

**SEVENTH GRADE
HILLSIDE SCHOOL
SUMMER READING LIST
2024**

- 1) Each student is responsible for reading one Required Book for his grade, listed below.
- 2) Each student is responsible for reading *at least* two additional books of his choice. There are suggested books listed here, but students are not limited to these books. The additional books are simply suggestions for that grade's reading level.

STUDENTS ENTERING SEVENTH GRADE

REQUIRED: You must read the following:

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his own heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.

Suggestions for Additional Book Choices:

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson (*Scott O'Dell Award*)*

The story of a thirteen-year-old African-American girl who is sold to a cruel, loyalist family living in New York City at the start of the Revolutionary War. Asked to spy on her owners for the Patriot cause, she is reluctant, until she realizes her loyalty lies with the side that can provide her with freedom.

Hockey Player for Life by: Howard Shapiro

Tom is his hockey team's best player. When he is invited to be on an all-star team in Canada, Tom thinks this is the start of his march to the NHL. Tom leaves his hometown team and they end up missing the playoffs without him. After playing in two tournaments in Canada before being unceremoniously cut, Tom returns to his old team and must earn his teammates' and his coach's respect back. He becomes good friends with the team's worst player who teaches Tom what it means to be a hockey player for life!

Hoot by: Carl Hiaasen (*Newbery Honor Award*) *

Roy, a middle school boy who is the target of a school bully, gets involved in a mysterious case of vandalism and a barefoot boy's commitment to save burrowing owls living on a construction site.

The Lightning Thief, Percy Jackson Series Rick Riordan *

After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

42 is Not Just a Number by Douglas Adams

A biographical novel by Doreen Rappaport that tells the story of Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play in Major League Baseball. The book chronicles Robinson's life, from his early years facing racism and discrimination to his groundbreaking career with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Robinson's courage and resilience in the face of adversity paved the way for future generations of black athletes. The novel highlights Robinson's impact on sports, civil rights, and American society as a whole.

*You may enjoy other books by this author or other books in this series