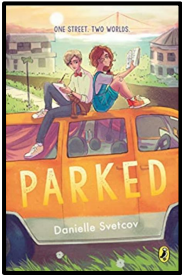


ENGLISH 8 Summer Reading

Join the summer Google Classroom with the class code [jcghuva](#) to see the full instructions for summer reading. To prepare for English 8, you will be reading two texts this summer from the list below.



Parked- Jeanne Ann is smart, stubborn, living in an orange van, and determined to find a permanent address before the start of seventh grade. Cal is awkward, sensitive, living in a humongous house across the street, and determined to save her. Jeanne Ann wants Cal's help just about as much as she wants to live in a van. As the two form a tentative friendship

that grows deeper over alternating chapters, they're buoyed by a cast of complex, oddball characters, who let them down, lift them up, and leave you cheering.



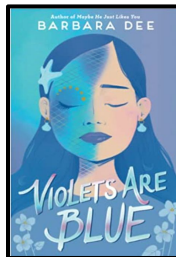
Ground Zero- September 11, 2001, New York City: Brandon is visiting his dad at work, on the 107th when an airplane slams into the tower, creating a fiery nightmare of terror and confusion. Can he survive -- and escape?

September 11, 2019, Afghanistan: Reshmina has grown up in the shadow of war, but she dreams of peace and progress. Reshmina stumbles upon a wounded American soldier named Taz. Should she help and put her family in danger? Two kids. One devastating day. Nothing will ever be the same.



Scrawl- Tod Munn is a bully. He's tough, but times are even tougher. The wimps have stopped coughing up their lunch money. The administration is cracking down. Lucky Tod must spend his daily detention in a hot, empty room with Mrs. Woodrow, a no-nonsense guidance counselor. Tod's punishment: to scrawl his story

in a beat-up notebook. Can Mrs. Woodrow help Tod stop playing the bad guy before he actually turns into one . . . for real?



Violets Are Blue- Twelve-year-old Wren loves makeup—special effect makeup, to be exact. When she is experimenting with new looks, Wren can create a different version of herself. So, when Wren and her mom move to a new town for a fresh start, she is cautiously optimistic. Only, Wren's mom is taking a lot of naps, snapping at

Wren for no reason, and always seems to be sick. And what's worse, Wren keeps getting hints that things aren't going well at her new job at the hospital, where her mom is a nurse.



Amari and the Night Brothers- Amari Peters has never stopped believing her missing brother, Quinton, is alive. So when she finds a ticking briefcase in his closet, containing a nomination for a summer tryout at the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, she's certain the secretive

organization holds the key to locating Quinton—if only she can wrap her head around the idea of magicians, fairies, aliens, and other supernatural creatures all being real.



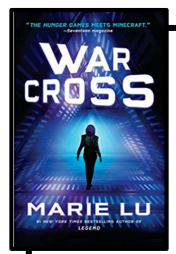
Girl in the Blue Coat-On a routine delivery, a client asks Hanneke for help. Expecting to hear that Mrs. Janssen wants meat or kerosene, Hanneke is shocked by the older woman's frantic plea to find a *person*—a Jewish teenager Mrs. Janssen had been hiding, who has vanished without a trace from a

secret room. Hanneke initially wants nothing to do with such dangerous work, but is ultimately drawn into a web of mysteries and stunning revelations that lead her into the heart of the resistance, open her eyes to the horrors of the Nazi war machine, and compel her to take desperate action. Know that this is a YA text that deals with violence and war.



The Boy Who Steals Houses- Sam is only fifteen but he and his autistic older brother, Avery, have been abandoned by every relative he's ever known. He survives by breaking into empty houses when their owners are away, until one day he's caught when a family returns home. To his amazement

this large, chaotic family takes him under their wing. Sam finds himself caught up in their life, and falling for the beautiful Moxie. But Sam has a secret, and his past is about to catch up with him. Know that this is a YA text that touches on serious topics like abuse.



War Cross- For the millions who log in every day, Warcross isn't just a game—it's a way of life. Struggling to make ends meet, teenage hacker Emika Chen works as a bounty hunter, tracking down Warcross players who bet on the game illegally. To make some quick cash, Emika takes a risk and hacks into the opening game of the

international Warcross Championships—only to accidentally glitch herself into the action and become an overnight sensation. But soon her investigation uncovers a sinister plot, with major consequences for the entire Warcross empire. Know that this is a YA text.