

WIRC 2024 HIGH SCHOOL READING LIST

All My Rage	Sabaa Tahir	Realistic Fiction
All the Light We Cannot See	Anthony Doerr	Historical Fiction
As Long as the Lemon Tree Grows	Zoulfa Katouh	Fiction (Syrian revolution)
Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes	Suzanne Collins	Dystopian
Between Shades of Gray	Rita Supetys	Historical Fiction
Book Thief	Markus Zusak	Historical Fiction
Born A Crime: Stories from a South African Child		Nonfiction
Circe	Madeline Miller	Fantasy
Four for the Road	R. J. Reilly	Realistic Fic/Dark Comedy
A Good Girl's Guide to Murder	Holly Jackson	Mystery
Gilded	Marissa Meyer	Fantasy
A Heart in a Body in the World	Deb Caletti	Realistic Fiction
Hotel Magnifique	Emily J. Taylor	Dark Fantasy
Huda F Are You (Graphic Novel)	Huda Fahmy	Nonfiction
If You Find Me	Emily Murdoch	Realistic Fiction
Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption	Bryan Stevenson	Nonfiction
Lovely War	Julie Berry	Historical/Fantasy
Mad, Wicked Folly	Sharon Biggs Waller	Historical Fiction
A Magic Steeped in Poison	Judy Lin	Fantasy/Thriller
Monday's Not Coming	Tiffany D. Jackson	Mystery
Noggin	John Carey Whaley	Science Fiction
October Mourning: A Song for Matthew Shephard	Leslea Newman	Fiction/Novel in Verse
One Of Us Is Lying	Karen McManus	Mystery/Thriller
Poet X	Elizabeth Acevedo	Fiction/Novel in Verse
The Agathas	K Glasgow & L Lawson	Mystery
The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen	Isaac Blum	Realistic Fiction
They Both Die at the End	Adam Silvera	Adventure

Unwanted: Stories of Syrian Refugees (GN)	Don Brown	Nonfiction
We Set the Dark on Fire	Tehlor Kay Mejia	Fantasy/Dystopian
We Were Liars	E. Lockhart	Psychological Thriller

All My Rage

A family extending from Pakistan to California deals with generations of young love, old regrets, and forgiveness.

All the Light We Cannot See

A blind French girl on the run from the German occupation and a German orphan-turned-Resistance tracker struggle with respective beliefs after meeting on the Brittany coast.

As Long as the Lemon Tree Grows

Salama Kassab was a pharmacy student when the cries for freedom broke out in Syria. She still had her parents and her big brother; she still had her home. She had a normal teenager's life. Soon, Salama must learn to see the events around her for what they truly are—not a war, but a revolution—and decide how she, too, will cry for Syria's freedom.

Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes

It is the morning of the reaping that will kick off the tenth annual Hunger Games. In the Capitol, eighteen-year-old Coriolanus Snow is preparing for his one shot at glory as a mentor in the Games. The once-mighty house of Snow has fallen on hard times, its fate hanging on the slender chance that Coriolanus will be able to outcharm, outwit, and outmaneuver his fellow students to mentor the winning tribute.

Between Shades of Gray

In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina and her family are sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp, and she vows to honor her family and others by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil.

Book Thief

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel—a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood

The host of "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" traces his wild coming of age during the twilight of apartheid in South Africa and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed, offering insight into the farcical aspects of the political and social systems of today's world.

Circe

Follows Circe, the banished witch daughter of Helios, as she hones her powers and interacts with famous mythological beings before a conflict with one of the most vengeful Olympians forces her to choose between the worlds of the gods and mortals.

Four for the Road

Asher Hunting wants revenge. Specifically, he wants revenge on the drunk driver who killed his mom and got off on a technicality. No one seems to think this is healthy, though, which is how he ends up in a bereavement group (well, bereavement groups. He goes to several.) It's there he makes some unexpected friends. Complete with unexpected revelations, lots of chicken Caesar salads at roadside restaurants, a stolen motorcycle, and an epic kiss at a rest stop minimart, what begins as the road trip to revenge might just turn into a path towards forgiveness.

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder

As her senior capstone project, Pippa Fitz-Amobi is determined to find the real killer in a closed, local murder case, but not everyone wants her meddling in the past.

Gilded

A haunting retelling of Rumpelstiltskin .

A Heart in a a Body in the World

Each step in Annabelle's 2,700-mile cross-country run brings her closer to facing a trauma from her past in this novel about the heart, all the ways it breaks, and its journey to healing.

