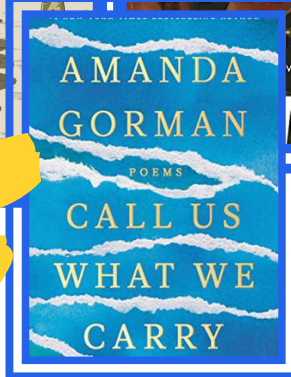
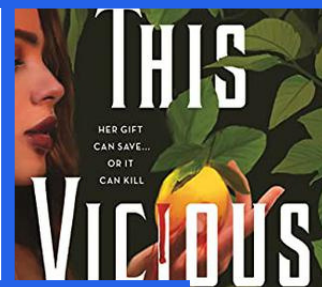


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## Grades 9 & 10 SUMMER READING CHOICES

CHOOSE ONE BOOK FROM THIS LIST TO READ THIS SUMMER. ARRIVE AT SCHOOL IN THE FALL READY TO DISCUSS YOUR BOOK. YOU CAN FIND THESE BOOKS ON [SORAAPP.COM](http://SORAAPP.COM) AND AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY!

### FANTASY

#### **This Vicious Grace** by Emily Thiede

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

Avery Anderson is convinced her senior year is ruined when she's uprooted from her life in DC and forced into the hostile home of her terminally ill grandmother. The tension between Avery's mom and grandmother unearths past drama they refuse to talk about, but the racist history of her new Georgia home is rooted in Avery's family in ways she can't even imagine. Avery must decide if digging for the truth is worth toppling the delicate relationships she's built in Bardell—or if some things are better left buried.

### POETRY

#### **Call Us What We Carry** by Amanda Gorman

In *Call Us What We Carry*, presidential inaugural poet Amanda 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)

#### **They Called Us Enemy** by George Takei

George Takei has captured hearts and minds worldwide with his magnetic performances, sharp wit, and outspoken commitment to equal rights. But long before he braved new frontiers in *Star Trek*, he woke up as a four-year-old to find his family forced from their home into an uncertain future. In 1942, at the order of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, every person of Japanese descent on the west coast was rounded up and shipped to one of ten "relocation centers," hundreds or thousands of miles from home, where they would be held for years under armed guard. *They Called Us Enemy* is Takei's account of those years behind barbed wire, the terrors of childhood in the shadow of legalized racism, his mother's hard choices, his father's tested faith in democracy, and the way those experiences planted the seeds for his astonishing future.