

# ELLA T. GRASSO TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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## Summer 2016 Reading List

Title and Author	Summary	Accelerated Reader Book Level
<b>Brian's Winter</b> By Gary Paulsen	Instead of being rescued from a plane crash, as in the author's book Hatchet, this story portrays what would have happened to Brian had he been forced to survive a winter in the wilderness with only his survival pack and hatchet.	5.9
<b>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</b> By Mark Haddon	Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.	5.4
<b>Ender's Shadow</b> By Orson Scott Card	A chilling race ensues between Earth and the "Buggers," an insect-like alien race. The plot contains profanity and violence.	5.9
<b>Everybody Sees the Ants</b> By A.S. King	Overburdened by his parents' bickering and a bully's attacks, 15-year-old Lucky begins dreaming of being with his grandfather, who went missing during the Vietnam War. The plot contains profanity, sexual references, and violence.	4.2
<b>The Extraordinary Cases of Sherlock Holmes</b> By Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	Through the foggy streets of Victorian London to the deepest countryside, Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson embark on eight investigations.	8.8
<b>I will Plant you a Lilac Tree</b> By Laura Hillman	This memoir of a Schindler's list survivor is about finding courage, strength, and love during one of the most horrific times of the modern era.	5.1
<b>It</b> By Stephen King	In 1985, six men and one woman are called back to Derry, Maine to search for a creature of unspeakable evil that had stalked them as children. The plot contains violence.	6.0
<b>The Martian</b> By Andy Weir	After being stranded on Mars during a dust storm, astronaut Mark Watney relies on his ingenuity and engineering skills to stay alive and to try to contact NASA. The plot contains profanity.	5.4

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<b>Maximum Ride: School's Out – Forever</b> By James Patterson	After a short stay with an FBI agent who gives them a chance to attend school and live a normal life, the six genetically-altered, winged youths head toward Florida and Max's ultimate destiny--to save the world, whether she wants to or not.	C 4.4
<b>Parrot in the Oven</b> By Víctor Martínez	Manny relates his coming-of-age experiences as a member of a poor Mexican family in which the alcoholic father only adds to everyone's struggle. The plot contains profanity and adult themes.	6.1
<b>Profiles in Courage</b> By John F. Kennedy	A now classic study in courage as seen in the lives of J. Q. Adams, Daniel Webster, T. H. Benton, Sam Houston, Robert Taft, and others. Commemorative Edition with a forward by Robert F. Kennedy.	11.4
<b>Ready Player One</b> By Ernest Cline	When Wade stumbles upon the first of the fiendish puzzles set up by virtual world OASIS creator James Halliday, he finds he must compete with thousands of others to claim a prize of massive fortune. The plot contains profanity and violence.	6.7
<b>Shooting Kabul</b> By N.H. Senzai	Escaping from Taliban-controlled Afghanistan in the summer of 2001, 11-year-old Fadi and his family immigrate to California, where Fadi schemes to return to a Pakistani refugee camp to find his little sister, who was accidentally left behind.	5.4
<b>Tess of D'Urbervilles</b> By Thomas Hardy	In Thomas Hardy's first bestseller, a country girl is forced to sin against her will.	9.5