

Grades 9 & 10 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!

FANTASY

This Vicious Grace
by Emily Thiede

A dark fantasy debut full of complex characters, relationships you can't help but root for, and vivid world-building, *This Vicious Grace* will keep readers captivated from start to finish. Alessa has a gift from the gods that's supposed to magnify a partner's magic, but instead it's killing every suitor she touches, and with her island in danger and a powerful priest convincing her soldiers that her death is the island's only hope, she hires Dante, a cynical outcast who could either help her or destroy her.

REALISTIC FICTION

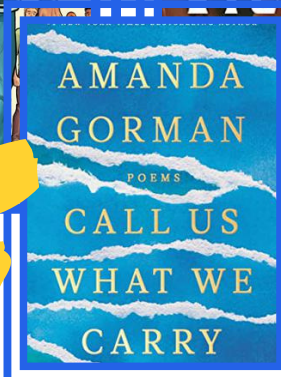
We Deserve Monuments
by Jas Hammonds

We Deserve Monuments is an astounding YA debut about intergenerational trauma, first love, and how far the past can bury the truth. With a riveting mystery that will leave you breathless to the very end, Jas Hammonds will transport you to this small southern town and all its truths.

POETRY

Call Us What We Carry
by Amanda Gorman

Formerly titled *The Hill We Climb* and *Other Poems*, the luminous poetry collection by #1 New York Times bestselling author and presidential inaugural poet Amanda Gorman captures a shipwrecked moment in time and transforms it into a lyric of hope and healing. In *Call Us What We Carry*, Gorman explores history, language, identity, and erasure through an imaginative and intimate collage. Harnessing the collective grief of a global pandemic, this beautifully designed volume features poems in many inventive styles and structures and shines a light on a moment of reckoning. *Call Us What We Carry* reveals that Gorman has become our messenger from the past, our voice for the future.



SCIENCE FICTION

Iron Widow

by Xiran Jay Zhao

A feminist sci-fi story inspired by Chinese history? Sign us up. *Iron Widow* is a richly imagined, nonstop alien adventure that is truly unlike anything we've ever read. A vibrant and unrelenting trio of main characters make this story a true standout, along with a shocking ending that will leave readers clamoring for the sequel.

MYSTERY

The Agathas

by Kathleen Glasgow and Liz Lawson

Set against the backdrop of a wealthy oceanside town, *The Agathas* follows two teenage girls — rich and popular Alice Ogilvie and her less popular, less rich tutor, Iris Adams — as they work together to solve the murder of Alice's ex-best friend. With all signs pointing to one person, the girls consult the complete works of the master herself, Agatha Christie, to help uncover the truth once and for all.

GRAPHIC NOVEL (MEMOIR)

Change the Game
by Colin Kaepernick

High school star athlete Colin Kaepernick is at a crossroads in life. Heavily scouted by colleges and MLB as a baseball pitcher, he has a bright future ahead of him as a highly touted prospect. Everyone from his parents to his teachers and coaches are in agreement on his future. Colin feels differently, and he isn't excited about baseball. Colin looks up to athletes like Allen Iverson: talented, hyper-competitive, unapologetically Black, and dominating their sports while staying true to themselves. College football looks a lot more fun than sleeping on hotel room floors in the minor leagues of baseball. But Colin doesn't have a single offer to play football. Yet. This touching graphic novel explores the story of how a young change-maker learned to find himself and never compromise.