

BEAR  
TOWN

The  
SONG OF  
ACHILLES

## Grades 11 & 12

### summer reading choices

Choose ONE book from this list to read this summer. Arrive at school in the fall ready to discuss your book!

*Psst! You can find these books on soraapp.com and at your local library!*

#### NON-FICTION

##### Flowers in the Gutter

by K.R. Gaddy

This is the true story of the Edelweiss Pirates, teenagers who fought the Nazis by whatever means they could. Fritz, Gertrud, and Jean were classic outsiders: their music was rebellious and they weren't afraid to fight. As Hitler's grip tightened, these three found themselves trapped in a nation whose government contradicted everything they believed in. Fritz, Gertrud, and Jean and hundreds like them grew bold, painting anti-Nazi graffiti and helping those persecuted by the Nazis. Their actions were always dangerous. This is their story.

#### ADVENTURE

##### Song of Achilles

by Madeline Miller

Profoundly moving and breathtakingly original, this rendering of the epic Trojan War is a dazzling feat of the imagination, a devastating love story, and an almighty battle between gods and kings, peace and glory, immortal fame and the human heart.

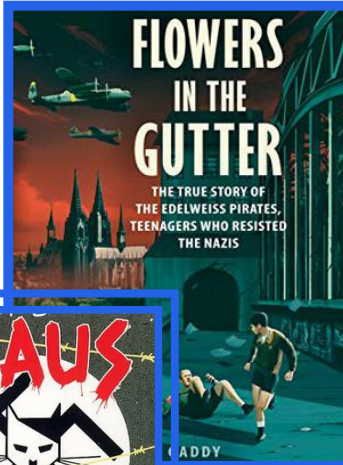
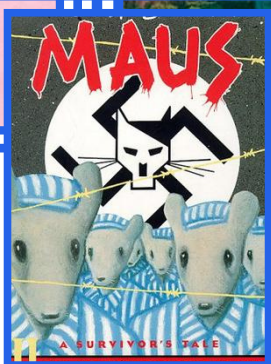
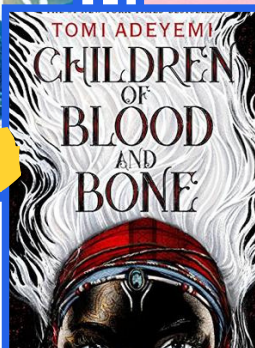
#### FANTASY

##### Children of Blood and Bone

by Tomi Adeyemi

Zélie Adebola remembers when the soil of Orisha 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.

SEVERANCE  
Ling Ma



#### REALISTIC FICTION

##### Beartown

by Fredrik Backman

The town's junior ice hockey team is about to compete in the national semi-finals—and they actually have a shot at winning. All the hopes and dreams of this place now rest on the shoulders of a handful of teenage boys. Under that heavy burden, the match becomes the catalyst for a violent act that will leave a young girl traumatized and a town in turmoil. Accusations are made and, like ripples on a pond, they travel through all of Beartown. (Content Warning: Assault)

#### SCIENCE FICTION

##### Severance

by Ling Ma

Candace Chen, a millennial, is devoted to routine. With the recent passing of her parents, she's had her fill of uncertainty and she's content just to carry on. So Candace barely notices when a plague sweeps New York. She won't be able to make it on her own forever, though. Enter a group of survivors, led by the power-hungry Bob. They're traveling to a place called the Facility, where, Bob promises, they will have everything they need. But Candace is carrying a secret she knows Bob will exploit. Is she safe with her rescuers?

#### GRAPHIC NOVEL (MEMOIR)

##### The Complete Maus: A Survivor's Tale

by Art Spiegelman

A brutally moving work of art, Maus recounts the chilling experiences of the author's father during the Holocaust, with Jews drawn as wide-eyed mice and Nazis as menacing cats. Maus is a haunting tale within a tale, weaving the author's account of his tortured relationship with his aging father into an astonishing retelling of one of history's most unspeakable tragedies. It is a story of survival and a disarming look at the legacy of trauma.