

Seventh Grade Reading List

* **No Promises in the Wind by Irene Hunt. At 15 years of age, Josh has to make his own way through a country of angry and frightened people in 1932 America.**

Dove and Sword : A Novel of Joan of Arc by Nancy Garden. This book tells the story of Joan of Arc and the Hundred Years War through the eyes of ordinary people in the 15th century.

Wish You Well by David Baldacci. Louisa Mae Cardinal adjusts to life in rural Virginia.

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr. The story of young Sadako Sasaki, who was two when the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan. As a result Sadako developed leukemia.

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane. During the Civil War, Henry Fleming, full of romantic dreams, joins the army and learns of combat.

Going Solo by Roald Dahl. Dahl presents autobiographical stories from his early fighting in WWII.

The Twenty-One Balloons by William Pene DuBois. Sherman is a dedicated traveler who dares to fly in a balloon across the Pacific Ocean. Marooned, in a sense, he finds new ways to get where he is going.

Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery by Russell Freedman. A biography of the remarkable First lady.

Lily's Crossing by Patricia Reilly Giff. During a summer at the beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a refugee, causes her to see the war and her world differently.

Hiroshima by John Hershey. This simply written account tells the story of six survivors in the months after the atomic bomb fell on Hiroshima.

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse. In a series of poems, Billie Jo relates the hardship of her life in Oklahoma during the Great Depression.

Darby O'Gill and the Good People by H. T. Kavanagh. A delightful book about Ireland and its rich culture. We meet Darby, his wife Brigid, and their six children, along with Father Cassidy and a multitude of "good people".

Painters of the Caves by Patricia Lauber. Mammoths, bison, horses, bears, and lions leap to life across the cave walls depicted on the pages of this book.

The Universe for the Beginner by Patrick Moore. Beautiful illustrations and well organized material about the basics of astronomy.

Classic Myths to Read Aloud by William Russell. A collection of Greek and Roman myths.

Earthquakes by Seymour Simon. A look at the phenomenon of earthquakes, including descriptions of how, where, and why they occur, how they can be predicted and how much damage they can inflict.

Augustine Came to Kent by Barbara Willard. Set in 597, this book tells the adventurous story of Wolf and his father, Wolfstan, who are sent by Pope Gregory to re-evangelize England with St. Augustine and his monks.

Ashes of Roses by Mary Jane Auch. The story of 16 year old Rose Nolan and her sister, who work at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory, and the struggles of immigrants and the working conditions they endured in early New York.

If Your Name was Changed at Ellis Island by Ellen Levine. Informative, interesting and easy to read.

Anne of Green Gables by L. M. Montgomery. This classic involves an aging brother and sister who wish to adopt a boy but end up with Anne instead.

David Copperfield, The Adventures of Oliver Twist, and Nicholas Nickleby by Charles Dickens. The classic tales from the author.

* Required reading