

# English I Gifted/Honors Summer Reading

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This form is available on [www.captainshreve.com](http://www.captainshreve.com) if you would like an electronic copy. I hope you enjoy your summer reading. You will be choosing your own novel/book to read! Please bring your book/novel, your notes, and your saved completed assignments (in your Google Drive) the second week of school. Be sure all completed assignments are saved in your drive or can be easily uploaded to our Canvas system. You will be uploading all work to Canvas and/or [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com) after school starts.

- **You will complete the School-wide summer reading and parts 1, 2, and 3, from the 2021-2022 Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice Annotate Nominated Titles section on this document.**

**School-wide summer reading: Check [www.captainshreve.com](http://www.captainshreve.com)**

This is **separate** from your English course summer reading tasks.

*View, read, or listen* using the options provided in the information about our School-wide summer reading program.

**The 2021-2022 Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice Annotated Nominated Titles**

1. *Pick your novel/book and read it!* Select your novel/book from the list that is attached at the end of this document. Please read the descriptions to find a novel/book that is appropriate and interesting for you. The public library keeps about 10 copies of each available. You can also take advantage of the Mackin App or Overdrive Apps to access your selection. Feel free to write little summaries at the end of chapters or annotate in a Google Doc to help you remember your novel/book vividly. We will use the novels/books during the first weeks of school in our lessons. Be prepared to test on this novel/book. This **should not** be a novel/book you have already read!
2. *Create 4* of these options. These choices are intended to be informal writings that provide you an opportunity to be creative. You will need to take pictures of any tasks that are not typed (with you in them) or cannot be done on an electronic device.
  - Create a blog <https://edublogs.org/>. As you actively read your book, make note of pertinent information using: index cards, post-it flags, bullet points in a notebook, etc. Then, construct your blog posts using the [Writing to Learn](#) method on your notes, topics the novel discusses, character analysis, real-world connections. Create at least 10 entries.
  - Write a first paragraph for a sequel to this book **and** provide an outline or illustrate a storyboard as to what you believe should happen in the rest of the book.

- Create a [one-pager](#) for your book. This can be in a Google Doc or on a sheet of computer paper. Be prepared to share this doc or take a picture of it to be uploaded.
- Create a visual timeline of the events in the novel.
- Create a book review/recommendation video of your book. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oz4hgSbBjeo>  
You will publish it to youtube, once you are finished and be prepared to share the link.
- Write a song or poem of at least 20 lines that could function as a "soundtrack" song for the novel. The song or poem should reflect a theme, setting, mood, etc. of the novel.
- One major theme of English I that we study in class is how our actions affect ourselves and others around us. Another theme deals with our ability to affect change in our community and world. Write a brief essay, 3 paragraphs, breaking down how your novel explores those themes.
  - Make a [Book Bento](#). Arrange and take a balanced, well-composed square photo of your book surrounded by 6-8 objects that connect to ideas and/or details from the book. Your background should also connect or at least "make sense" for your book. Be prepared to upload your photo.

3. *Identify* essential figurative language used in your book. Identify 5 examples, the page number, the type of figurative language, and its impact on the writing. Create a Google Doc for this portion.

<https://quizlet.com/258981951/12-types-of-figurative-language-flash-cards/>

<i>Example</i>	<i>Page Number</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Impact on the writing (plot, characters, theme, etc.)</i>

## 2021-2022 LTRC Annotated Nominated Title List



### 1. [Downstairs Girl, The](#) by Stacey Lee

G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers (Penguin Random House), 2019. HC: 9781524740955, 384 pp., \$17.99. PB: 978-1524740979, 384 pp., \$10.99 (coming April 2021).

[Historical Fiction, 1890 Atlanta, Chinese American female protagonist, racism, advice column] Summary: By day, seventeen-year-old Jo Kuan works as a lady's maid for the cruel Caroline Payne, the daughter of one of the wealthiest men in Atlanta. But by night, Jo moonlights as the pseudonymous author of a newspaper advice column for "the genteel Southern lady." (LOC)

Awards: YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults List, Crystal Kite Award Winner, a Junior Library Guild Selection, Washington Post: Best Children's Books of 2019, School Library

Journal: Best Books of 2019, Publishers Weekly: Best Books of 2019, New York Public

Library: Best Books for Teens 2019, BookPage: Best Books of 2019

Accelerated Reader: IL: MG+ - BL: 5.5 - AR Pts: 14.0 AR Quiz No. 506285

### 2. [Hot Dog Girl](#) by Jennifer Dugan

G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers (Penguin Random House), 2019. HC: 9780525516255, 320 pp., \$17.99. PB: 978-0525516279, 336 pp., \$9.99

[Realistic Fiction, romance, white female protagonist, summer job, amusement park, LGBTQIA+] Summary: A lovesick teenager schemes to win the heart of her crush at her amusement park summer job, all while dressed as a hot dog. (LOC)  
Awards: YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers List, a Junior Library Guild Selection  
Accelerated Reader: IL: UG - BL: 5.0 - AR Pts: 11.0 AR Quiz No. 504415

### 3. [Ordinary Hazards](#) by Nikki Grimes

Wordsong (Penguin Random House), 2019. HC: 978-1629798813, 336 pp., \$19.99.

