

## Student Favorites (currently) in my Classroom Library

### History and War

*Forge* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by J. Boyne  
*Shooting Kabul* by N. H. Senzei  
*Day Into Night* by Anita Diamond  
*The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford  
*Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Meyers  
*Everything is Illuminated* by Jonathan Safran Foer  
*A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini  
*War* by Sebastian Junger  
*The Good Soldiers* by David Finkel  
*Hellhound on His Trail* by Hampton Sides  
*March* by Geraldine Brooks  
*Sunrise Over Fallujah* by Walter Dean Meyers  
*Forge* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*Copper Sun* by Sharon Draper  
*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lachs* by Rebecca Skloot  
*Between Shades of Grey* by Ruta Sepetys  
*Never Fall Down* by Patricia McCormick  
*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak  
*The Worst, Hard Time* by Timothy Egan  
*The Cider House Rules* by John Irving  
*Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson  
*The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan  
*Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers  
*Purple Heart* by Patricia McCormick



### Stories from the World

*Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo  
*They Poured Fire On Us From the Sky* by Benjamin Ajak, Benson Deng, & Alephonsian Deng  
*Sold* by Patricia McCormick  
*Trash* by Andy Mulligan  
*Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese  
*A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah  
*The Last Man in the Tower* by Aravind Adiga  
*Little Bee* by Christopher Cleave  
*Prisoner of Tehran* by Marina Nemat  
*Buddah in the Attic* by Julie Otsuka  
*Running the Rift* by Naomi Benaren  
*In the Land of Invisible Women* by Qanta Ahmed  
*The Attack* by Yasmina Khadra  
*The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini  
*The Places Inbetween* by Rory Stewart  
*Under the Persimmon Tree* by Suzanne Fisher Staples

## **Biography/Memoir**

*The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore  
*Is Everybody Having Fun Without Me?* By Mindy Kaling  
*Encyclopedia of an Ordinary Life* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal  
*I am Nujood, Age 10 & Divorced* by Nujood ali  
*Townie* by Andre Dubus III  
*Bossypants* by Tina Fey  
*Always Running* by Luis Rodriguez  
*Life in Prison* by Tookie Williams  
*Knucklehead* by Jon Scieszka  
*A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius* by Dave Eggers  
*Hole in My Life* by Jack Gantos  
*A Place to Stand* by Jimmy Santiago Bacca  
*Wild* by Cheryl Strayed  
*She's Got Next* by Melissa King  
*Eleven Seconds* by Travis Roy  
*The Boys of Winter* by Wayne Coffey  
*The Tattoo Chronicles* by Kat Von D  
*Townie* by Andre Dubus III  
*Breaking Night* by Liz Murray  
*Couldn't Keep it To Myself* by Wally Lamb  
*21: Bringing Down the House* by Ben Mezrich  
*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie  
*Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand  
*All Souls* by Michael Patrick MacDonald  
*The Autobiography of Malcolm X* by Malcolm X  
*Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder  
*The Burn Journals* by Brent Runyan  
*The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls  
*The Freedom Writers Diary* by Erin Gruwell  
*Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi  
*Running with Scissors* by Anthony Burroughs  
*Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer  
*Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer  
*Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt  
*50 50* by Dean Karnazes  
*The Last True Story I'll Ever Tell* by John Crawford



## **Life in High School**

*Sweet, Hereafter* by Angela Johnson  
*The First Part Last* by Angela Johnson  
*Looking for Alaska* by John Green  
*The Abundance of Katherines* by John Green  
*Willow* by Julia Hoben  
*Wintergirls* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac* by Gabrielle Zevin  
*Also Known as Rowan Pahi* by Ralph Fletcher  
*Black and White* by Paul Violaoponi

