

**Summer Reading 2019**  
**Grade 7**  
**Dighton Middle School**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Why in the World would I want to read in the summer???

- Summer reading keeps our minds active.
- Summer reading helps us to keep our reading skills from declining.
- Summer reading helps to instill a love of reading.
- Summer reading is something the whole family can do together.

The summer reading theme for students entering 7th grade in September 2019 is perseverance. Perseverance is a character trait that is essential to being successful in life. Please select one of the reading books from the attached list, and answer the questions below.

A. Essential questions. (Please answer in complete sentences.)

1. In your own words, please define perseverance.

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2. How do you think you have you used perseverance in your life?

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3. How have you seen others use perseverance in their lives?

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Answer the following questions about the book that you read this summer:

1) Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Main character(s): \_\_\_\_\_

3) How did the character(s) in the story use words and actions to demonstrate perseverance?

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4) Briefly summarize the story that you read.

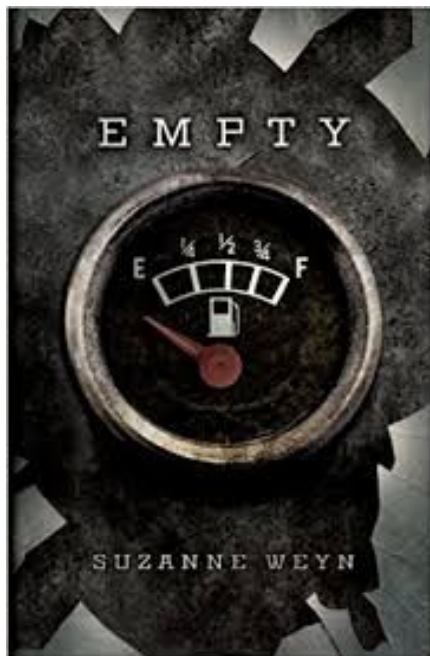
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5) Would you recommend that others read this book? Rate this book on a five-star system. For example, one star means that you would not recommend the book to anyone else to read, and five stars means that you would highly recommend that others read this book. Explain why you gave the book this rating.

I give this book \_\_\_\_ stars because \_\_\_\_\_

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Please choose a book from the following list:  
(Summaries are copied from Goodreads.)



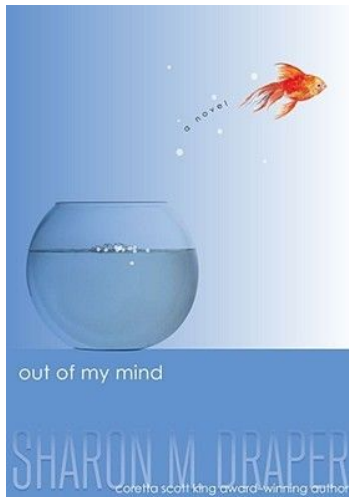
Empty, by Suzanne Weyn

It's the near future - the very near future - and the fossil fuels are running out. No gas. No oil. (Which means no driving.) No heat. Supermarkets are empty. Malls have shut down. Life has just become more difficult than we ever knew it could be. Nobody expected the end to come this fast. And in the small town of Spring Valley, decisions that once seemed easy are quickly becoming a matter of life and death. There is hope - there has to be hope - just as there are also sacrifices that need to be made. Teenagers like Nicki, Tom, and Leila may find what they need to survive, but their lives are never going to be the same again.



Ghost, by Jason Reynolds

Running. That's all that Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But never for a track team. Nope, his game has always been ball. But when Ghost impulsively challenges an elite sprinter to a race -- and wins -- the Olympic medalist track coach sees he has something: crazy natural talent. Thing is, Ghost has something else: a lot of anger, and a past that he is trying to outrun. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed and meld with the team, or will his past finally catch up to him?



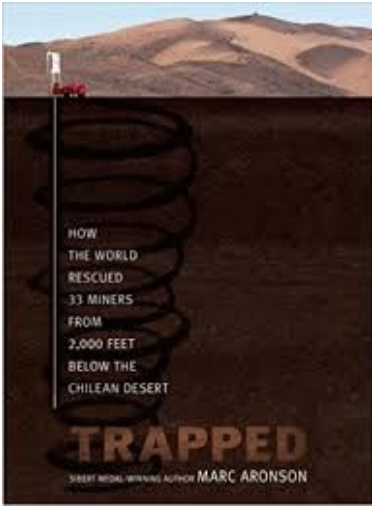
## Out of My Mind, by Sharon M. Draper

Melody is not like most people. She cannot walk or talk, but she has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She is smarter than most of the adults who try to diagnose her and smarter than her classmates in her integrated classroom - the very same classmates who dismiss her as mentally challenged because she cannot tell them otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by cerebral palsy. And she's determined to let everyone know it - somehow.



## Refugee, by Alan Gratz

Josef is a Jewish boy in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world... Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety and freedom in America... Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe... All three young people will go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. For each of them, there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, surprising connections will tie their stories together in the end.



## Trapped, by Marc Aronson

In early August 2010, the unthinkable happened when a mine collapsed in Copiapó, Chile, and 33 miners were trapped 2,000 feet below the surface. For sixty-nine days they lived on meager resources and increasingly poor air quality. When they were finally rescued, the world watched with rapt attention and rejoiced in the amazing spirit and determination of the miners. What could have been a terrible tragedy became an amazing story of survival.



## Wish, by Barbara O'Connor

Eleven-year-old Charlie Reese has been making the same secret wish every day since fourth grade. She even has a list of all the ways there are to make the wish, such as cutting off the pointed end of a slice of pie and wishing on it as she takes the last bite. But when she is sent to the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina to live with family she barely knows, it seems unlikely that her wish will ever come true. That is until she meets Wishbone, a skinny stray dog who captures her heart, and Howard, a neighbor boy who proves surprising in lots of ways. Suddenly Charlie is in serious danger of discovering that what she thought she wanted may not be what she needs at all.

