

# KILLARNEY SUMMER READING 2011

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## KILLARNEY SECONDARY SCHOOL SUMMER READING LIST—GRADE 8

Reading is an essential skill for success in any student's education. Here is a list that offers books for leisure reading as well as for expanded learning. Enjoy!

### FICTION

***Adam Canfield of the Slash* - Winerip, Michael**

Adam enjoys being a reporter for the school newspaper. Becoming editor is more challenging, but his troubles really begin when he uncovers fraud and corruption at his school and in the city government itself. Suspenseful, satirical and funny, this is the first novel of a New York Times columnist.

***Bleachers* - Grisham, John**

John Grisham departs from his usual legal thrillers to tell the story of a high school football coach's passing, the players who gather to remember him, and their own old glories on the field.

***Ender's Game* - Scott Card, Orson**

Earth is under attack by alien "buggers" who are poised for a final assault. The survival of the human species depends on a military genius by the name of Ender Wiggin.

***Juvie Three* - Korman, Gordon**

Three boys serving time in juvenile detention are given a second chance in the form of Douglas Healy, a former delinquent who is running an experimental halfway house. Things go well for a while until...

***Janey's Girl* - Friesen, Gayle**

On a summer road-trip from Toronto to Smallwood, BC, 14-year-old Claire realizes that her mother, Janey, has kept much of their family history a secret. When they reach Smallwood (and, eventually, Vancouver), Claire begins to unearth her father's identity, a new side of her mother, and her own dreams.

***The Naming* - Croggon, Alison**

Merad, an orphaned slave whose family was destroyed by war, unknowingly possesses a powerful gift that makes her a member of the School of Pellinor and inheritor of an extraordinary destiny.

***The Other Side of Truth* - Naidoo, Beverley**

Smuggled out of Nigeria after their mother's murder, Sade and her younger brother are abandoned in London when their uncle fails to meet them at the airport. They are fearful of their new surroundings and of what may have happened to their journalist father back in Nigeria.

***Runemarks* - Harris, Joanne**

Maddy Smith was born with a rusty-coloured rune shape on her hand, a symbol of the old gods and definitely cause for suspicion, for magic is considered dangerous. But Maddy enjoys magic even if it just to control goblins.

***Shattered* - Walters, Eric**

Fifteen-year-old Ian must complete community volunteer service at a soup kitchen for the homeless. He is rescued from a near-mugging by a homeless man named Sarge, who was a soldier in the Canadian Armed Forces and served as a peacekeeper in Rwanda. Sarge tells him about the Rwandan genocide and Ian tries to help this shattered man who must live with his nightmarish memories.

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## ***Skinnybones and the Wrinkle Queen* - Huser, Glen**

Tamara is a 15-year-old survivor of the foster care system with dreams of becoming a model. Jean is a 90-year-old cranky former schoolteacher incarcerated in a local seniors' home, whose passion is opera. Together, they run away on a road trip to realize their dreams, but their bossy, stubborn ways threaten to drive them to throttle each other.

## ***So Yesterday : a novel* - Westerfeld, Scott**

Hunter Braque, a New York City teenager who is paid by corporations to spot what is "cool," combines his analytical skills with girlfriend Jen's creative talents to find a missing person and thwart a conspiracy directed at the heart of consumer culture.

## ***The Sterkarm Handshake or sequel: The Sterkarm Kiss* - Price, Susan**

In the 21st Century, time travel is being used by multi-national corporations to exploit the resources of ancient cultures. One girl, Andrea Mitchell, has been placed as a liaison in the no-man's land between 16th Century England and Scotland. Eventually she must decide between preserving this charming (albeit somewhat brutish) culture and her duties to her job and her society.

## ***Stones* - Bell, William**

Garnet Havelock never quite fit in, and he is okay with that. When a mysterious girl transfers to his school, Garnet thinks he might have found the girl of his dreams, if only he could get her to talk to him. As Garnet struggles to win over one girl, another is trying to get his attention – unfortunately, she lived over 150 years ago. Part ghost story and part romance, this is a tale about outsiders and how they cope.

