

## 10th Grade English Summer Reading 2023

Your prospective sophomore English teachers humbly request that you read SOMETHING (i.e. a book of your choice) over the summer break.

### Why read?

- ★ Is a quiet and relaxing activity
- ★ Does not require a charger
- ★ Is doable anywhere
- ★ Makes you more cultured and worldly
- ★ Makes you a better English student = the more you read, the more your brain becomes accustomed to identifying vocabulary, grammar, purpose, author's style, context, etc. → the more you read, the easier English class will be!

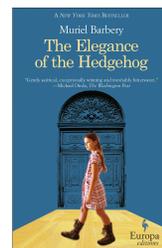
Mr. MacLeod's Recommendations → **Ready Player One** by Ernest Cline ("Cinderella" story in a dystopian future where most people live their lives in VR; one nerdy kid searches for a secret left by the creator of the system that would make him rich and famous--but also a target for those who want to control the system forever!)

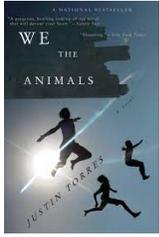


**The Shadow Hero** by Gene Luen & Sonny Liew

(graphic novel reimagining of the first Asian-American superhero from the Golden Age of comics, the Green Turtle! Modern art style, compelling characters, and unique mythology all make this an often overlooked gem of storytelling that adds something new to superhero fiction)

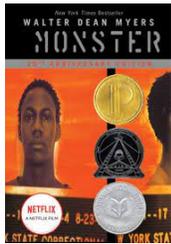
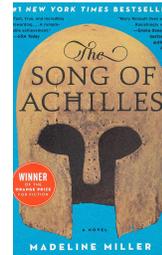
Ms. Saxton's Recommendation → **The Elegance of the Hedgehog** by Muriel Barbery (This is a story of two seemingly unrelated, disconnected characters whose stories begin to intertwine in a very satisfying way. One is an antisocial widow who manages an apartment building; the other is a bookish teenaged girl who is unimpressed by most people, including most of her own family. There is a completely unexpected twist at the end that I will remember for the rest of my life.)





***We the Animals* by Justin Torres** (A young man looks back on his childhood and family experiences in the form of short, often lyrical, vignettes. It's kind of a grittier, darker, *The House on Mango Street*, but from a boy's perspective. CW: some depictions of domestic violence, alcohol use, and drug use)

**Ms. Kim's Recommendation** → ***The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller** (This novel revisits the stories found in *The Iliad* and delves into the complexities of Achilles—a flawed hero whose fate is wrapped up in the Trojan War—and his relationship with Patroclus. I find the writing achingly beautiful, and I cry every time I read it.)



***Monster* by Walter Dean Myers** (This novel is about an African American teenager on trial for murder. It follows his trial, written like a screenplay, and also includes a first-person narrative revealing his thoughts on the unfolding events. It's an interesting look at how a person is seen versus who a person really is, and the shifting language emphasizes that distinction.)

**Mr. Arden's Recommendation** → ***The Crown Ain't Worth Much* by Hanif Willis-Abdurraqib** (Hanif Willis-Abdurraqib's first full-length collection is a sharp and vulnerable portrayal of city life in the United States. Willis-Abdurraqib brings his interest in pop culture to these poems, analyzing race, gender, family, and the love that finally holds us together even as it threatens to break us. The poems in this collection are challenging and accessible at once, as they seek to render real human voices in moments of tragedy and celebration. –via Goodreads.com)



***The Lumberjanes Series* by Noelle Stevenson** (The *Lumberjanes* Series follows 5 teens from very different backgrounds at their incredible summer camp. It's an upbeat, exciting adventure that will surely make you smile! This graphic novel is from the same writer behind *Nimona* and the *She-Ra* remake that was popular on Netflix a few years ago)

***HERE ARE SOME OTHER USEFUL AND INTRIGUING RESOURCES:***

How to get a MCPL Library Card =

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/services/registration.html>

MCPL Summer Reading Lists for High School =

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/library/resources/files/programs/summer-reading-book-list-high-school.pdf>

MCPL Teen Summer Reading Challenge =

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/library/resources/files/programs/summer-reading-teen-bookmark.pdf>