

Dear Students and Parents,

Research stresses the importance of recreational summer reading to build life-long readers as well as to continue reading progress over the summer months. The list of recommended summer reading has been selected to challenge, motivate, and entice students' reading appetites.

We are asking students to select books from the list to read this summer. We also encourage students to go beyond the list and explore books they have been saving for a more leisurely time. When school begins, students will engage in discussions centered on these texts and all summer reading. Our focus is to begin the year on a "Literacy Note".

Happy Reading,

CHMS and HMS Reading  
Specialists and MRC Directors



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Summer Reading 2010

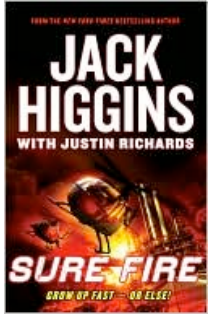


Eighth Grade  
Recommended  
Summer Reading

# 8th Grade Selections

## Sure Fire

by Jack Higgins



Resentful of having to go and live with their estranged father after the death of their mother, fifteen-year-old twins, Rich and Jade, soon find they have more

complicated problems when their father is kidnapped and their attempts to rescue him involve them in a dangerous international plot to control the world's oil. This is a real page-turner!

## Peak

by Roland Smith



A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest, with surprising results.

## Shark Girl

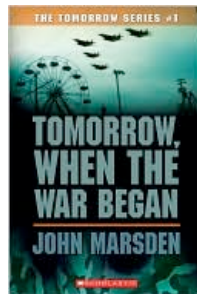
by Kelly Bingham



After a shark attack causes the amputation of her right arm, fifteen-year-old Jane, an aspiring artist, struggles to come to terms with her loss and the changes it imposes on her day-to-day life and her plans for the future.

## Tomorrow When the War Began

by John Marsden



Seven Australian teenagers return from a camping trip to discover that their country has been invaded and they must hide to stay alive.

## Code Orange

by Caroline B. Cooney

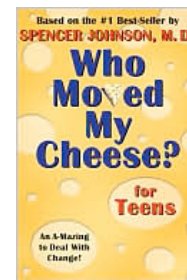


While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected

himself and all of New York City. This book is an on-the-edge-of-your-seat thriller.

## Who Moved My Cheese for Teens

by Spencer Johnson



Finally a teen version of the popular adult book which presents the author's parable about change, framed in a story about a group of high school friends trying to

handle all the changes in their lives.