**Life in High School—cont.**

*..or not?* by Brian Mandabach  
*The Fat Boy Chronicles* by Diane Lang  
*Everybody Sees the Ants* by A. S. King  
*Please Ignore Vera Dietz* by A. S. King  
*Why We Broke Up* by Daniel Handler, art by Maira Kalman  
*How to Save a Life* by Sara Zarr  
*Falling for Hamlet* by Michelle Ray  
*Shine* by Lauren Myracle  
*Girl in Translation* by Jean Kwok  
*After* by Amy Efaw  
*The Miles Between* by Mary Pearson  
*War Dances* by Sherman Alexie  
*Head Case* by Sarah Aronson  
*Thirteen Little Envelopes* by Maureen Johnson  
*The First Stone* by Don Aker  
*The Fifth Rule* by Don Aker  
*Running on Empty* by Don Aker  
*Winter's Bone* by Daniel Woodrell  
*North of the Beautiful* by Justina Chen Headley  
*Stolen* by Lucy Christopher  
*Girl, Stolen* by April Henry  
*Before I Fall* by Lauren Oliver  
*We the Animals* by Justin Torres  
*Just One Day* by Gayle Forman  
*The Wave* by Todd Strasser  
*Boot Camp* by Todd Strasser  
*Shattered* by Lisa Luedeke  
*Scars* by Cheryl Rainfield  
*Beauty Queens* by Libba Bray  
*The Interrogation of Gabriel James* by Charlie Price  
*Mexican White Boy* by Matt LaPena  
*Dare Me* by Meg Abbott  
*Rosebush* by Michele Jaffe  
*Lover's Dictionary* by David Levithan  
*Life on the Refrigerator Door* by Alice Kuipers  
*The Statistical Impossibility of Love at First Sight* by Jennifer E. Smith  
*What Would My Cell Phone Do?* By Micol Ostow  
*Crossing* by Andrew Xia Fukuda  
*Stay* by Deb Caletti  
*Every You, Every Me* by David Levithan  
*Stay With Me* by Paul Griffin  
*13 Reasons Why* by Jay Asher  
*The Future of Us* by Jay Asher  
*The Silence of Murder* by Dandi Daley Mackall  
*My Name is Not Easy* by Debby Dahl Edwardson  
*Code Name Verity* by Elizabeth Wein  
*Pride, Prejudice, and Curling Rocks* by Andrea Marie Brokaw



**Life in High School—cont.**

*Skinny* by Donna Cooner  
*The Pull of Gravity* by Gae Polisner  
*Go Ask Alice* by anonymous  
*Gym Candy* by Carl Dueker  
*Pop* by Gordon Korman  
*Snitch* by Allison Van Diepen  
*Homeboyz* by Alan Sitomer  
*The Secret Life of Sonia Rodriguez* by Alan Sitomer  
*Swim the Fly* by Don Calame  
*Catalyst* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*Hate List* by Jennifer Brown  
*Bitter End* by Jennifer Brown  
*Absolutely Maybe* by Lisa Yee  
*Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult  
*Prep* by Curtis Sittenfeld  
*Guitar Girl* by Sara Manning  
*Upstate* by Kalisha Buckhanon  
*Black Girl/White Girl* by Joyce Carol Oates  
*Twisted* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*The Double Bind* by Chris Bohjalian  
*The Rule of the Bone* by Russell Banks  
*The Space Between* by Don Aker  
*Street Pharm* by Allison van Diepen  
*My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult  
*Push: a Novel* by Sapphire  
*Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick  
*Paper Towns* by John Green  
*Tyrell* by Coe Booth  
*Alabama Moon* by Watt Key  
*Perfect Chemistry* by Simone Elkeles  
*The Nature of Jade* by Deb Caletti  
*Jumping off Swings* by Jo Knowles  
*What I Saw and How I Lied* by Judy Blundell  
*Define Normal* by Julie Ann Peters  
*Prom* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* by Ann Brashares  
*Cut* by Patricia McCormick  
*Story of a Girl* by Sara Zarr  
*The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things* by Carolyn Mackler



