



Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo

Ketterdam: a bustling hub of international trade where anything can be

had for the right price—and no one knows that better than criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker. Kaz is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams. But he can't pull it off alone...

A convict with a thirst for revenge.

A sharpshooter who can't walk away from a wager.

A runaway with a privileged past.

A spy known as the Wraith.

A Heartrender using her magic to survive the slums.

A thief with a gift for unlikely escapes.

Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction—if they don't kill each other first.

FAQ's

Is this for a grade?

Yes! It will be a major test grade in the class.

How do you choose the books?

All books on the list are Young Adult Library Services Association Printz or Alex Award winning books.

Does this mean I don't have to do the school's summer reading?

NO! Because this is a gifted class, you are expected to work above and beyond that of the average student. You will be expected to read both a book from this list and one from the school's summer reading list, and yes, both will be for a grade.

Where can I find the school's summer reading list?

Right Here! More information on each book is on the school website.

Black Panther by Ronald Smith

Textrovert by Lindsey Summers

Every Falling Star by Sungju Lee

The Belles by Dhonielle Clayton

Famous Last Words by Katie Alender

When by Victoria Laurie

The Border by Steve Schafer

The Best We Could Do by Thi Bui

The Hidden Oracle by Rick Riordan

H₂O by Virginia Bergin

Gutless by Carl Deuker

Solo by Kwame Alexander

Have Questions? Contact me!
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Gifted English I

Summer reading

2018

Required reading for all students entering Mrs. Cox's class during the 2018-2019 school year



Choose one of the books listed inside.



The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy

suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed.

Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil's name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what *really* went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr.

But what Starr does or does not say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life.

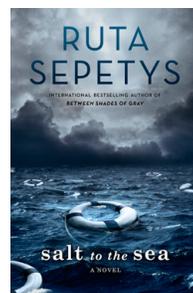
Love and Other Train Wrecks by Leah Konen

Noah is a hopeless romantic. He's heading back home for one last chance with his first love, whom he broke up with when he went off to college.



Ammy doesn't believe in true love—her parents being prime examples. She's escaping from a mom who can't take care of her to a dad who may not even want her. That is, until one winter night when Noah and Ammy find themselves in the same Amtrak car heading to Upstate New York.

After a train-wreck first encounter between the two of them, the Amtrak train suddenly breaks down due to a snowstorm. Desperate to make it to their destinations, Noah and Ammy have no other option but to travel together. What starts off as a minor detour turns into the whirlwind journey of a lifetime, and over the course of the night they fall in love. But come morning their adventure takes an unexpected turn for the worst. Can one night can really change how they feel about love...and the course of their lives forever?



Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

World War II is drawing to a close in East Prussia and thousands of refugees are on a desperate trek toward freedom, many with something to hide. Among them are Joana, Emilia, and Florian, whose paths converge en route to the ship that promises salvation, the *Wilhelm Gustloff*.

Forced by circumstance to unite, the three find their strength, courage, and trust in each other tested with each step closer to safety.

Just when it seems freedom is within their grasp, tragedy strikes. Not country, nor culture, nor status matter as all ten thousand people—adults and children alike—aboard must fight for the same thing: survival



Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers by Deborah Heiligman

The deep and enduring friendship between Vincent and Theo Van Gogh

shaped both brothers' lives.

Confidant, champion, sympathizer, friend, Theo supported Vincent as he struggled to find his path in life. They shared everything, swapping stories of lovers and friends, successes and disappointments, dreams and ambitions.

Meticulously researched, drawing on the 658 letters Vincent wrote to Theo during his lifetime, Deborah Heiligman weaves a tale of two lives intertwined and the love of the Van Gogh brothers.