

#HopeReadingChallenge  
Rising Seventh Grade suggested reading list  
Hope Middle School

Your first year in middle school is over! You made it! The hard work and high expectations that got you through this year will continue to be expected of you in seventh grade. One opportunity provided to you to prove you are ready for the next level is our #HopeReadingChallenge.

Students may read any book to earn challenge points, but sometimes don't know where to start. Seventh graders at HMS explore a variety of cultures through literature in their English Language Arts class. In anticipation of the upcoming school year, we have selected ten titles, on a variety of reading levels, both historical and contemporary, both fiction and non-fiction. Any of the books listed below would be a great place for rising 7th graders to start.

Students who participate in the #HopeReadingChallenge by reading a minimum of 10 points worth of books, will be recognized in a special way during the first few weeks of school.

**Diamonds in the Shadows by Caroline B. Cooney** (*Rwanda/America – contemporary fiction*)  
**Chinese Cinderella and the Secret Dragon Society by Adeline Yen Mah** (*China – historical fiction*)

**Evil Genius by Catherine Jinks** (*Australia – contemporary fiction*)

**Heist Society by Ally Carter** (*Europe - contemporary fiction*)

**Iqbal by Francesco D'Adamo** (*Pakistan-contemporary fiction*)

**Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis by Peter Nelson**  
(*Non-fiction – World War II – Pacific Ocean*)

**Samurai Shortstop by Alan Gratz** (*Japan – historical fiction*)

**Saraswati's Way by Monika Schroder** (*India – contemporary fiction*)

**The Boys Who Challenged Hitler by Phillip Hoose** (*non-fiction - Europe - World War II*)

**When My Name was Keoko by Linda Sue Park** (*Korea – historical fiction*)

This is a voluntary program that we hope you will choose to participate in. Participation will not affect students' grades or placement in classes. There will be no punitive action taken for students who choose not to participate.

Each book chosen is a suggested novel that our media coordinator, Mrs. Below, thinks that middle school students will enjoy and that 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers feel will compliment the ELA curriculum.

The list of suggested books and additional copies of the reading log, can be found on the media page of our school website, <http://hopemustangs.com/resources/media-center/>

Happy Reading!