**Grades 11-12+ (mature readers &/or very difficult reading in length, complexity, pace)**

*Makes Me Wanna Holler* by Nathan McCall  
*Fish* by T.J. Parsell  
*From the Memoirs of a Non-Enemy Combatant* by Alex Gilvarry  
*Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer  
*Salvage the Bones* by Jesmyn Ward

### **Life in Middle School**

*Bluefish* by Pat Schmatz  
*Okay for Now* by Gary Schmidt  
*The Wednesday Wars* by Gary Schmidt  
*Rules* by Cynthia Lord  
*Bigger Than a Breadbox* by Laurel Snyder  
*Among the Hidden* by M. Peterson Haddox  
*Gossamar* by Lois Lowry  
*Breadcrumbs* by Anne Ursby  
*Middle School: The Worst Years of Your Life* by James Patterson  
*Wonder* by A. J. Palacio  
*The Mighty Miss Malone* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
*Hound Dog True* by Linda Urban  
*The Wild Things* by Dave Eggers  
*The Chronicles of Harris Burdick* edited by Chris Van Allsburg  
*Red Kayak* by Priscilla Cummings  
*See You at Harry's* by Jo Knowles  
*One for the Murphys* by LyndaMullanyHunt  
*The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate  
*Because of Mr. Terrupt* by Rob Buyea  
*Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson



### **Death and Dying**

*Deadline* by Chris Crutcher  
*Hold Still* by Nina LaCour  
*Forever Changes* by Brendan Halpin  
*The Sky is Everywhere* by Jandy Nelson  
*If I Stay* by Gayle Forman  
*Where She Went* by Gayle Forman  
*The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green  
*Before I Die* by Jenny Downham  
*Me & Earl & the Dying Girl* by J Andrews  
*After the Wreck, I Picked Myself Up, Spread My Wings and Flew Away* by Joyce Carol Oates  
*The Sledding Hill* by Chris Crutcher  
*Ways to Live Forever* by Sally Nichols  
*By the Time You Read This I'll Be Dead* by Julie Ann Peters  
*The Truth About Forever* by Sarah Dessen

### **Prose-poetry books**

*Because I Am Furniture* by Thalia Chaltas  
*Shark Girl* by Kelly Bingham  
*The Girl Who Fell From the Sky* by Heidi W. Durrow  
*Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai  
*My Book of Life by Angel* by Marine Leavitt  
*Crank* by Ellen Hopkins (and all of the other books by this author)  
*Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse

### **Graphic Novels**

*The Complete Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi  
*Blankets* by Craig Thompson  
*My Mommy Is In America and She Met Buffalo Bill* by Jean Regnaud  
*A.D. New Orleans After the Deluge* by Josh Neufeld  
*Maus I* and *Maus II* by Art Spiegelman  
*Anya's Ghost* by Vera Brosgol  
*Freshman Tales of 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Obsessions, Rebellions, and Other Nonsense* by Corrine Mucha  
*American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang  
*Bleach* by Tite Kubo  
*Dramacon* by Svetlana Chmakova  
*Into the Volcano* by Don Wood  
*Naruto* by Masashi Kishimoto

### **Sexual Identity**

*In One Person* by John Irving  
*Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* by Benjamin Alire Saenz  
*Letters from a Dead Girl* by Jo Knowles  
*Will Grayson, Will Grayson* by John Green  
*Ask the Passengers* by A. S. King  
*Keeping You a Secret* by Julie Ann Peters  
*The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Steven Chbosky  
*Luna* by Julie Ann Peters  
*Rage* by Julie Ann Peters  
*Girl 2 Girl* by Julie Ann Peters  
*Far from Zanadu* by Julie Ann Peters

