

# **SUMMER READING**

Incoming 7th Grade



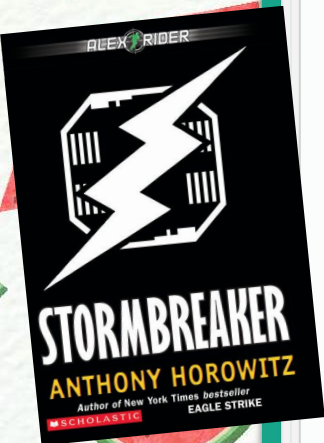
## Alex Rider: Stormbreaker

"They told him his uncle died in a car accident. Fourteen-year-old Alex knows that's a lie, and the bullet holes in his uncle's windshield confirm his suspicions. But nothing prepares him for the news that the uncle he always thought he knew was really a spy for MI6, Britain's top secret intelligence agency. Recruited to find his uncle's killers and complete his final mission, Alex suddenly finds himself caught in a deadly game of cat and mouse..."

Alex's mission is to complete his uncle's last assignment, to discover the secret that Herod Sayle is hiding behind his generous donation of one of his supercomputers to every school in the country. When Alex enters Sayle's compound in Port Tallon, he discovers a strange world of secrets and villains including Mr. Grin, an ex-circus knife catcher, and Yassen Gregorovich, professional hit man."

- [Scholastic](#)

(science fiction/mystery/adventure)



## City of Ember

"The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. She and her friend Doon must decipher the message before the lights go out on Ember forever!"

- [Scholastic](#)

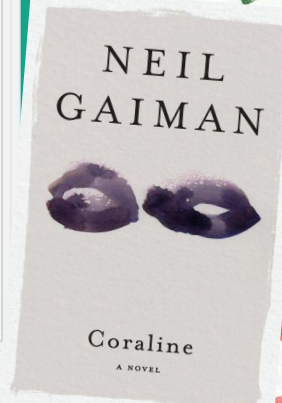
(fantasy/adventure)



## Coraline

"While exploring her new home, a young girl named Coraline unlocks a door to reveal a hidden passage. Intrigued, she ventures deep into a mysterious mirror realm, a world eerily similar yet darkly different from her own. Before long, the miraculous turns sinister, and Coraline must use her wits and courage to save herself—and the other trapped souls she finds along the way."

- [Barnes & Noble](#) (fantasy)



The book cover for 'Front Desk' by Kelly Yang features a young girl with dark hair and a pink shirt standing in a room that looks like a motel. There's a clock on the wall and some furniture. The title 'FRONT DESK' is in large, bold, orange letters, and the author's name 'KELLY YANG' is at the bottom.

## **Front Desk** (#1 in series)

"Fiesty and resilient Mia Tang works and lives at the motel with her parents, who secretly help immigrants, while she pursues her dream of being a writer."

- [Scholastic](#) (realistic fiction)

The book cover for 'The Maze Runner' by James Dashner shows a dark, atmospheric scene with a figure in the distance. The title 'THE MAZE RUNNER' is in large, white, block letters. Above it, it says 'BOOK 1 IN THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES BY JAMES DASHNER'. At the bottom, it says 'NOW A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE'.

## **Maze Runner** (#1 in series)

"When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his name. He's surrounded by strangers—boys whose memories are also gone.

Outside the towering stone walls that surround them is a limitless, ever-changing maze. It's the only way out—and no one's ever made it through alive.

Then a girl arrives. The first girl ever. And the message she delivers is terrifying: Remember. Survive. Run."

- [Barnes & Noble](#)

(science fiction / adventure)

## **No Fixed Address**

"Felix Knuttson, twelve, is an endearing kid with an incredible brain for trivia. His mom Astrid is loving but unreliable; she can't hold onto a job, or a home. When they lose their apartment in Vancouver, they move into a camper van, just for August, till Astrid finds a job. September comes, they're still in the van; Felix must keep 'home' a secret and give a fake address in order to enroll in school. Luckily, he finds true friends. As the weeks pass and life becomes grim, he struggles not to let anyone know how precarious his situation is. When he gets to compete on a national quiz show, Felix is determined to win -- the cash prize will bring them a home. Their luck is about to change! But what happens is not at all what Felix expected."

