

## Suggested titles for Grades 8 and 9

(This is just a small list of suggested titles. Please do not hesitate to find your own book! There are many excellent lists available online such as Goodreads and Common Sense media. Search for “coming of age” novels.)

Alcott, Louisa May    *Little Women*  
Alexander, Kwame    Crossover series  
Alexie, Sherman    *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*  
Bissinger, H.G    *Friday Night Lights*  
Blume, Judy    *Are you There God? It's Me, Margaret.*  
Chao, Gloria    *American Panda*  
Coelho, Paulo    *The Alchemist*  
Cooney, Caroline    *Both Sides of Time*  
Copeland, Misty    *Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina*  
Danziger, Paula    *The Cat Ate My Gymsuit*  
Dessen, Sarah    *The Rest of the Story*  
Doerr, Anthony    *All The Light We Cannot See*  
Farmer, Nancy    *The Eye, The Ear and The Arm*  
Gephart, Donna    *Lily and Dunkin*  
Haddon, Mark    *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*  
Kamkwamba, William    *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*  
Keyes, Daniel    *Flowers for Algernon*  
Kidd, Sue Monk    *The Secret Life of Bees*  
Levithan, David    *Everyday*  
Martell, Yann    *The Life of Pi*  
McBride, James    *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother*  
Moldanado, Torrey    *Tight*  
Myers, Walter Dean    *All the Right Stuff*  
Noble, Kim    *All of Me*  
Owens, Delia    *Where the Crawdads Sing*  
Paulsen, Gary    *Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod*  
Philbrick, Nat    *In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex*  
Rowell, Rainbow    *Eleanor and Park*  
Rowling, J.K.    Harry Potter series  
Smith, Betty    *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*  
Smith, Roland    *Peak*  
Stone, Irving    *The Agony and the Ecstasy*  
Swift, Jonathan    *Gulliver's Travels*  
Tan, Amy    *The Joy Luck Club*  
Tolkein, J.R.R.    *The Hobbit*  
Twain, Mark (Samuel Clemens)    *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*  
Watson, Renee    *Piecing Me Together*  
Whitehead, Colson    *Sag Harbor*  
Wyss, Johann David    *Swiss Family Robinson*  
Yousafai, Malala    *I Am Malala*  
Zevin, Gabrielle    *Elsewhere*  
Zusak, Marcus    *The Book Thief*