

## Entering 7th Grade Recommended Summer Reading List

*Rumble Fish* (fiction) - By: S.E. Hinton

*The Boy Who Dared* (historical fiction) - By: Susan Campbell Bartoletti

*Aphrodite's Blessing* (mythology) – By: Clemence McLaren

*Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science* (biography) – By: John Fleischman

\**Airborn* (science fiction) – By: Kenneth Oppel

*Entwined* (fantasy) – By: Heather Dixon

*Where the Red Fern Grows* (fiction) – By: Wilson Rawls

*Wolf Storm* (fiction) – By: Dee Garretson

\**The Adoration of Jenna Fox* (science fiction) – By: Mary Pearson

Please note:\* *Denotes more sensitive language, subject matter, and/or challenging text.*

### Book Synopsis

*Rumble Fish*: Rusty James is a fourteen year old who loves to fight. He wants to be like his brother, The Motorcycle Boy, a tough guy. Rusty James relies on The Motorcycle Boy to bail him out when he's in trouble, but he can't always do that anymore.

*The Boy Who Dared*: When 16-year-old Helmuth Hubner listens to the BBC news on an illegal short-wave radio, he quickly discovers Germany is lying to the people. But when he tries to expose the truth with leaflets, he's tried for treason. Sentenced to death and waiting in a jail cell, Helmuth's story emerges in a series of flashbacks that show his growth from a naive child caught up in the patriotism of the times, to a sensitive and mature young man who thinks for himself.

*Aphrodite's Blessing*: In three love stories spun from Greek myths, Clemence McLaren presents these new retellings — with all their longing, hope, fear, and love — from the woman's point of view.

*Phineas Gage*: Phineas Gage was truly a man with a hole in his head. A railroad construction foreman, Phineas was blasting rock near Cavendish, Vermont, in 1848 when a thirteen-pound iron rod was shot through his brain. Miraculously, he survived another eleven years and became a textbook case in brain science. But he was forever changed by the accident, and what happened inside his brain will tell you a lot about how your brain works, and what makes us who we are.

*Airborn:* Matt Cruse is a cabin boy on the Aurora, a huge airship that sails hundreds of feet above the ocean, ferrying wealthy passengers from city to city. It is the life Matt's always wanted. One night he meets a dying balloonist who speaks of beautiful creatures drifting through the skies. It is only after Matt meets the balloonist's granddaughter that he realizes that the man's ravings may, in fact, have been true.

*Entwined:* Just when Azalea should feel that everything is before her—beautiful gowns, dashing suitors, balls filled with dancing—it's taken away. All of it. And Azalea is trapped. The Keeper understands. He's trapped, too, held for centuries within the walls of the palace. So he extends an invitation. Every night, Azalea and her eleven sisters may step through the enchanted passage in their room to dance in his silver forest, but there is a cost. The Keeper likes to *keep* things. Azalea may not realize how tangled she is in his web until it is too late.

*Where the Red Fern Grows:* A loving trio, they ranged the dark hills and river bottoms of Cherokee country. Old Dan had the brawn, Little Ann had the brains — and Billy had the will to train them to be the finest hunting team in the valley. Glory and victory were coming to them, but sadness waited too.

*Wolf Storm:* This is Stefan's big break. He's on location in the mountains far from home for his first movie role, filming a blockbuster sci-fi adventure. The props, the spaceships, and the trained wolves on set should add up to a dream job, but acting turns out to be much tougher than he ever imagined, and he feels like his inner loser is all that's showing through. From the way his famously stuck-up co-star, Raine, treats him, he's pretty sure she thinks so too. And worst of all, no one will believe his claim that there are wild wolves haunting the forest around the set.

*The Adoration of Jenna Fox:* Who is Jenna Fox? Seventeen-year-old Jenna has been told that is her name. She has just awoken from a coma, they tell her, and she is still recovering from a terrible accident in which she was involved a year ago. But what happened before that? Jenna doesn't remember her life. Or does she? And are the memories really hers?