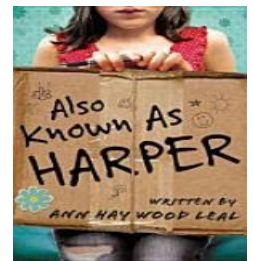


## ***Sixth Grade Summer Reading Requirements***

Summer provides many opportunities for students and their families to enjoy unforgettable books together. Before entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade, a Norton Middle School student is expected to read at **least two books**. Students may choose from the recommended listed below or read two books of their choice at their appropriate reading level.

### **Also Known As Harper** by Ann Haywood Leal

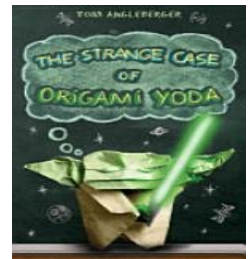
Harper Lee Morgan is an aspiring poet, which isn't surprising, seeing as how she's named after her mama's favorite writer, Harper Lee. And life is giving her a lot to write about just now. Daddy up and walked out, leaving them broke. Then Harper's family gets evicted. With Mama scrambling to find work, Harper has to skip school to care for her little brother, Hemingway. Their lives have been turned upside down, which Harper could just about handle—if it wasn't for the writing contest at school. If only she could get up on that stage and read her poems out loud . . .



Realistic Fiction

### **The Strange Case of Origami Yoda** by Tom Angleberger

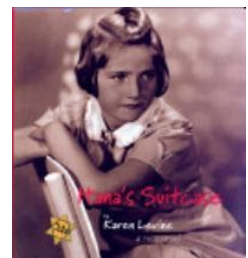
In this funny, uncannily wise portrait of the dynamics of a sixth-grade class and of the greatness that sometimes comes in unlikely packages, Dwight, a loser, talks to his classmates via an origami finger puppet of Yoda. If that weren't strange enough, the puppet is uncannily wise and prescient. Origami Yoda predicts the date of a pop quiz, guesses who stole the classroom Shakespeare bust, and saves a classmate from popularity-crushing embarrassment with some well-timed advice. Dwight's classmate Tommy wonders how Yoda can be so smart when Dwight himself is so clueless.



Realistic Fiction

### **Hana's Suitcase** by Karen Levine

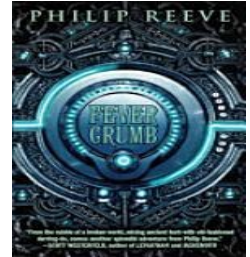
Based on the author's radio documentary of the same name, a biography of a Czech girl who died in the Holocaust is told in alternating chapters with an account of how the curator of a Japanese Holocaust center learned about her life after Hana's suitcase was sent to her. An ALA Notable Children's Book.



Historical Nonfiction

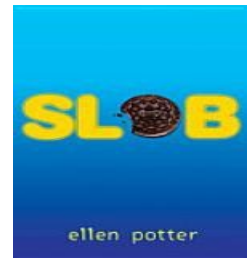
## Fever Crumb by Philip Reeve

A stunning, new novel by master storyteller Philip Reeve. Fever Crumb is a girl who has been adopted and raised by Dr. Crumb, a member of the order of Engineers, where she serves as apprentice. In a time and place where women are not seen as reasonable creatures, Fever is an anomaly, the only female to serve in the order. Soon though, she must say goodbye to Dr. Crumb—nearly the only person she's ever known to assist archeologist Kit Solent on a top-secret project. As her work begins, Fever is plagued by memories that are not her own and Kit seems to have a particular interest in finding out what they are.



## Slob by Ellen Potter in Books

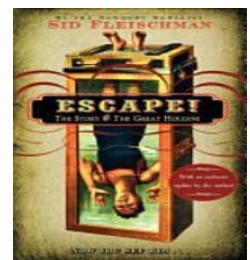
Twelve-year-old Owen Birnbaum is the fattest kid in school. But he's also a genius who invents cool contraptions - like a TV that shows the past. Something happened two years ago that he needs to see. But genius or not, there is much Owen can't out think. Like his gym coach, who's on a mission to humiliate him. Or the way his Oreos keep disappearing from his lunch. He's sure that if he can only get the TV to work, things will start to make sense. But it will take a revelation for Owen, not science, to see the answer's not in the past, but the present. That no matter how large he is on the outside, he doesn't have to feel small on the inside....



Realistic Fiction

## Escape! The Story of The Great Houdini by Sid Fleischman

Profiling his early years, personal life, and great accomplishments in show business, the story of the famous magician, Harry Houdini, comes to life through a review of his greatest tricks and most amazing feats, complete with index, photos, and author's notes. An ALA Best Book for Young Adults & Notable Children's Book.



Biography

## How to Survive Middle School by Donna Gephart

Eleven-year-old David Greenberg dreams of becoming a TV superstar like his idol, Jon Stewart. But in real life, David is just another kid terrified of starting his first year at Harman Middle School. With a wacky sense of humor and hilarious Top 6½ Lists, David spends his free time making TalkTime videos, which he posts on YouTube. But when David and his best friend have a fight, David is lucky enough to make a pretty cool new friend, Sophie—who just (gulp) happens to be a girl.



Realistic Fiction

# BOOK #1

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1. Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ novel written by \_\_\_\_\_

(Genre- biography, science fiction, realistic fiction, etc)

(author's name)

3. What audience might be especially interested in this book?

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6. Would you encourage your friends to read this book? Tell why or why not.

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Answers for Questions #5 for Book #1

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Answers for Questions #5 for Book #2