printz Honor Book, 2015**

Grogan, John

***Marley & Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog:*** A tender story of his family's love for their yellow Labrador retriever, Marley, chronicling how he grew from a mischievous puppy into a nearly impossible adult that no amount of obedience school training could correct.

Guerrero, Diane

***In The Country We Love: My Family Divided:*** Diane Guerrero, television actress from the hits "Orange is the New Black" and "Jane the Virgin," recalls the day her parents were detained and deported when she was 14, and how she was able to remain in the country, finish her education, and build a successful acting career.

Han, Jenny

***To All the Boys I've Loved Before:*** Lara Jean writes love letters to all the boys she has loved and then hides them in a hatbox until one day those letters are accidentally sent.

Hinton, S. E.

***Tex:*** Easy-going Tex tries to keep things together while waiting for his father to return home after a five month absence.

Kaplan, Ariel

***We Are The Perfect Girl:*** Aphra Brown is bold and outgoing. Her best friend, Bethany, is achingly beautiful. Individually, they could both do a little better in the self-esteem department, but together? Together, they have what it takes to win over Greg D'Agostino, a

proverbial "ten," who happens to be fluent in six languages. What begins as an honest mistake turns into an elaborate deception. A modernization of Cyrano De Bergerac.

Kendrick, Anna

***Scrappy Little Nobody:*** Anna Kendrick's autobiographical collection of essays amusingly recounts memorable moments throughout her life, from her middle-class upbringing in New England to the blockbuster movies that have made her one of Hollywood's most popular actresses. Expanding upon her witty and ironic dispatches, Anna Kendrick's essays offer her one-of-a-kind commentary on the absurdities she's experienced on her way to and from the heart of pop culture.

Killeen, Matt

***Orphan Monster Spy:*** After her mother is shot at a checkpoint, 15-year-old Sarah meets a mysterious man with an ambiguous accent, a suspiciously bare apartment, and a lockbox full of weapons. He's part of the secret resistance against the Third Reich, and he needs Sarah to hide in plain sight at a school for the daughters of top Nazi officers. Anyone who underestimates her does so at their peril. She may look sweet, but she's the Nazis' worst nightmare.

King, Stephen

***The Shining:*** Jack Torrance's new job at the Overlook Hotel is the perfect chance for a fresh start. As the off-season caretaker at the old hotel, he'll have plenty of time to spend reconnecting with his family and working on his writing. But as the harsh winter weather sets in, the idyllic location feels ever more remote . . . and more sinister. And the only one to notice the strange and terrible forces gathering around the Overlook is Danny Torrance, Jack's uniquely gifted five-year-old.

Kirby, Matthew J.

***A Taste for Monsters:*** In 1888 seventeen-year-old Evelyn Fallow, herself disfigured by the phosphorus in the match factory where she worked, has been hired as a maid to Joseph Merrick, the Elephant Man--but when the Jack the Ripper murders begin she and Merrick find themselves haunted by the ghosts of the slain women, and Evelyn is caught up in the mystery of Jack's identity.

Konigsberg, Bill

***Openly Straight:*** Tired of being known as "the gay kid", Rafe Goldberg decides to assume a new persona when he comes east and enters an elite Massachusetts prep school--but trying to deny his identity has both complications and unexpected consequences.

Krakauer, Jon

***Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster:*** When Jon Krakauer reached the summit of Mt. Everest on May 10, 1996, he hadn't slept in 57 hours and was reeling from the brain-altering effects of oxygen depletion. As he turned to begin his long, dangerous descent from 29,028 feet, 20 other climbers were still pushing doggedly toward the top. No one noticed that the sky had begun to fill with clouds. Six hours later Krakauer collapsed in his tent, freezing, hallucinating from exhaustion and hypoxia, but safe. The next morning, he learned that six fellow climbers hadn't made it back to their camp.

