

# 100 BOOKS BEFORE COLLEGE

## SUGGESTED READING LIST

The Clinton Public Library has compiled this list of suggested books to read before college. You do not have to read these books for the program, they are just a resource! But feel free to challenge yourself to read as many on the list as possible! Track the books you read on the CPL Beanstack App ([www.clintonpl.beanstack.org](http://www.clintonpl.beanstack.org)).

- 1. The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
- 2. The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie
- 3. In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez
- 4. Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
- 5. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
- 6. The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
- 7. Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
- 8. Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo
- 9. Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
- 10. Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
- 11. Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
- 12. A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess
- 13. Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
- 14. And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie
- 15. 2001 a Space Odyssey by Arthur C. Clarke
- 16. Ready Player One by Ernest Cline
- 17. The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
- 18. Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton
- 19. The Maze Runner by James Dashner
- 20. All The Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
- 21. The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- 22. House of Scorpions by Nancy Farmer
- 23. The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- 24. Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell
- 25. The Princess Bride by William Goldman
- 26. The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
- 27. A Time to Kill by John Grisham
- 28. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon
- 29. The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah
- 30. A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry
- 31. The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- 32. Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand
- 33. The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
- 34. The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
- 35. Illuminae by Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff
- 36. Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes
- 37. On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft by Stephen King
- 38. The Shining by Stephen King
- 39. Girl in Translation by Jean Kwok
- 40. Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer
- 41. The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri
- 42. The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson
- 43. The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson
- 44. To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- 45. A Wrinkle in Time by Margaret L'Engle
- 46. Freakonomics by Steven Levitt
- 47. The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis
- 48. Moneyball by Michael Lewis
- 49. The Giver by Lois Lowry
- 50. The Life of Pi by Yann Martel
- 51. Game of Thrones by George R.R. Martin
- Reading Suggestions List Continued

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- 52. Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
- 53. Paradise Lost by John Milton
- 54. V for Vendetta by Alan Moore
- 55. Watchmen by Alan Moore
- 56. The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern
- 57. Monster by Walter Dean Myers
- 58. I'll Give you the Sun by Jandy Nelson
- 59. A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness
- 60. Sabriel by Garth Nix
- 61. Uprooted by Naomi Novik
- 62. Animal Farm by George Orwell
- 63. 1984 by George Orwell
- 64. Along Came a Spider by James Patterson
- 65. Great Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe by Edgar Allan Poe
- 66. The Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan
- 67. The Colour of Magic by Terry Pratchett
- 68. My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult
- 69. The Hot Zone by Richard Preston
- 70. Three Little Words by Ashley Rhodes-Courter
- 71. The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
- 72. The Name of the Wind by Patrick Rothfuss
- 73. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by JK Rowling
- 74. Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell
- 75. Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz
- 76. The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery
- 77. The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold
- 78. Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys
- 79. Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
- 80. The Wave by Todd Strasser
- 81. Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
- 82. Scythe by Neal Shusterman
- 83. Unwind by Neal Shusterman
- 84. Any Shakespeare play
- 85. The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
- 86. A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
- 87. The Help by Kathryn Stockett
- 88. Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe
- 89. Strange the Dreamer by Laini Taylor
- 90. Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising and its Legacy by Heather Ann Thompson
- 91. The Fellowship of the Ring by J.R.R. Tolkien
- 92. The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls
- 93. The Martian by Andy Weir
- 94. Night by Elie Wiesel
- 95. The Once and Future King by T.H. White
- 96. The Importance of Being Ernest by Oscar Wilde
- 97. To Say Nothing of the Dog by Connie Willis
- 98. The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon
- 99. I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
- 100. The Book Thief by Marcus Zusack

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If you complete the challenge before you graduate high school you will get a gift bag from the Clinton Public Library. Plus, you'll have a better vocabulary and a feeling of accomplishment :)

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