

# Jones Middle Rising 7th Grade Summer Reading List 2015

## Fiction Books

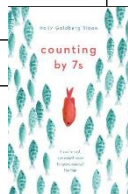
**And Then There Were None**  
by Agatha Christie

(Mystery) Ten strangers--each with a sordid past--are summoned by an absent millionaire to a private island off the coast of Devon and begin to die one by one upon arrival.



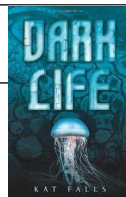
**Counting By 7s**  
by Holly Goldberg Sloan

(Realistic Fiction) Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.



**Dark Life** by Kat Falls

(Science Fiction) Fifteen year old Ty has lived all his life in the ocean where he has developed a special "dark gift." Will he be able to use his powers to save his new friend, Topsider Gemma, and combat a gang of outlaws?



**Heist Society** by Ally Carter

(Adventure Fiction) Kat hopes to escape from the family business – stealing high end art work and jewels - but then her old friend Hal appears to bring her back into the business to save her father who is accused of stealing the artwork of an Italian mob boss.



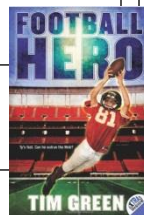
**Hero** by Mike Lupica

(Adventure Fiction) Zach's dad died a hero's death while doing undercover work for the president, and then Zach discovers that he has inherited his father's special powers. Will Zach learn to control his powers and fight back against the "Bads" who threaten his life?



**Football Hero** by Tim Green

(Realistic Fiction) When twelve-year-old Ty's brother, Thane, is recruited out of college to play for the New York Jets, their Uncle Gus uses Ty to get insider information for his gambling ring, landing Ty and Thane in trouble with the Mafia.



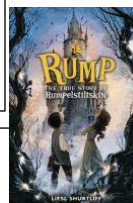
**My Life in Pink and Green** by Lisa Greenwald

(Humorous Fiction) Twelve year old Lucy works in the family pharmacy where she loves to give make-overs. However, the pharmacy is struggling to compete against the new chains. Will Lucy's idea to create an eco spa save the family business?



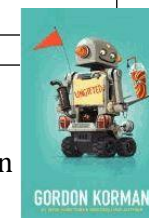
**Rump** by Liesl Shurtliff

(Fantasy Fiction) Relates the tale of Rumpelstiltskin's childhood and youth, explaining why his name is so important, how he is able to spin straw into gold and why a first-born child is his reward for helping the miller's daughter-turned-queen.



**Ungifted** by Gordon Korman

(Humorous Fiction) Troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.



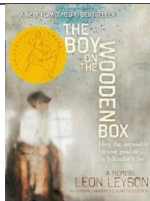
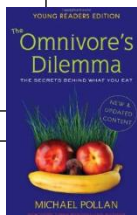
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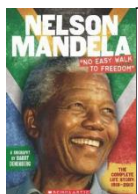
***Omnivore's Dilemma*** (Young Readers Edition)  
by Michael Pollan

(Nonfiction) Examines the origins of the different food chains that have sustained humans throughout history, discussing how certain foods and cuisines have become a popular part of people's daily diets.



***The Boy on the Wooden Box*** by Leon Leyson

(Nonfiction) A remarkable memoir from Leon Leyson, one of the youngest children to survive the Holocaust on Oskar Schindler's list.



***Nelson Mandela: "No Easy Walk to Freedom"***  
by Barry Denenberg

(Nonfiction) Tells the story of Nelson Mandela, civil rights worker and member of the African National Congress, who spent twenty-six years in jail for fighting against apartheid in South Africa.

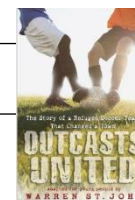
***Heroes of 9/11*** by Allan Zullo

(Nonfiction) When Captain Jay Jonas of the Fire Department of New York hears an emergency radio message about the World Trade Center, he has no idea of the terrible conditions he and his team will face. Arriving at the burning building, the firefighters must summon all their courage. From the World Trade Center and the Pentagon to a hijacked plane above Pennsylvania, read these ten stories of true American heroes on September 11,



## NONFiction Books

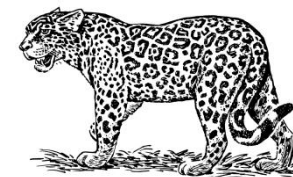
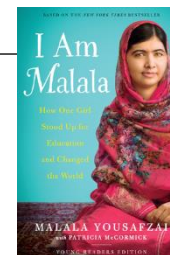
***Outcasts United*** by Warren St. John  
(Adaptation for Young People)



(Nonfiction) American-educated Jordanian Luma Mufleh founds a youth soccer team comprised of refugee children in Clarkston, Georgia, bringing children together to discover their common bonds as they adjust to life in a new homeland.

***I Am Malala*** (Young Readers Edition)  
by Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick

(Nonfiction) Describes the life of the young Pakistani student who advocated for women's rights and education in the Taliban-controlled Swat Valley, survived an assassination attempt, and became the youngest nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize.



**Read ONE book (either fiction OR nonfiction) and complete the written assignment which will be sent home with your end-of-the-year report card. All forms will be posted at [www.glennjonesms.org](http://www.glennjonesms.org) under the Students>MediaCenter tab.**