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| Jack, Gordon          | <b><i>The Boomerang Effect:</i></b> Because of a string of pranks, Lawrence Barry is one step away from reform school unless he agrees to mentor a Norwegian exchange student with Spock-like intelligence but no social skills. During Homecoming week, someone dressed as the school's Viking mascot starts destroying the homecoming floats, and Lawrence becomes suspect #1. As the situation spirals out of control, he realizes that Spencer may be his best friend -- the one he never knew he needed.   |
| Larbalestier, Justine | <b><i>My Sister Rosa:</i></b> When his father's business takes the family to New York City, a seventeen-year-old Australian boy must balance his desire to protect his ten-year-old sister, a diagnosable psychopath, from the world with the desperate need to protect the world from her.   |
| Levithan, David       | <b><i>Every Day:</i></b> Every morning, A wakes in a different person's body, in a different person's life, learning over the years to never get too attached, until he wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon. <b>Sequel: <u>Another Day, Some Day</u></b>  |
| Le Guin, Ursula       | <b><i>A Wizard of Earthsea:</i></b> Ged was the greatest sorcerer in Earthsea, but in his youth he was the reckless Sparrowhawk. In his hunger for power and knowledge, he tampered with long-held secrets and loosed a terrible shadow upon the world. This is the tumultuous tale of his testing, how he mastered the mighty words of power, tamed an ancient dragon, and crossed death's threshold to restore the balance.   |
| Medina, Meg           | <b><i>Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass:</i></b> One morning before school, some girl tells Piddy Sanchez that Yaqui Delgado hates her and wants to kick her ass. Piddy doesn't even know who Yaqui is, never mind what she's done to piss her off. As the harassment escalates, avoiding Yaqui and her gang starts to take over Piddy's life, she struggles to survive and to discover who she really is.   |
| Morton, Kate          | <b><i>The Lake House:</i></b> 16-year-old Alice Edevane's brother Theo disappears one night during a party with hundreds of guests at her family's English estate. Years later, Alice still harbors a suspicion as to how her brother disappeared. Meanwhile, London detective Sadie Sparrow stumbles upon the old Edevane estate, now abandoned. With her curiosity sparked, a chain of events brings her and Alice together and reveals the shocking truth behind the mystery.  |
| Murphy, Julie         | <b><i>Puddin': Companion to book &amp; Netflix movie Dumplin':</i></b> Millie Michalchuk has gone to fat camp every year since she was a little girl. Not this year. She has plans to chase her secret dream of being a newscaster--and to kiss the boy she's crushing on. Callie Reyes is the pretty girl who is next in line for dance team captain and has the popular boyfriend. But when it comes to other girls, she's more frenemy than friend. When circumstances bring the girls together over the course of a semester, they surprise everyone by realizing that they might have more in common than they imagined. |

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| Oates, Joyce Carol | <b><i>Big Mouth &amp; Ugly Girl:</i></b> When sixteen-year-old Matt is falsely accused of threatening to blow up his high school and his friends turn against him, only the individualistic, somewhat frightening Ursula Riggs comes to his defense.   |
| Paige, Danielle    | <b><i>Dorothy Must Die:</i></b> Amy Gumm, the other girl from Kansas, has been recruited by the Revolutionary Order of the Wicked to stop Dorothy who has found a way to come back to Oz, seizing a power that has gone to her head -- so now no one is safe! <i>My name is Amy Gumm—and I'm the other girl from Kansas. I've been recruited by the Revolutionary Order of the Wicked. I've been trained to fight. And I have a mission: Remove the Tin Woodman's heart. Steal the Scarecrow's brain. Take the Lion's courage. And—Dorothy must die.</i> |
| Plum-Ucci, Carol   | <b><i>The Body of Christopher Creed:</i></b> The often-tortured class weirdo has disappeared, leaving a note on the school library computer. Is Chris a runaway, a suicide or a murder victim?<br><b>Printz Honor Book, 2001</b>   |
| Reynolds, Jason    | <b><i>All American Boys:</i></b> When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who has served as Quinn's de facto big brother since his father was killed in Afghanistan and happens to be the older brother of his best friend.   |
| Rowell, Rainbow    | <b><i>Eleanor and Park:</i></b> Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits—smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try. When Eleanor meets Park, you'll remember your own first love—and just how hard it pulled you under. <b>Printz Honor Book, 2014</b>   |
| Shusterman, Neal   | <b><i>Dry:</i></b> The drought--or the Tap-Out, as everyone calls it--has been going on for a while now. Everyone's lives have become an endless list of don'ts: don't water the lawn, don't fill your pool, don't take long showers. Until the taps run dry. Suddenly, Alyssa's quiet suburban street spirals into a warzone of desperation; neighbors turned against each other on the hunt for water. When her parents don't return and her life and her brother's is threatened, Alyssa has to make impossible choices if she's going to survive.    |
| Stiefvater, Maggie | <b><i>The Raven Boys:</i></b> Though she is from a family of clairvoyants, Blue Sargent's only gift seems to be that she makes other people's talents stronger, and when she meets Gansey, one of the Raven Boys from the expensive Aglionby Academy, she discovers that he has talents of his own--and that together their talents are a dangerous mix. <b>Sequel: <u><i>The Dream Thieves</i></u>, <u><i>Blue Lily Lily Blue</i></u>, <u><i>The Raven King</i></u></b>   |
| Thomas, Angie      | <b><i>On the Come Up:</i></b> Sixteen-year-old Bri hopes to become a great rapper, and after her first song goes viral for all the wrong reasons, must decide whether to sell out or face eviction with her widowed mother.  |

