

SUMMER READING  
for students entering  
grade 11

Some books to consider...

**Monster, Walter Dean Myers**

**FROM THE PUBLISHER**

Sometimes I feel like I have walked into the middle of a movie. Maybe I can make my own movie. The film will be the story of my life. No, not my life, but of this experience. I'll call it what the lady who is the prosecutor called me.

*MONSTER*

FADE IN; INTERIOR COURT. A guard sits at a desk behind STEVE. KATHY O'BRIEN, STEVE's lawyer, is all business as she talks to STEVE.

O'BRIEN: Let me make sure you understand what's going on. Both you and this King character are on trial for felony murder. Felony murder is as serious as it gets .. When you're in court, you sit there and pay attention. You let the jury know that you think the case is as serious as they do.

STEVE: You think we're going to win?

O'BRIEN: (seriously) It probably depends on what you mean by "win".

**The Bell Jar, Sylvia Plath**

**FROM THE BACK OF THE BOOK**

A vulnerable young girl wins a dream assignment on a big-time New York fashion magazine and finds herself plunged into a nightmare. An autobiographical account of Sylvia Plath's own mental breakdown and suicide attempt, *The Bell Jar* is more than a novel, it is a comic but painful statement of what happens to a woman's aspirations in a society that refuses to take them seriously... a society that expects electroshock to cure the despair of a sensitive, questioning young artist whose search for identity becomes a terrifying descent toward madness.

Some authors to consider...

Horror: Dean Koontz, Stephen King, Yann Martel

Military: Dale Brown, Tom Clancy, Michael Crichton

Male: Khaled Hosseini

Female: Nora Roberts, Sue Monk Kidd, Amy Tan, Helen Fielding, Barbara Kingsolver

Mystery: John Grisham, Michael Connelly

Advice: Rachel Simmons

Sci-Fi: Isaac Asimov, Philip K. Dick, Robert Heinlein, H. G. Wells

If you liked...

*1984*,

then you might like:

***Brave New World***, by Aldous Huxley or  
***Animal Farm***, by George Orwell

*Master Harold and the Boys*,

then you might like:

***Cry, the Beloved Country***, by Alan Paton

*Lord of the Flies*,

then you might like:

***The Girl Who Owned a City***, by O.T. Nelson

*Beowulf*,

then you might like:

***Sir Gawain and the Green Knight***, anonymous  
or ***The Lord of the Rings***, by J.R.R. Tolkien or  
***The Hobbit***, by J.R.R. Tolkien

*Grendel*,

then you might like:

***Frankenstein***, by Mary Shelley