[Memoir, verse, black female protagonist, mental illness, foster care]

Summary: Growing up with a mother suffering from paranoid schizophrenia and a mostly absent father, Nikki Grimes found herself terrorized by babysitters, shunted from foster family to foster family, and preyed upon by those she trusted. At age six, she poured her pain onto a piece of paper late one night – and discovered the magic and impact of writing. (Publisher)  
Awards: Michael L. Printz Honor Book, Robert F. Sibert Informational Honor Book, Arnold Adoff Poetry Award for Teens, ALSC Notable Children's Book  
Accelerated Reader: IL: UG - BL: 5.5 - AR Pts: 4.0 AR Quiz No. 507146

### 4. [Patron Saints of Nothing](#) by Randy Ribay

Kokila (Penguin Random House), 2019. HC: 978-0525554912, 352 pp., \$17.99. PB: 9780525554929, 352 pp., \$10.99.

[Realistic fiction, Filipino-American male protagonist, family, cultural identity, grief, Filipino drug war]

Summary: When seventeen-year-old Jay Reguero learns his Filipino cousin and former best friend, Jun, was murdered as part of President Duterte's war on drugs, he flies to the Philippines to learn more. (LOC)  
Awards: National Book Award Finalist, Freeman Book Award Winner, Edgar Award Winner, CILIP Carnegie Medal, Amelia Elizabeth Walden Book Award Winner, YALSA Top Ten Best Fiction for Young Adults, YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers List, LA Times Book Prize for Young Adults, Publishers Weekly: Best Books of 2019  
Accelerated Reader: IL: UG - BL: 5.3 - AR Pts: 12.0 AR Quiz No. 502466

### 5. [SLAY](#) by Brittney Morris

Simon Pulse (Simon and Schuster), 2019. HC: 978-1534445420, 336 pp., \$18.99. PB: 9781534445437, 352 pp., \$11.99 (coming September 2020).

[Realistic fiction, black female protagonist, racism and discrimination in gaming, stereotypes] Summary: An honors student at Jefferson Academy, seventeen-year-old Keira enjoys developing and playing Slay, a secret, multiplayer online role-playing game celebrating black culture, until the two worlds collide. (LOC)

Awards: YALSA Top Ten Best Fiction for Young Adults, YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant

Readers List, Publishers Weekly: Best Books of 2019

Accelerated Reader: IL: UG - BL: 6.0 - AR Pts: 13.0 AR Quiz No. 505645

## 6. [Sorcery of Thorns](#) by Margaret Rogerson

Margaret K. McElderry Books (Simon and Schuster), 2019. HC: 978-1481497619, 464 pp., \$17.99. PB: 978-1481497626, 480 pp., \$11.99.

[Historical Fantasy, white female protagonist, battling librarians, magical books, sorcerers, demons, romance, LGBTQIA+]

Summary: When apprentice librarian Elisabeth is implicated in sabotage that released the library's most dangerous grimoire, she becomes entangled in a centuries-old conspiracy that could mean the end of everything. (LOC)

Awards: YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults List, Goodreads Choice Awards Nominee

Accelerated Reader: IL: MG+ - BL: 6.3 - AR Pts: 20.0 AR Quiz No. 502700

## 7. [They Called Us Enemy](#) by George Takei, Justin Eisinger, and Steven Scott; illustrated by Harmony

Becker

Top Shelf Productions (IDW Publishing), 2019. PB: 978-1603094504, 192 pp., \$19.99.

[Graphic memoir, Japanese-American male protagonist, WWII, Japanese internment camps, civil rights, activism, LGBTQIA+]

Summary: Actor, author, and activist George Takei recounts his childhood imprisoned within American relocation camps for Japanese Americans during World War II, and the impact the experience had on his later life. (AR)

Awards: Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature, ALSC Notable Children's Book,

Goodreads Choice Awards Nominee, BookRiot: Best Books of 2019

Accelerated Reader: IL: MG+ - BL: 4.6 - AR Pts: 2.0 AR Quiz No. 504407

8. [Two Can Keep a Secret](#) by Karen M. McManus

Delacorte Press (Penguin Random House), 2019. HC: 978-1524714727, 352 pp., \$19.99. PB: 978-

1524714710, 352 pp., \$10.99 (coming March 2021)

[Realistic fiction, thriller, biracial (white and Latinx) female protagonist and white male protagonist, murder, LGBTQIA+]

Summary: While true-crime aficionado Ellery and her twin brother are staying with their grandmother in a Vermont community known for murder, a new friend goes missing and Ellery may be next. (LOC)

Awards: YALSA Top Ten Best Fiction for Young Adults, YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers List, Publishers Weekly: Best Books of 2019, Goodreads Choice Awards Nominee Accelerated Reader: IL: UG - BL: 5.0 - AR Pts: 12.0 AR Quiz No. 500226

9. [With the Fire on High](#) by Elizabeth Acevedo

Quill Tree Books (Harper Collins), 2019. HC: 978-0062662835, 400 pp., \$17.99. PB: 9780062662842, 416 pp., \$12.99 (coming April 2021).

[Realistic fiction, Afro-Latinx female protagonist, stereotypes]

Summary: Teen mother Emoni Santiago struggles with the challenges of finishing high school and achieving her dream of working as a chef. (AR)

Awards: YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers List, Goodreads Choice Awards Nominee Accelerated Reader: IL: UG - BL: 6.5 - AR Pts: 11.0 AR Quiz No. 502468

10. [XL](#) by Scott Brown

Knopf Books for Young Readers (Penguin Random House), 2019. HC: 978-1524766245, 320 pp., \$17.99. PB: 978-1524766276, 320 pp., \$9.99.

[Realistic fiction, white male protagonist, body image, friendship, blended family]

Summary: Will has always been troubled by his short stature, but on his 16th birthday, he starts to grow--and grow, and grow. (LOC)

Accelerated Reader: N/A

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