Hotel Magnifique

Seventeen-year-old Jani and her little sister Zosa secure jobs at a glamorous magical hotel, but when Jani realizes that their staff contracts are unbreakable, she embarks on a mission to unravel the mystery of the magic at the heart of the hotel and free Zosa--and the other staff--from the cruelty of the ruthless maître d'hôtel.

Huda F Are You

Huda and her family just moved to Dearborn, Michigan, a small town with a big Muslim population. But Huda doesn't fit in--when everyone is Muslim, there's no Muslim clique like there was in her last town, and Huda's not a sporty hijabi or a fashionista hijabi or a gamer hijabi. She's just Huda, and she's not sure what that means. She tries on all kinds of identities and friends, but nothing fits quite right. Until she realizes she can get back to the basics.

If You Find Me

Enduring a difficult existence in the woods with her younger sister and the mentally ill mother who abducted them, Cary is found by her father and thrust into a new world that is overshadowed by a secret about her sister's silence.

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption

The executive director of a social advocacy group that has helped relieve condemned prisoners explains why justice and mercy must go hand-in-hand through the story of Walter McMillian, a man condemned to death row for a murder he didn't commit.

Lovely War

When immortals Ares and Aphrodite are caught in a World War II-era tryst by the latter's jealous husband, she defends her actions by imparting the tale of four young humans who became connected during World War I.

Mad, Wicked Folly

In 1909 London, as the world of debutante balls and high society obligations closes in around her, seventeen year-old Victoria must figure out just how much is she willing to sacrifice to pursue her dream of becoming an artist.

A Magic Steeped in Poison

For Ning, the only thing worse than losing her mother is knowing that it's her own fault. She was the one who unknowingly brewed the poison tea that killed her--the poison tea that now threatens to also take her sister, Shu. When Ning hears of a competition to find the kingdom's greatest shennong-shi--masters of the ancient and magical art of tea-making--she travels to the imperial city to compete. The winner will receive a favor from the princess, which may be Ning's only chance to save her sister's life. But between the backstabbing competitors, bloody court politics, and a mysterious (and handsome) boy with a shocking secret, Ning might actually be the one in more danger.

Monday's Not Coming

When her friend Monday Charles goes missing and Monday's mother refuses to give her a straight answer, Claudia digs into her disappearance. Contains Mature Material

Noggin

After he died at age sixteen, Travis Coates' head was removed and frozen for five years before being attached to another body; now the old Travis and the new must find a way to coexist, while figuring out relationship changes.

October Mourning: A Song for Matthew Shepard

On the night of October 6, 1998, a gay twenty-one-year-old college student named Matthew Shepard was kidnapped from a Wyoming bar by two young men, savagely beaten, tied to a remote fence, and left to die. Gay Awareness Week was beginning at the University of Wyoming, and the keynote speaker was Lesléa Newman, discussing her book *Heather Has Two Mommies*. Shaken, the author addressed the large audience that gathered, but she remained haunted by Matthew's murder. *October Mourning*, a novel in verse, is her deeply felt response to the events of that tragic day.

One Of Us Is Lying

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

Poet X

When Xiomara Batista, who pours all her frustrations and passion into poetry, is invited to join the school slam poetry club, she struggles with her mother's expectations and her need to be heard.

The Agathas

Alice Ogilvie's disappearance last summer is the biggest scandal at Castle Cove High School--until her ex boyfriend is accused of murdering his new girlfriend, and Alice must pair up with her tutor Iris Adams to clear his name by relying on the wisdom of Agatha Christie.

The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen

Hoodie's entire Orthodox Jewish community tries to move to a new town and faces antisemitism--and Hoodie is caught in the middle after he falls for the mayor's daughter.

They Both Die at the End

In a near-future New York City where a service alerts people on the day they will die, teenagers Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio meet using the Last Friend app and are faced with the challenge of living a lifetime on their End Day.

Unwanted: Stories of the Syrian Refugees (Graphic Novel)

Sibert Honor Medalist New York Public Library Best of 2018 The Horn Book Fanfare 2018 Kirkus Reviews Best Books of 2018 YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Winner In the tradition of two-time Sibert Honor winner Don Brown's critically acclaimed full-color nonfiction graphic novels *The Great American Dust Bowl* and *Drowned City*, *The Unwanted* is a timely and eye-opening exploration of the ongoing Syrian refugee crisis, exposing the harsh realities of living in, and trying to escape, a war zone.

We Set the Dark on Fire

When she is asked to spy for a resistance group working to bring equality to Medio, Daniela Vargas, a student at the Medio School for Girls, questions everything she has worked for.

We Were Liars

Spending the summers on her family's private island off the coast of Massachusetts with her cousins and a special boy named Gat, teenaged Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer.