



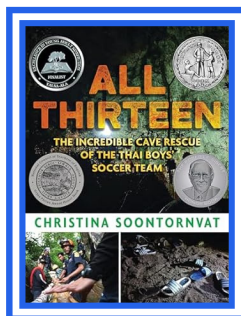
Grade 7 SUMMER READING CHOICES

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NON FICTION

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat

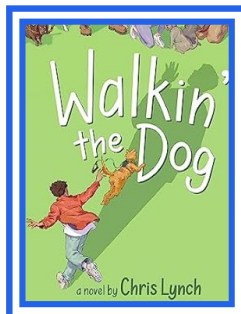
IT'S JUNE 23, 2018—a hot, cloudy day in northern Thailand. Twelve young players of the Wild Boars soccer team and their coach head into a local cave. They plan to spend an hour or two exploring, but outside, rain has begun pouring down, and rising floodwaters block their path out. The boys are trapped. News of the missing team spreads, launching a 17-day rescue operation involving thousands of rescuers from around the globe. As the world sits vigil night after night, people begin to wonder: How long can a group of ordinary kids survive in complete darkness, with no food or clean water? All Thirteen paints two scenes of unflagging perseverance: aboveground, a global rescue team that races to find the trapped boys, and almost half a mile below, a heroic effort in the quiet darkness as the Wild Boars focus on conserving their energy and oxygen, and keeping their hopes up.



REALISTIC FICTION

Walkin' the Dog by Chris Lynch

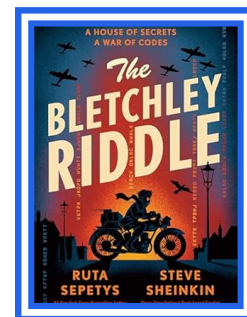
In a family of strong personalities, Louis is someone who'd rather kick back than stand out. He only hopes he can stay under the radar when he starts high school in the fall, his first experience with public school after years of homeschooling. But when a favor for a neighbor and his canine companion unexpectedly turns into a bustling dog-walking business, Louis finds himself meeting an unprecedented number of new friends — both human and canine. Agatha always seems to be telling two truths and a lie, and Cyrus promises he's going to show Louis how to be a better person. And then there are the dogs: scrappy border terriers, the four (possibly stolen) sausage dogs, and others. Is Louis ready to learn the lesson he needs most: how to stop being a lone wolf and be part of a pack?



HISTORICAL FICTION

The Bletchley Riddle by Ruta Sepetys and Steve Sheinkin

Summer, 1940. Nineteen-year-old Jakob Novis and his quirky younger sister Lizzie share a love of riddles and puzzles. And now they're living inside of one. The quarrelsome siblings find themselves amidst one of the greatest secrets of World War II — Britain's eccentric codebreaking factory at Bletchley Park. As Jakob joins Bletchley's top minds to crack the Nazi's Enigma cipher, 14-year-old Lizzie embarks on a mission to solve the mysterious disappearance of their mother. The Battle of Britain rages and Hitler's invasion creeps closer. And at the same time, baffling messages and codes arrive on their doorstep while a menacing inspector lurks outside the gates of the Bletchley mansion. Jakob and Lizzie must find a way to work together as they race to decipher clues that unravel a shocking puzzle that presents the ultimate challenge: How long must a secret be kept?



NOVEL IN VERSE

Mid-Air by Alicia D. Williams

It's the last few months of eighth grade, and Isaiah feels lost. He thought his summer was going to be him and his boys Drew and Darius, hanging out, doing wheelies, watching martial arts movies, and breaking tons of World Records before high school. But now, Drew seems to be fading from their friendship, and though he won't admit it, Isaiah knows exactly why. Because Darius is...gone. A hit and run killed Darius in the midst of a record-breaking long wheelie when Isaiah should have been keeping watch, ready to warn: "CAR!" Now, Drew can barely look at Isaiah. But Isaiah, already quaking with ache and guilt, can't lose two friends. So, he comes up with a plan to keep Drew and him together — they can spend the summer breaking records, for Darius. But Drew's not the same Drew since Darius was killed, and Isaiah being Isaiah isn't enough for Drew anymore. Not his taste in clothes, his love for rock music, or his aversion to jumping off rooftops. And one day something unspeakable happens to Isaiah that makes him think Drew's right. If only he could be less sensitive, more tough, less weird, more cool, less him, things would be easier. But how much can Isaiah keep inside until he shatters wide open?

