

# 2020 Hoffman Estates High School Summer Reading

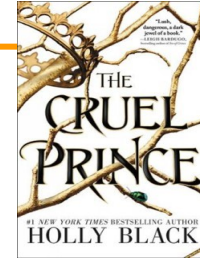
## Readers' Choice...

Yes, it's **YOUR** choice! All current and incoming HEHS students are encouraged to read one of the books on this list, which can also be found on the Media Center webpage.

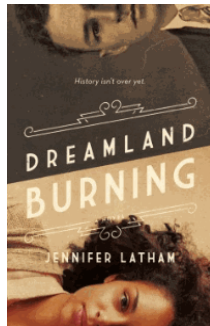
- *The Cruel Prince*  
by Holly Black
- *Dreamland Burning*  
by Jennifer Latham
- *Dry* by Neal Shusterman
- *The Field Guide to the North American Teenager*  
by Ben Phillippe
- *Five Feet Apart*  
by R. Lippincott
- *Frankly in Love*  
by David Yoon
- *Good Talk: A Memoir in Conversations*  
by Mira Jacob
- *I Was Their American Dream*  
by Malaka Gharib
- *A List of Cages*  
by Robin Roe
- *Long Way Down*  
by Jason Reynolds
- *The New David Espinoza*  
by Fred Aceves
- *Nyxia* by Scott Reintgen
- *One of Us is Lying*  
by Karen McManus
- *Truly Devious: A Mystery*  
by Maureen Johnson
- *A Very Large Expanse of Sea*  
by Tahereh Mafi
- *With the Fire on High*  
by Elizabeth Acevedo

### *The Cruel Prince*

Jude was seven years old when her parents were murdered and she and her two sisters were stolen away to live in the treacherous High Court of Faerie. Ten years later, Jude wants nothing more than to belong there, despite her mortality. But many of the fey despise humans. Especially Prince Cardan, the youngest and most wicked son of the High King.



"This delicious story will seduce you and leave you desperate for just one more page." Leigh Bardugo, bestselling author of *Six of Crows* and *Crooked Kingdom*.



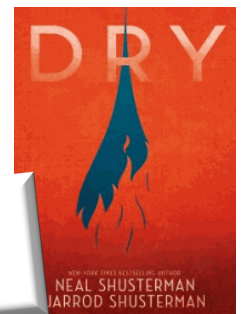
### *Dreamland Burning*

When Rowan finds a skeleton on her family's property, investigating a brutal, century-old murder leads to painful discoveries about the past. Alternating chapters tell the story of William, another teen grappling with the racial firestorm leading up to the 1921 Tulsa race riot, providing astonishing clues to the mystery.

### *Dry*

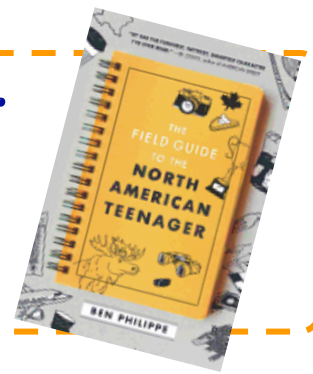
A lengthy California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, turning Alyssa's quiet suburban street into a warzone, and she is forced to make impossible choices if she and her brother are to survive.

"Dry's 'suburban apocalypse' horror story is all the more terrifying for its roots in reality!" —*Shelf Awareness*



## The Field Guide to the North American Teenager

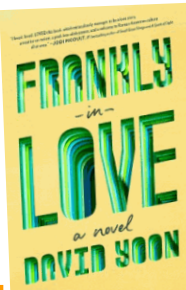
Seventeen-year-old Norris Kaplan has just had his world turned upside-down. When his mother has to relocate to find work in her field, Norris finds his identity as a Black, French-Canadian hockey fan challenged by his new existence in the suburbs of Austin, Texas.



Goodreads Choice Winner,  
Best Young Adult Fiction of  
2019

## Five Feet Apart

Seventeen-year-olds Stella and Will, both suffering from cystic fibrosis, realize the only way to stay alive is to stay **apart**, but their love for each other is slowly pushing the boundaries of physical and emotional safety.



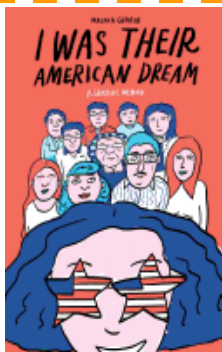
## Frankly In Love

High school senior Frank Li takes a risk to go after a girl his parents would never approve of, but his plans will leave him wondering if he ever really understood love--or himself--at all.

## Good Talk: A Memoir in Conversations

"A show-stopping memoir about race in America... by turns funny, philosophical, cautious, and heart-breaking." -- Kirkus Reviews

Like many six-year-olds, Mira Jacob's half-Jewish, half-Indian son, Z, has questions about *everything*. At first they are innocuous enough, but as tensions from the 2016 election spread from the media to his own family, they become much more complicated. Trying to answer him honestly, Mira has to think back to where she's gotten her own answers: her most formative conversations about race, color, sexuality, and, of course, love.



