The following is a list of suggested quality titles for summer reading. Feel free to read anything else that interests you!

Albertalli, Becky. *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*
When an email falls into the wrong hands, sixteen-year-old Simon Spier is blackmailed into playing wingman for his classmate. If he doesn’t, his sexual identity will be revealed and the privacy of his penpal will be jeopardized. A light-hearted and funny story yet also filled with Simon’s very real fear of becoming openly gay.

Albom, Mitch. *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto*
Music narrates this story of Frankie Presto, a Spanish War orphan who was touched by musical talent, who emigrated to America, and then goes on to influence the twentieth century musical landscape - from classical music to rock and roll.

Alsaid, Adi. *North of Happy*
When Carlos' older brother, Felix, is tragically killed in Mexico, Carlos flees to the United States to patronize a restaurant on Felix’s to do list. Carlos often hears Felix’s voice which guides him to pursue his dreams, but things become difficult when Carlos must choose between the love he has for the boss’s daughter and the life he wants as a chef.

Brant, John. *The Boy Who Runs: The Odyssey of Julius Achon*
Explores the childhood of Julius Achon from Northern Uganda where he was made a boy soldier, his escape from the Lord's Resistance Army, his career as a top-level middle distance runner, his move to the USA, and his humanitarian work in Uganda.

Brant, Wendy. *Zenn Diagram*
Eva Walker is a 17-year-old math genius who can’t touch people or their things without getting visions of their emotions. So, for her own emotional safety, she keeps her hands to herself. But then she meets tall, handsome Zenn Bennett and touches his jacket by accident. And even though the vision is dark and violent, there’s something about him that’s worth the risk.

Brown, Box. *Tetris. (Graphic Format)*
Tetris, a simple yet addictive video game, was created in 1984 by Soviet Alexey Lajitnov in his spare time. Once it moved beyond the Iron Curtain it sparked a frenzy including: miscommunication, cultural change, and theft. Check out this history.

Cavallaro, Brittany. *A Study in Charlotte*
Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson descendants, Charlotte and Jamie, are both students at a Connecticut boarding school. They are clearly not going to get along. But when another student dies under suspicious circumstances and Jamie and Charlotte are framed for the murder, they come together to solve the mystery and clear their names.

Deuker, Carl. *Gutless*
Brock Ripley is “gutless” both on and off the field. He is afraid to take a hit and he’s afraid to stand up to the quarterback who is bullying Brock’s new friend. What happens when the bullying goes too far? Will he find the courage to face his fears and stand up for his friend?

Donnelly, Jennifer. *These Shallow Graves*
Jo Montfort, a young privileged woman living in nineteenth-century New York City, struggles against gender and class boundaries to prove that her father’s alleged suicide was actually a murder. With the help of Eddie, a young reporter, she begins uncovering the truth and eventually must decide how much she stands to lose if she keeps digging.

Harmon, Michael. *Stick*
Stick, a star football player who has become disenchanted with the game, becomes friends with Preston, a nerdy kid who fights crime by night. Each teen struggles with his life, each teen offers perspective that can help the other.

Kirby, Matthew. *A Taste for Monsters*
Seventeen-year-old Evelyn Fallow, disfigured by her dangerous work in a match factory, has been hired as a maid to Joseph Merrick, the Elephant Man. But when the infamous Jack the Ripper murders begin, she and Merrick find themselves haunted by the ghosts of the slain women. A haunting tale of historical fiction set in 1888 London.

Knowles, John. *A Separate Peace*
Gene Forrester looks back fifteen years to World War II when he and his best friend Phineas were roommates in a New Hampshire boarding school. Their friendship is marred by Finny's crippling fall, an event for which Gene feels responsible and one that eventually leads to greater tragedy.
Lu, Marie. *Warcross*
When teenage coder/bounty hunter Emika Chen hacks her way into the opening tournament of the Warcross Championships, she accidently glitches herself into the game. She becomes an overnight sensation, attracting the attention of Warcross’ creator, the mysterious billionaire Hideo Tanaka, who has a surprising proposal. He needs a spy.

Menon, Sandhya. *When Dimple Met Rishi*
When recent high school graduates Dimple Shah and Rishi Patel meet at a Stanford University summer program, Dimple is avoiding her parents' obsession with "marriage prospects". Rishi, on the other hand, hopes to woo her into accepting an arranged marriage with him.

Mills, Wendy. *All We Have Left*
In interweaving stories of sixteen-year-olds, modern-day Jesse tries to cope with the ramifications of her brother's death on 9/11. Meanwhile in 2001, Alia, a Muslim, gets trapped in one of the Twin Towers and meets a boy who changes everything for her as flames rage around them.

Pearson, Mary. *The Kiss of Deception*
On the morning of her wedding, Princess Lia flees to a distant village where she settles into a brand new life. She becomes intrigued when two mysterious and handsome strangers arrive; unaware that one is the jilted prince and the other an assassin sent to kill her. Deception abounds, and Lia finds herself on the brink of unlocking perilous secrets—even as she finds herself falling in love.

Powell, Patricia Hruby. *Loving vs. Virginia: A Documentary Novel of the Landmark Civil Rights Case*
Written in blank verse, the story of Mildred Loving, an African American girl, and Richard Loving, a Caucasian boy, who challenge the Virginia law forbidding interracial marriages in the 1950s.

Shusterman, Neal. *Scythe*
In a world where disease, war, misery and death have been conquered, only Scythes have the authority to end life. Now two teens, Citra and Rowan, must compete with each other to become a Scythe, a position neither of them wants. And to make things even worse, the one who becomes a Scythe must kill the one who doesn't.

Skye, Evelyn. *The Crown’s Game*
Teenagers Vika and Nikolae, each with different magical powers, are the only two enchanters in Russia. And with war threatening, the tsar needs a powerful enchanter by his side. So he initiates the Crown’s Game, a duel of magical skill. The victor becomes the Royal Enchanter and the defeated is sentenced to death. To complicate matters, Vika and Nikolae are falling in love and cannot bear the thought of winning and having to kill the loser.

Smith, Alexander. *Hellraisers*
When sixteen-year-old troublemaker Marlow Green is unexpectedly trapped in a battle against demons in the middle of his New York City neighborhood, he finds himself amidst a squad of secret soldiers dedicated to battling the armies of the devil himself. At the same time, he learns of an ancient machine which can grant anything you wish in exchange for your soul.

Stone, Nic. *Dear Martin*
Justyce McAllister, the debate team captain with Yale aspirations, finds himself in handcuffs after he tries to help his girlfriend. He writes letters to Martin Luther King, Jr. to help determine his place in the world, but finds himself in trouble due to others’ notions of what it is to be a black man.

Tahir, Sabaa. *An Ember in the Ashes*
Laia and Elias live in a brutal world; one is a slave, the other is a soldier. After Laia’s grandparents are killed and her brother taken by soldiers, their worlds intersect. Action packed, with some love interest, and brutality.

Thomas, Angie. *The Hate U Give*
Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr. It could also endanger her life.

Thompson, Jill. *Wonder Woman: The True Amazon*
A graphic novel that offers an origin story for Wonder Woman.

Uwiringiyimana, Sandra. *How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child*
The story of Sandra Uwiringiyimana, a girl from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who tells the tale of how she survived a massacre, immigrated to America, struggled to find her place in this new world, then overcame her trauma through activism.

Yoon, Nicola. *The Sun is Also a Star*
Natasha is devastated when her family is being deported back to Jamaica because of her father's poor choices. Even more so after she meets Daniel, who is headed toward his interview for Yale, on the streets of New York and they fall in love. Though their romance is short-lived, the depths of their emotions are strong.