



Hingham Public Schools Summer Reading
Students Entering Grade 10
Summer 2021

- All students entering grade 10 are expected to read the required text.
- Students may choose to take notes on the grade-wide title with [this note-taking guide](#). These notes are optional.
- Students are encouraged to read additional books over the summer; they may wish to consider titles on the suggested list below.

Required Text for Grade 10 English		
Author	Title	Synopsis
Adichie	<i>Purple Hibiscus</i>	Adichie's novel tells the compelling story of fifteen-year-old Kambili. She is the dutiful daughter of a rich man, a religious fanatic and domestic tyrant who has the public image of a politically courageous newspaper publisher and philanthropist. When a widowed aunt takes an interest in Kambili, her family begins to unravel and re-form itself in unpredictable ways. Amazon.com Review

If you are looking for enriching reading options in addition to your required book, consider one of these titles!

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Adeyemi	<i>Children of Blood and Bone</i>	In <i>Children of Blood and Bone</i> , Tomi Adeyemi conjures a stunning world of dark magic and danger in her West African-inspired fantasy debut. Zélie Adebola remembers when the soil of Orísha hummed with magic. Burners ignited flames, Tiders beckoned waves, and Zélie's Reaper mother summoned forth souls. But everything changed the night magic disappeared. Under the orders of a ruthless king, maji were killed, leaving Zélie without a mother and her people without hope. Now Zélie has one chance to bring back magic and strike against the monarchy. With the help of a rogue princess, Zélie must outwit and outrun the crown prince, who is hell-bent on eradicating magic for good. Danger lurks in Orísha, where snow leoponaires prowl and vengeful spirits wait in the waters. Yet the greatest danger may be Zélie herself as she struggles to control her powers - and her growing feelings for an enemy. Amazon.com Review
Alvarez	<i>In the Time of the Butterflies</i>	It is November 25, 1960, and three beautiful sisters have been found near their wrecked Jeep at the bottom of a 150-foot cliff on the north coast of the Dominican Republic. The official state newspaper reports their deaths as accidental. It does not mention that a fourth sister lives. Nor does it explain that the sisters were among the leading opponents of Gen. Rafael Leonidas Trujillo's dictatorship. It doesn't have to. Everybody knows of Las Mariposas—"The Butterflies." Amazon.com
Bronte	<i>Jane Eyre</i> (in the public domain available here)	Bronte's impassioned novel is the love story of Jane Eyre, a plain yet spirited governess, and her arrogant, brooding Mr. Rochester. Published in 1847, under the pseudonym of Currer Bell, the book heralded a new kind of heroine--one whose virtuous integrity, keen intellect and tireless perseverance broke through class barriers to win equal stature with the man she loved. Hailed by William Makepeace Thackeray as "the masterwork of great genius," Jane Eyre is still regarded as one of the finest novels in English literature. From the publisher
Farizan	<i>If You Could Be Mine</i>	Seventeen-year-old Sahar has been in love with her best friend, Nasrin, since they were six. But Sahar and Nasrin could be beaten, imprisoned, even executed if their relationship came to light. When Nasrin's parents announce that they've arranged for her marriage, Nasrin tries to persuade Sahar that they can carry on in secret. But Sahar dreams of loving Nasrin exclusively and discovers what seems like the perfect solution. In Iran, homosexuality may be a crime, but to be a man trapped in a woman's body is seen as nature's mistake, and sex reassignment is legal and accessible. As a man, Sahar could be the one to marry Nasrin. Is saving her love worth sacrificing her true self? Goodreads review

Fugard	<i>Tsotsi</i>	A young man running with a criminal gang on the streets of Johannesburg, Tsotsi - a nickname meaning thug - is immersed in a world of violence that seems to leave him unaffected, until he discovers an infant in the backseat of a car he has stolen. Amazon.com Review
Hall	<i>The Case of the Missing Servant</i>	Meet Vish Puri, India's most private investigator. Portly, persistent, and unmistakably Punjabi, he cuts a determined swath through modern India's swindlers, cheats, and murderers. Puri's main work comes from screening prospective marriage partners, a job once the preserve of aunties and family priests. But when an honest public litigator is accused of murdering his maidservant, it takes all of Puri's resources to investigate. Amazon.com Review
Kim	<i>Lost Names: Scenes from a Korean Boyhood</i>	Kim's fictionalized memoir tells the story of one family's experience during the Japanese occupation of Korea. The narrative starts in 1933 with a dramatic river crossing into Manchuria. By 1938 the family has moved back to Korea, where they must bow their heads toward the Japanese emperor and then renounce their family names and take Japanese ones instead. <i>Lost Names</i> is a beautifully written tribute to the people of Korea, mingling the experiences of childhood with the history of the occupation. Amazon.com Review
Kwok	<i>Girl in Translation</i>	When Kimberly Chang and her mother emigrate from Hong Kong to Brooklyn squalor, she begins a secret double life: exceptional schoolgirl during the day, Chinatown sweatshop worker in the evenings. Disguising the more difficult truths of her life, Kimberly learns to constantly translate not just her language but also herself back and forth between the worlds she straddles. Amazon.com Review
See	<i>Snow Flower and the Secret Fan</i>	Set in remote 19th-century China, this novel details the story of lifelong friends Lily and Snow Flower. See's in-depth research into women's ceremonies and duties brings fascinating revelations about arranged marriages, women's inferior status in both their natal and married homes, and the Confucian proverbs and myriad superstitions that informed daily life in China's rural interior. From Publishers Weekly
Sidhwa	<i>Cracking India</i>	The 1947 Partition of India is the backdrop for this novel, narrated by a child kept out of school because she suffers from polio. She spends her days with Ayah, and the large group of admirers that her beautiful nanny draws. In the company of these characters Lenny learns about religious differences, religious intolerance, and genocidal strife. Both hilarious and heartbreaking, the story serves as a microcosm for a profound political upheaval. Amazon.com product description
Sijie	<i>Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress</i>	<i>Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress</i> tells the story of two city boys exiled to a remote mountain village for re-education during China's Cultural Revolution. There the two friends meet the daughter of the local tailor and discover a hidden stash of Western classics in Chinese translation. As they secretly devour these banned works, the two friends find transit from their grim surroundings to romantic awakening and worlds they never imagine. Amazon.com Review
Solzhenitsyn	<i>One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich</i>	Solzhenitsyn's first book, this economical, relentless novel is one of the most forceful artistic indictments of political oppression in the Stalin-era Soviet Union. The simply told story of a typical, grueling day of the titular character's life in a labor camp in Siberia, is a modern classic of Russian literature and quickly cemented Solzhenitsyn's international reputation upon publication in 1962. Amazon.com Review