

100 BOOKS BEFORE COLLEGE

Reading Suggestions List

The Teen Librarian of the Middletown Library has compiled this list of suggested books to read before college. You do not have to read these books for the program, they are just a resource! But feel free to challenge yourself to read as many on the list as possible!

- 1. **The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy** by Douglas Adams
- 2. **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian** by Sherman Alexie
- 3. **In the Time of the Butterflies** by Julia Alvarez
- 4. **Speak** by Laurie Halse Anderson
- 5. **I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings** by Maya Angelou
- 6. **The Handmaid's Tale** by Margaret Atwood
- 7. **Pride and Prejudice** by Jane Austen
- 8. **Six of Crows** by Leigh Bardugo
- 9. **Fahrenheit 451** by Ray Bradbury
- 10. **Jane Eyre** by Charlotte Bronte
- 11. **Wuthering Heights** by Emily Bronte
- 12. **A Clockwork Orange** by Anthony Burgess
- 13. **Ender's Game** by Orson Scott Card
- 14. **And Then There Were None** by Agatha Christie
- 15. **2001 a Space Odyssey** by Arthur C. Clarke
- 16. **Ready Player One** by Ernest Cline
- 17. **The Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins
- 18. **Jurassic Park** by Michael Crichton
- 19. **The Maze Runner** by James Dashner
- 20. **All The Light We Cannot See** by Anthony Doerr
- 21. **The Hound of the Baskervilles** by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- 22. **House of Scorpions** by Nancy Farmer
- 23. **The Great Gatsby** by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- 24. **Outliers** by Malcom Gladwell
- 25. **The Princess Bride** by William Goldman
- 26. **The Fault in Our Stars** by John Green
- 27. **A Time to Kill** by John Grisham
- 28. **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time** by Mark Haddon
- 29. **The Nightingale** by Kristin Hannah
- 30. **A Raisin in the Sun** by Lorraine Hansberry
- 31. **The Scarlet Letter** by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- 32. **Unbroken** by Laura Hillenbrand
- 33. **The Outsiders** by S.E. Hinton
- 34. **The Kite Runner** by Khaled Hosseini
- 35. **Illuminae** by Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff
- 36. **Flowers for Algernon** by Daniel Keyes
- 37. **On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft** by Stephen King
- 38. **The Shining** by Stephen King
- 39. **Girl in Translation** by Jean Kwok
- 40. **Into the Wild** by Jon Krakauer
- 41. **The Namesake** by Jhumpa Lahiri
- 42. **The Devil in the White City** by Erik Larson
- 43. **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo** by Stieg Larsson
- 44. **To Kill a Mockingbird** by Harper Lee
- 45. **A Wrinkle in Time** by Margaret L'Engle
- 46. **Freakonomics** by Steven Levitt
- 47. **The Chronicles of Narnia** by C.S. Lewis
- 48. **Moneyball** by Michael Lewis
- 49. **The Giver** by Lois Lowry
- 50. **The Life of Pi** by Yann Martel
- 51. **Game of Thrones** by George R.R. Martin

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Reading Suggestions List Continued

- 52. **Anne of Green Gables** by L.M. Montgomery
- 53. **Paradise Lost** by John Milton
- 54. **V for Vendetta** by Alan Moore
- 55. **Watchmen** by Alan Moore
- 56. **The Night Circus** by Erin Morgenstern
- 57. **Monster** by Walter Dean Myers
- 58. **I'll Give you the Sun** by Jandy Nelson
- 59. **A Monster Calls** by Patrick Ness
- 60. **Sabriel** by Garth Nix
- 61. **Uprooted** by Naomi Novik
- 62. **Animal Farm** by George Orwell
- 63. **1984** by George Orwell
- 64. **Along Came a Spider** by James Patterson
- 65. **Great Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe** by Edgar Allan Poe
- 66. **The Omnivore's Dilemma** by Michael Pollan
- 67. **The Colour of Magic** by Terry Pratchett
- 68. **My Sister's Keeper** by Jodi Picoult
- 69. **The Hot Zone** by Richard Preston
- 70. **Three Little Words** by Ashley Rhodes-Courter
- 71. **The Lightning Thief** by Rick Riordan
- 72. **The Name of the Wind** by Patrick Rothfuss
- 73. **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** by JK Rowling
- 74. **Eleanor and Park** by Rainbow Rowell
- 75. **Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe** by Benjamin Alire Saenz
- 76. **The Little Prince** by Antoine de Saint-Exupery
- 77. **The Lovely Bones** by Alice Sebold
- 78. **Between Shades of Gray** by Ruta Sepetys
- 79. **Frankenstein** by Mary Shelley
- 80. **The Wave** by Todd Strasser
- 81. **Stargirl** by Jerry Spinelli
- 82. **Scythe** by Neal Shusterman
- 83. **Unwind** by Neal Shusterman
- 84. **Any Shakespeare play**
- 85. **The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks** by Rebecca Skloot
- 86. **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn** by Betty Smith
- 87. **The Help** by Kathryn Stockett
- 88. **Uncle Tom's Cabin** by Harriet Beecher Stowe
- 89. **Strange the Dreamer** by Laini Taylor
- 90. **Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising and its Legacy** by Heather Ann Thompson
- 91. **The Fellowship of the Ring** by J.R.R. Tolkien
- 92. **The Glass Castle** by Jeannette Walls
- 93. **The Martian** by Andy Weir
- 94. **Night** by Elie Wiesel
- 95. **The Once and Future King** by T.H. White
- 96. **The Importance of Being Ernest** by Oscar Wilde
- 97. **To Say Nothing of the Dog** by Connie Willis
- 98. **The Sun is Also a Star** by Nicola Yoon
- 99. **I Am Malala** by Malala Yousafzai
- 100. **The Book Thief** by Marcus Zusack

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Sign up online here: <https://wandooreader.com/mtpl/100-books-before-college/users/sessions/new>.

If you complete the challenge before you graduate high school you will get a gift swag bag from The Princeton Review and a free book from the Middletown Library. Plus, you'll have a better vocabulary and a feeling of accomplishment :)

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