## I Was Their American Dream

*I Was Their American Dream* is at once a coming-of-age story and a reminder of the thousands of immigrants who come to America in search for a better life for themselves and their children. The daughter of parents with unfulfilled dreams themselves, Malaka navigated her childhood chasing her parents' ideals, learning to code-switch between her family's Filipino and Egyptian customs, adapting to white culture to fit in, crushing on skater boys, and trying to understand the tension between holding onto cultural values and trying to be an all-American kid.

"We read to know we are not alone." --C.S. Lewis

# A List of Cages

Landing a coveted elective to serve as an aide to the school psychologist, Adam, a student struggling with ADHD, is assigned to track down a troubled freshman he discovers is the foster brother he has not seen in five years.



"A poignant, hopeful story about loss, grief, abuse, and the transformative power of friendship." — Amber Smith, New York Times best-selling author of *The Way I Use to Be*.

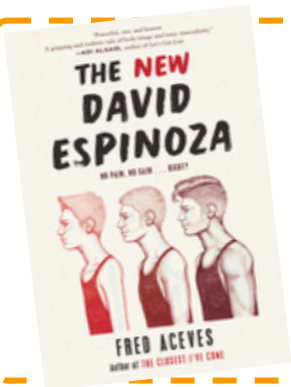
# Long Way Down



In this free-verse novel, it's been one day since the murder of 15-year-old Will's older brother, Shawn. Now Will intends to follow the three rules of the street: no crying, no snitching, get revenge. With his brother's gun in the waistband of his jeans, he heads to his building's elevator, contemplating over the course of 60 psychologically suspenseful seconds whether or not he is going to murder the person who killed his brother.

# The New David Espinoza

Obsessed with the idea that he is not muscular enough and tired of being bullied, seventeen-year-old David, begins using steroids, endangering his relationships with family and friends.



"Stands out through its examination of toxic masculinity, body image, and the dangers of pursuing perfection." - *Booklist* (Book Review)

# Nyxia

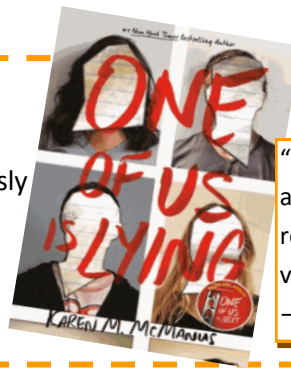
The first in a new series about a group of broken teens, including Emmett who accept an interstellar space contract, and learning en route that to win a lifetime of fortune, the teen recruits must endure brutal competitions, risking their very survival.



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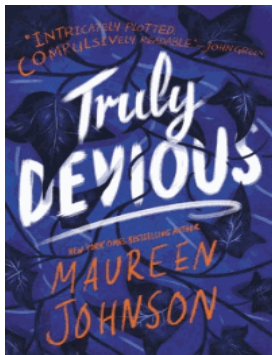
## One of Us if Lying

When the creator of a high school gossip app mysteriously dies in front of four high-profile students who are all in detention at the same time, all four become suspects. It's up to them to solve the case.



"One of Us Is Lying is flat-out addictive... an authentic, suspenseful mystery that readers can imagine taking place at their very own high school."

—RT Book Reviews



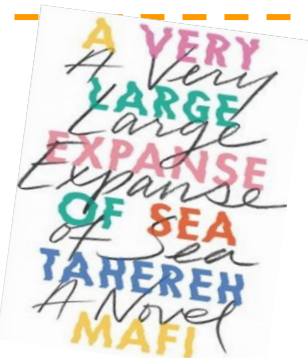
## Truly Devious: A Mystery

Ellingham Academy is a famous private school in Vermont for the brightest thinkers, founded by and named after an early 20th century tycoon. Shortly after the school opened, Ellingham's wife and daughter were kidnapped, ransomed and presumably murdered, becoming one of the great unsolved crimes of American history. Now, true-crime aficionado Stevie Bell is set to begin her first year at Ellingham Academy, and she has an ambitious plan - to solve this cold case.

"This is a gorgeous book. It's tender and fierce, beautiful even as it depicts some ugly truths. I truly loved it." —Nicola Yoon, bestselling author of *The Sun is Also a Star*.

## A Very Large Expanse of Sea

A year after 9/11, Muslim teenager Shirin has completely withdrawn from social life, until she meets Ocean James in her biology class and is tempted to let her guard down, in spite of the backlash it may create.



## With the Fire on High

Navigating the challenges of finishing high school while caring for her baby daughter, talented cook Emoni Santiago struggles with a lack of time and money that complicate her dream of working in a professional culinary kitchen.

Reading a book gives us somewhere to go when we stay where we are.

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