Any one book in the following trilogy:

***There Will Be Wolves : the First Book of the Crusades* - Bradford, Karleen**

***Shadows on a Sword : the Second Book of the Crusades or***

***Lionheart's Scribe : the Third Book of the Crusades***

The first book in this series deals with a young girl who is accused of witchcraft. Her one chance to save herself is to accompany her father on the People's Crusade to Jerusalem. She joins thousands of other pilgrims on a harrowing journey, which will expose the dark side of the "glorious" Crusade, and change her life forever. This series is a good way to preview one of the units covered in Social Studies 8.

## ***Toby Wheeler, Eighth Grade Benchwarmer* - Heldring, Thatcher**

Toby, a gym rat always playing ball at the rec centre joins the school's basketball team at the encouragement of the new coach. Toby is befriended by Megan, the coach's daughter, and this causes issues for him and the team.

## ***We All Fall Down* - Walters, Eric**

This story is about a young man estranged from a father kept busy by his high finance career. On a school career shadowing day in his father's offices on the eighty-fifth floor of the World Trade Center south building, together they share a terrifying and demanding experience that builds understanding and mutual respect, and strengthens the fraying bonds between them.

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## NON-FICTION

### ***Alexis: My True Story of Being Seduced By An Online Predator* - Singer, Alexis**

At the age of sixteen, Alexis Papalia was solicited by, manipulated by, and eventually became involved with a married thirty-seven-year-old man over the Internet.

### ***Catch Me If You Can: The Amazing True Story of The Most Extraordinary Liar...* - Abagnale, Frank**

Frank W. Abagnale, alias Frank Williams, Robert Conrad, Frank Adams, and Robert Monjo, was one of the most daring con men, forgers, imposters, and escape artists in history. In his brief but notorious criminal career, Abagnale donned a pilot's uniform and copiloted a Pan Am jet, masqueraded as the supervising resident of a hospital, practiced law without a license, passed himself off as a college sociology professor, and cashed over \$2.5 million in forged checks, all before he was twenty-one.

### ***Chew on this : everything you don't want to know about fast food* - Schlosser, Eric & Charles Wilson**

Schlosser and Wilson share with kids the fascinating and sometimes frightening truth about what lurks between those sesame seed buns, what a chicken "nugget" really is, and how the fast food industry has been feeding off children for generations.

### ***The Darwin Awards: Evolution in Action* - Northcutt, Wendy**

Have we evolved at all? The answer is "not all of us". Check out the stupid things people will do that limits their survival. With over a hundred new jaw-dropping and side-splitting feats of stupidity, this book is guaranteed to make you laugh.

### ***Evil Masters: The Frightening World of Tyrants* - Scandiffio, Laura**

Evil Masters reveals the typical characteristics of a tyrant and then profiles seven tyrannical rulers from the past 3,000 years. The rise to power of each ruler reveals a familiar web of manipulation, fear-mongering, and deceit to get and stay on top.

### ***Happy Birthday or Whatever: How One American Girl Survived Being Different* - Choi, Annie**

Meet Annie Choi. She fears cable cars and refuses to eat anything that casts a shadow. Her brother thinks chicken is a vegetable. Her father occasionally starts fires at work. Her mother collects Jesus trading cards and wears plaid like it's a job. But in the midst of a family crisis, Annie comes to realize that the only way to survive one another is to stick together . . . as difficult as that might be

### ***J.K. Rowling: The Wizard Behind Harry Potter* - Shapiro, Marc**

In this revealing look, fans of the Harry Potter series will get to see their favorite author as they never have before. From a child with a wonderful imagination who didn't quite fit in, to a single mother with almost overwhelming responsibilities, the J.K. Rowling story is a wonderful chance for adults and children to enjoy a heartwarming, magical story...together. Learn about Rowling's life and her writing.

### ***My Name is Number 4* - Ye, Ting-Xing**

When Ting-xing Ye was born her aunt declared, "Ah Si shi ge lao lu ming" - Number Four will have a difficult life - for the signs were unlucky. Events soon bore out this cruel prediction.

### ***Soul Surfer* - Hamilton, Bethany**

The amazing story of the thirteen-year-old surfer girl who lost her arm in a shark attack but never lost her faith -- and of her triumphant return to competitive surfing.

### ***The Tropic of Hockey : My Search for the Game in Unlikely Places* - Bidini, Dave**

From Toronto to China, Dubai to Transylvania and back, this is a hilarious, moving account of one man's quest for "pure hockey."