



## Northside ISD Curriculum & Instruction English I and II Pre-AP Summer Reading

### There Might Be Kissing: Romance

1. *All the Ugly and Wonderful Things* by Bryn Greenwood (teen is “in a brutal world of addicts and debauchery”)
2. *The Great Gatsby\** by F. Scott Fitzgerald
3. *Eleanor and Park* by Rainbow Rowell
4. *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende
5. *One Day* by David Nicholls
6. *Pride and Prejudice\** by Jane Austen (also appears in another category & is approved for E4 students)
7. *The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller
8. *The Sun is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon
9. *There’s Something About Sweetie* by Sandhya Menon (9)
10. *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green (also appears in another category)

### Nice Place to Visit, But I Wouldn’t Want to Live There: Sci Fi, Dystopian, Post Apocalyptic

1. *Anthem\** by Ayn Rand (approved for E2 students)
2. *Babel-17* by Samuel R. Delany
3. *The Circle* by Dave Eggers
4. *Ender’s Game\** by Orson Scott Card
5. *The Illustrated Man\** by Ray Bradbury (compilation of 18 short stories tied together)
6. *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman
7. *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld
8. *Unwind\** by Neal Shusterman (approved for small group instructional with parental permission)
9. *Vox* by Christina Dalcher
10. *Warcross* by Marie Lu (10)

### Everybody Has Secrets: Mystery

1. *Allegedly* by Tiffany D. Jackson (10)
2. *Bellweather Rhapsody* by Kate Racculia
3. *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime\** by Mark Haddon (approved for E3-4 students)
4. *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng
5. *Mercy Rule* by Tom Leveen (10) school shooting
6. *Monday’s Not Coming* by Tiffany D. Jackson(9)
7. *Mr. Penumbra’s 24-Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan
8. *The No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith
9. *The Raven Boys* by Maggie Stiefvater (9) (magic/ghosts/mystery)
10. *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green (10) (also appears in another category)

### Creepy and We Like it: Horror/Thriller

1. *Frankenstein\** by Mary Shelly (approved for E4 students)
2. *Gwendy’s Button Box* by Stephen King and Richard Chizmar
3. *NOS4A2* by Joe Hill
4. *In the Woods* by Tana French
5. *Blue Moon* by Lee Child
6. *A Headful of Ghosts* by Paul Tremblay
7. *The Girl With All the Gifts* by M.R. Carey

8. *The Poet* by Michael Connelly
9. *The Raven's Tale* by Cat Winters This is a great story about EA Poe and his muse- not sure which grade level this would fit best.
10. *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman

### Remembering Wars and Other Larger-Than-Life Events: Historical Fiction

1. *11/23/63* by Stephen King
2. *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr
3. *The Book Thief\** by Markus Zusak (also appears in another category)
4. *The Fountains of Silence* by Ruta Sepetys (10)
5. *The Lovely War* by Julie Berry (10)
6. *Out of Darkness* by Ashley Hope Pérez
7. *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris
8. *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien
9. *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nahisi Coates
10. *The Yellow Birds* by Kevin Powers

### What? You Thought only Boys could be Tough?: Books with Strong Female Protagonists

1. *The Book Thief\** by Markus Zusak (also appears in another category)
2. *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery
3. *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas (9)
4. *The Impossible Knife of Memory* by Laurie Halse Anderson (10)
5. *Internment* by Samira Ahmed (10)
6. *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo (9)
7. *Pride and Prejudice\** by Jane Austin (also appears in another category & is approved for E4)
8. *Shadow and Bone* by Leigh Bardugo (10) (also fantasy)
9. *Stepsister* by Jennifer Donnelly (10)
10. *A Very Large Expanse of Sea* by Tahereh Mafi (10)

### So, You Think You're a Tough Guy?: Books with Strong Male Protagonists

1. *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
2. *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer
3. *Bridge of Clay* by Markus Zusak
4. *City of Thieves* by David Benioff
5. *Fahrenheit 451\** by Ray Bradbury (also appears in another category & is approved for E3 students)
6. *Gutless* by Carl Deuker (10)
7. *Here to Stay* by Sara Farizan (9)
8. *I Am Alfonso Jones* by Tony Medina
9. *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles
10. *Things Fall Apart\** by Chinua Achebe (10)?
11. *What Is the What* by Dave Eggers

### Teen Angst: Relatable Stories of High School Drama

1. *Every Exquisite Thing* by Matthew Quick
2. *Ghost World* by Daniel Clowes (graphic novel)
3. *Goodbye Days* by Jeff Zentner (10)
4. *A Separate Peace\** by John Knowles (also appears in another category & approved for E2)
5. *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green (also appears in another category)
6. *Us Against You* by Fredrick Backman

### This Is My Life: Coming of Age

1. *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* by Benjamin Saenz (10)

2. *Bless Me, Ultima*\* by Rudolfo Anaya (approved for with permission slip)
3. *The Boy Kings of Texas* by Domingo Martinez (technically a memoir, has some violent content)
4. *The Catcher in the Rye*\* by J.D. Salinger (approved for E 3-4 with permission slip)
5. *Darius The Great is Not Okay* by Adbi Khorram (9)
6. *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer
7. *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter* by Erika L. Sanchez (language and some other mature themes)
8. *Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay (violence/family in middle of drug war)
9. *To Kill a Mockingbird*\* by Harper Lee
10. *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart (10)

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\* Indicates vetted, approved titles from the NISD English I-IV Approved Reading List