### **Fantasy**

*delirium* by Lauren Oliver  
*pandemonium* by Lauren Oliver  
*divergent* by Veronica Roth  
*insurgent* by Veronica Roth  
*The Hunger Games* trilogy by Suzanne Collins  
*The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing* series by M. T. Anderson  
*How I Live Now* by Meg Rosoff  
*The Scorpio Races* by Maggie Stiefvater  
*11/22/63* by Stephen King  
*Chime* by Franny Billingsley  
*Zombies vs. Unicorns* by Holly Black  
*The Adoration of Jenna Fox* by Marty Pearson  
*The Fox Inheritance* by Marty Pearson  
*House of Leaves* by Mark Z. Danielewski  
*BZRK* by Michael Grant  
*Safekeeping* by Karen Hesse  
*The Knife of Never Letting Go* by Patrick Ness  
*The Ask and the Answer* by Patrick Ness



*The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom  
*The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick  
*The Road* by Cormac McCarthy  
*Cirque du Freak/Demonata* by Daren Shan  
*Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card  
*I am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore  
*The Maze Runner* by James Dashner  
*Ranger's Apprentice* by John Flanagan  
*Shiver* by Maggie Stiefvater  
*Twilight* by Stephanie Meyer

### **Non-fiction 9-12**

*Columbine* by Dave Cullen  
*Fifth Avenue, 5 a.m.: Audrey Hepburn, Breakfast at Tiffany's, and the Dawn of the Modern Woman* by Sam Wasson  
*The Brontes: Charlotte Bronte and her Family* by Rebecca Fraser  
*I am an emotional creature: the secret life of girls around the world* by Eve Ensler  
*Moneyball* by Michael Lewis  
*Juveniles in Justice* by  
*The Shallows* by Nicholas Carr  
*Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers  
*The Honest Truth About Dishonesty* by Dan Ariely  
*Lies Across America: What our historic sites get wrong* by James Loewen  
*Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell  
*Blink* by Malcolm Gladwell  
*The Tipping Point* by Malcolm Gladwell  
*Drive* by Daniel Pink  
*Start Something That Matters* by Blake Mycoskie  
*Food Rules* by Michael Pollan

### **Rock Memoirs**

*Can't Buy Me Love* by Jonathan Gould  
*Life* by Keith Richards  
*Just Kids* by Patti Smith  
*The Rose that Grows From Concrete* by Tupac Shakur

### **Dog Books**

*The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein  
*Following Atticus* by Tom Ryan  
*A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron  
*Inside of a Dog* by Alexander Horowitz  
*The Dogs of War* by Lisa Rogak  
*Sergeant Rex* by Mike Dowling & Damien Lewis  
*From Baghdad with Love* by Jay Kopelman & Melinda Roth  
*Until Tuesday* by Luis Carlos Montalvan & Bret Witter  
*Soldier Dogs* by Maria Goodavage  
*Saving Cinnamon* by Christine Sullivan



## **Humor**

*Knucklehead* by Jon Scieszka  
*Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos  
*A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson  
*Slam* by Nick Hornby  
*The Book of Guy Stories* by Garrison Keillor  
*Don't Stand Too Close to a Naked Man* by Tim Allen  
*Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris  
*When You Are Engulfed in Flames* by David Sedaris  
*Born Standing Up* by Steve Martin  
*Bossypants* by Tina Fey

## **Poetry**

*The Poet Slave of Cuba* by Margarita Engle  
*Ode to Common Things* by Pablo Neruda  
*A Wreath for Emmett Hill* by Marilyn Nelson  
*Things I Have to Tell You: Poetry written by Teenage Girls* by Betsy Franco  
*You Hear Me? Poetry Written by Teenage Boys* by Betsy Franco

## **Classics**

*The Member of the Wedding* by Carson McCullers  
*A Rage in Harlem* by Chester B. Himes  
*Black Like Me* by John Howard Griffin  
*Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy  
*1984* by George Orwell  
*Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky  
*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee  
*Walden* by Henry David Thoreau  
*Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen  
*Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen  
*Persuasion* by Jane Austen  
*The Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens  
*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë  
*Big Sur* by Jack Kerouac  
*Franny and Zoey* by J. D. Salinger  
*A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines