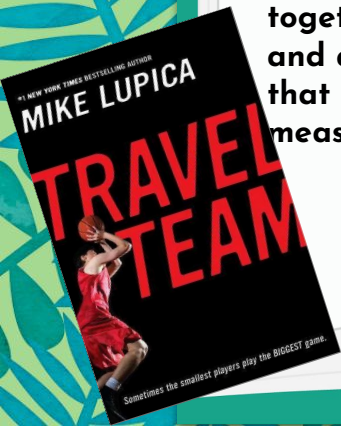
- [Penguin Books](#)

(science fiction / adventure)

## Travel Team

Twelve-year-old Danny Walker may be the smallest kid on the basketball court – but don't tell him that. Because no one plays with more heart or court sense. But none of that matters when he is cut from his local travel team, the very same team his father led to national prominence as a boy.

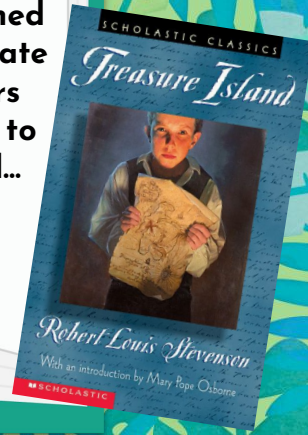
Danny's father, still smarting from his own troubles, knows Danny isn't the only kid who was cut for the wrong reason, and together, this washed-up former player and a bunch of never-say-die kids prove that the heart simply cannot be measured. - [Barnes & Noble](#) (realistic)



## Treasure Island

Pirates. Danger. Treasure. It's all here in Stevenson's classic, with a rousing introduction from best-selling author Mary Pope Osborne. When Jim Hawkins finds Billy Bones' old pirate map showing a small island marked with a red cross, he knows that a fortune in gold lies waiting for him. What could be more exciting than buried treasure? Aboard a ship named the Hispaniola, Jim sails toward Treasure Island. The voyage goes well until Jim overhears a frightening conversation. He learns that the one-legged man who signed on as ship's cook is really the famous pirate Long John Silver. And worse - he discovers that the crew are teaming up with Silver to steal the treasure. Can Jim save the gold... and save his life?

- [Scholastic](#) (classic/fantasy/adventure)



# War Stories

"There are two things Trevor loves more than anything else: playing war-based video games and his great-grandfather, Jacob, who is a true-blue war hero. At the height of World War II, Jacob helped liberate a French village and was awarded the bronze star.

Now, decades later, Jacob wants to retrace the steps he took during the war - from training, to D-Day, to the village he is said to have saved. Trevor thinks this is the coolest idea ever. But as they get closer to the village, Trevor discovers there's more to the story than what he's heard his whole life, causing him to wonder about his great-grandfather's heroism, the truth about the battle he fought, and the meaning of genuine valor."

- [Gordon Korman](#) (historical fiction)

# Uglies (#1 in series)

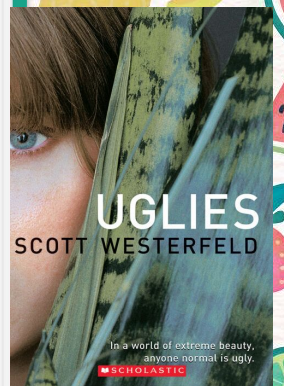
"Everybody gets to be supermodel gorgeous. What could be wrong with that?

Tally Youngblood is about to turn sixteen, and she can't wait. Not for her driver's license; rather, for turning pretty. In Tally's world, your sixteenth birthday brings an operation that turns you from a repellent ugly into a stunningly attractive pretty and catapults you into a high-tech paradise where your only job is to have a really great time. In just a few weeks Tally will be there.

Anticipating this happy transformation, Tally meets Shay, another female ugly, who shares her enjoyment of hoverboarding and risky pranks. But Shay also disdains the false values and programmed conformity of the society. She'd rather risk life on the outside and urges Tally to defect with her.

When Shay runs away, Tally learns about a whole new side of the pretty world, and it isn't very pretty. The authorities offer Tally the worst choice she can imagine: Find her friend and turn her in, or never turn pretty at all. The choice Tally makes changes her world forever." -[Scholastic](#)

(science fiction)



# ***Unbroken:***

## ***An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive***

On a May afternoon in 1943, an American military plane crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared. It was that of a young lieutenant, the plane's bombardier, who was struggling to a life raft and pulling himself aboard. So began one of the most extraordinary sagas of the Second World War.

The lieutenant's name was Louis Zamperini. As a boy, he had been a clever delinquent, breaking into houses, brawling, and stealing. As a teenager, he had channeled his defiance into running, discovering a supreme talent that carried him to the Berlin Olympics. But when war came, the athlete became an airman, embarking on a journey that led to his doomed flight, a tiny raft, and a drift into the unknown.

-[Penguin Books](#) (nonfiction)

**YOUNG ADULT ADAPTATION**