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| Vermette, Katherena | <b><i>A Girl Called Echo Vol. 1:</i></b> Echo Desjardins, a 13-year-old Metis girl adjusting to a new home and school, is struggling with loneliness while separated from her mother. Then an ordinary day in Mr. Bee's history class turns extraordinary, and Echo's life will never be the same. During Mr. Bee's lecture, Echo finds herself transported to another time and place--a bison hunt on the Saskatchewan prairie--and back again to the present. In the following weeks, Echo slips back and forth in time. She visits a Metis camp, travels the old fur-trade routes, and experiences the perilous and bygone era of the Pemmican Wars. <b>Graphic novel</b> |
| Volponi, Paul       | <b><i>The Final Four:</i></b> Four players at the Final Four of the NCAA basketball tournament struggle with the pressures of tournament play and the expectations of society at large.  |
| Whaley, John Corey  | <b><i>Noggin:</i></b> After dying at age sixteen, Travis Coates' head was removed and frozen for five years before being attached to another body, and now the old Travis and the new must find a way to coexist while figuring out changes in his relationships.  |
| Yoon, Nicola        | <b><i>Everything, Everything:</i></b> The story of a teenage girl who's literally allergic to the outside world. When a new family moves in next door, she begins a complicated romance that challenges everything she's ever known. The narrative unfolds via vignettes, diary entries, texts, charts, lists, illustrations, and more.  |
| Zoboi, Ibi          | <b><i>American Street:</i></b> Fabiola Toussaint, a young Haitian immigrant to the United States, must navigate her life, school and relationships, while dealing with her loud cousins after her mother is detained by the United States immigration department.  |
| Zusak, Markus       | <b><i>The Book Thief:</i></b> Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.  |

## CLASSICS

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| Adams, Richard     | <b><i>Watership Down:</i></b> Set in England's Downs, a once idyllic rural landscape, this tale of adventure, courage, and survival follows a band of very special creatures on their flight from the intrusion of man and the certain destruction of their home. Led by a stouthearted pair of brothers, they journey forth from their native Sandleford Warren through the harrowing trials posed by predators and adversaries, to a mysterious promised land and a more perfect society. |
| Alcott, Louisa May | <b><i>Little Women:</i></b> Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young women in mid-nineteenth-century New England.  |
| Allende, Isabel    | <b><i>Eva Luna:</i></b> Eva, an orphan who tells tales about people that she has met, triumphs over hardships through the power of her imagination.   |



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| Austen, Jane            | <b><i>Pride and Prejudice:</i></b> At the turn of eighteenth-century England, spirited Elizabeth Bennet copes with a complicated relationship with snobbish Mr. Darcy while trying to sort out the romantic entanglements of two of her sisters, sweet and beautiful Jane and scatterbrained Lydia.   |
| Bradbury, Ray           | <b><i>Fahrenheit 451:</i></b> Guy Montag is a fireman. In his world firemen start fires rather than put them out. His job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities, the printed book. Montag never questions the destruction and ruin his actions produce, until he meets an eccentric young neighbor, Clarisse, who introduces him to a past where people didn't live in fear and to a present where one sees the world through the ideas in books instead of the mindless chatter of television. |
| Dickens, Charles        | <b><i>Oliver Twist:</i></b> A story about a young orphan boy in nineteenth-century England who lives in the squalid surroundings of a workhouse until he becomes involved with a gang of thieves.   |
| Doyle, A. Conan         | <b><i>The Hound of the Baskervilles:</i></b> Late one night, Sir Charles Baskerville is attacked outside his castle in Dartmoor, England. Could it be the Hound of the Baskervilles, a legendary creature that haunts the nearby moor? Sherlock Holmes, the world's greatest detective, is on the case.   |
| Du Maurier, Daphne      | <b><i>Rebecca:</i></b> The second Mrs. Maxim de Winter finds it difficult and frightening to live in the shadow of her predecessor, a situation that is exacerbated by her husband's moodiness, and the presence of sinister housekeeper, Mrs. Danvers.   |
| Huxley, Aldous          | <b><i>Brave New World:</i></b> A satirical novel about the utopia of the future, a world in which babies are decanted from bottles and the great Ford is worshipped.  |
| Stevenson, Robert Louis | <b><i>Treasure Island:</i></b> Buried treasure. Villainous pirates. A brave boy in danger. With map in hand, Jim Hawkins sets sail to find Treasure Island, where a fortune is hidden. But evil buccaneer Long John Silver will stop at nothing to get that gold first.   |
| Verne, Jules            | <b><i>Around the World in 80 Days:</i></b> This travelogue is a mixture of fantasy, comedy and suspense.<br><br><b><i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea:</i></b> This science fiction voyage is complete with a mad sea captain, exotic sea creatures and amazing adventures.  |