

2011 NHS Summer Reading Recommendations

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Ninth Grade Recommendations



The Anti-Prom

By Abby McDonald

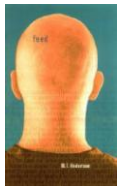
The popular girl, the bad girl and a wallflower join together for some delicious revenge after their prom dreams are crushed.



Teenie

By Christopher Grant

Freshman year holds a lot for Martine "Teenie" Lashley. Her strict parents are on her back and she's trying to catch the eye of a basketball star, all while keeping her grades up so she can study abroad. It's a lot to keep together.



Feed

By M. T. Anderson

Think the idea of a direct internet feed into your brain rocks? Think again.



Teeth: Vampire Tales

By Ellen Datlow, Editor

Sink your teeth into a variety of different vampire tales in this compilation from some of the most popular young adult writers today.



Janis Joplin: Rise Up Singing

By Ann Angel

A great biography of the rock and roll star who lived hard and died young.



Trickster: Native American Tales, A Graphic Collection

By Matt Dembicki, Editor

The graphic collection of folktales all feature a Trickster – sometimes wise, sometimes foolish, but always entertaining. Illustrated by some of the best graphic artists currently working.

Tenth Grade Recommendations



A.D.: New Orleans After the Deluge

(graphic novel)

By Josh Neufeld

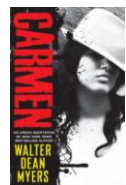
The harrowing, true stories of six victims of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.



North of Beautiful

By Justina Chen Headley

Terra works hard at being physically beautiful, but is it the kind of beauty she really aspires to?



Carmen: An Urban Adaptation

By Walter Dean Myers

Based on Bizet's opera Carmen, Myers reframes the classic love triangle story by setting it in Spanish Harlem. Carmen puts the moves on Jose, but when rapper Escamillo comes to town, she only has eyes for him.



Payback

By Rosemary Hayes

Halima never thought her father would use her as payment for a debt. Now she needs to run from an arranged marriage.



How I Stole Johnny Depp's Alien Girlfriend

By Gary Ghislain

David is expecting another boring summer with his child-psychiatrist dad, when dad's latest crazy teen patient kidnaps him and whisks him off to Paris. Life won't be the same with Zelda involved.



Pick-up Game: A Day of Full Court

By Marc Aronson and Charles M. Smith

Street ball, as played in the Cage on West Fourth Street, Manhattan. Amateurs, winners, lovers and losers mix it up on and off the court in this collection of short stories

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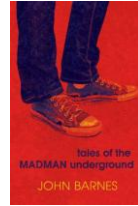
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I Capture the Castle

By Dodie Smith

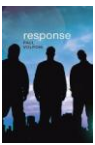
A humorous coming of age story set in a crumbling castle in 1930's England. Cassandra wants nothing more than to become a writer, and her sister Rose just wants a fancy frock. Both are hard to come by when you're barely scraping by.



Tales of the MADMAN Underground

By John Barnes

High school senior Karl Shoemaker is just trying to be normal for one day, just one day. If he can make it through one day, then he might have a chance at a normal year, maybe even a normal life.



Response

By Paul Volponi

When three African-American young men cross the line from their neighborhood into mostly white neighborhood, racial tensions reach the boiling point and someone gets hurt.



Two the Hard Way

By Travis Hunter

Star quarterback Romeo should be thinking about which college to go to, but he's got problems. His brother is out of jail, but still hanging with the thugs. How will life shake out for Romeo and Kwame?



Sofi Mendoza's Guide to Getting Lost in Mexico

By Malin Alegria

Sofi Mendoza is a typical high school senior getting ready to graduate. On a secret weekend trip to Tijuana she gets separated from her friends and ends up detained in Mexico. Now she'll find out whether she's a true Latina or a pocha gringa..

Twelfth Grade Recommendations



Genesis

By Bernard Beckett

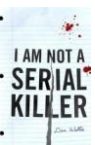
If robots began to self-evolve, learning to feel and create as we do, what traits would set us apart - and help us survive?



Smile for the Camera

By Kelle James

Kelle James left an abusive adolescence for the bright lights and excitement of a New York City modeling career, but her road took some rough turns along the way, including homelessness.



I Am Not a Serial Killer

By Dan Wells

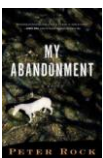
John Wayne Cleaver is not a serial killer. Or at least he's trying hard not to be. Find out just who is this lover of dead bodies and murderers in Dan Well's mystery/horror mashup.



Upgrade U

By Ni-Ni Simone

Seven McKnight's starting a new life at college and she has to figure out whether it's going to include her old flame Josiah, or if she's ready to upgrade to Zaire.



My Abandonment

By Peter Rock

A 13 year old girl and her father live on the fringes of society until a chance encounter shatters their hiding place. Inspired by a true story, Rock adds layers of mystery to this tale of survival on the edge.