



Dear Parents,

We're excited to share our summer reading program, created to inspire a love for reading and help our students continue growing academically and spiritually over the summer months.

All grade levels have one assigned book to read over the summer. In addition to this required book, we strongly encourage students to choose and enjoy other books that interest them. Regular reading helps keep skills sharp and builds a lifelong love for literature.

To reinforce comprehension, all students will complete a short reading assessment for a daily grade on the first day of school. The summer reading assignment will also be used throughout the first quarter to strengthen writing skills. We recommend students take notes, jot down key points, and summarize chapters as they go—this will make the reading more meaningful and the test and writing assignments easier to tackle.

We also encourage students to read beyond the assigned novel. Research shows that students should aim to read six to seven books over the summer to maintain their current reading level. Without consistent reading, students may lose ground academically—so we hope everyone will explore books they enjoy and make reading a regular part of their summer.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop strong reading habits. If you have any questions, we're happy to help! Please contact Mrs. Smith at [ksmith@tcseagles.org](mailto:ksmith@tcseagles.org)

Happy reading!

TCS English Department

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Grade	Book
6th	<i>These Are My People</i> by Mildred T Howard Publisher : JourneyForth; Illustrated edition (February 11, 2005) ISBN-10 : 0890842426 ISBN-13 : 978-0890842423
7th	<i>Amy Carmichael: Rescuer of Precious Gems (Christian Heroes: Then and Now)</i> by Janet Bengé & Geoff Bengé Publisher : YWAM Publishing; Christian Heroes: Then & Now edition (May 1, 1998) ISBN-10 : 1576580180 ISBN-13 : 978-1576580189
8th	<i>God's Smuggler</i> by Brother Andrew Publisher : Chosen Books; Anniversary edition (October 1, 2001) ISBN-10 : 0800796853 ISBN-13 : 978-0800796853
9th	<i>Same Kind of Different As Me</i> by Ron Hall and Denver Moore Publisher: Nelson Incorporated, Thomas ISBN-10:084991910X ISBN-13: 978-0849919107
10th	<i>Safely Home</i> by Randy Alcorn Publisher:Tyndale Fiction ISBN-10: 9781414348551 ISBN-13: 978-1414348551
11th/12th	<i>The Insanity of God, A True Story of Faith Resurrected</i> by Nik Ripken Publisher : B&H Publishing Group ISBN-10 : 1433673088 ISBN-13 : 978-1433673085
12th	<i>The Insanity of Obedience, Walking with Jesus in Tough Places</i> by Nik Ripken Publisher : B&H Publishing Group ISBN-10 : 1433673096 ISBN-13: 978-1433673092

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## **Junior High Book Summaries**

### ***These Are My People* by Mildred T Howard (6th)**

*The true story of how God led Gladys Aylward from the cold, foggy streets of London to the bleak mountain ranges of the Shanshi province. Her steadfast faith touched Chinese hearts from all walks of life; her nursing skill saved the lives of many war-stricken Chinese; and her compassion led her to provide a home for hundreds of Chinese children.*

### ***Amy Carmichael: Rescuer of Precious Gems, Christian Heroes: Then and Now* (7th)**

*Amy Carmichael's life was one of simple, determined obedience to God, regardless of the consequences. Her service in India is a vivid example of the impact one person who will fear God and nothing else can have. Driven by love, sustained by faith and determination, this young woman from Northern Ireland defied the cruel barriers of India's caste system (1867-1951).*

*This best-selling, missionary biography series - Christian Heroes: Then & Now - chronicles the exciting, challenging, and deeply touching true stories of ordinary men and women whose trust in God accomplished extraordinary exploits for His kingdom and glory.*

### ***God's Smuggler* by Brother Andrew (8th)**

*As a boy he dreamed of being a spy undercover behind enemy lines. As a man he found himself undercover for God. Brother Andrew was his name, and for decades his life story, recounted in *God's Smuggler*, has awed and inspired millions. This best seller tells of the young Dutch factory worker's incredible efforts to transport Bibles across closed borders - and the miraculous ways in which God provided for him every step of the way. Brother Andrew's story remains as inspiring today as it was 35 years ago, and with this new release, it will motivate a whole new generation to risk everything to follow God's call.*



## High School Book Summaries

### **Same Kind of Different As Me by Ron Hall and Denver Moore (9th)**

*A memoir written by Denver Moore and Ron Hall, with the assistance of Lynn Vincent. Employing a first-person point of view that switches between Moore and Hall in its chapters, the book tells the radically-different life stories of the two men—Moore spent most of his adult years being homeless or in prison, while Hall was a high-end art dealer—and how they were brought together thanks to Hall's wife Deborah. The last part of the book details Deborah's battle with and subsequent death from cancer and how her legacy of Christian-inspired charity impacts her family, friends, and the homeless people she worked with.*

*The first part of the book covers the upbringing of Moore and Hall. Moore was born into a family of black sharecroppers in Red River Parish, Louisiana, in 1937. He was raised by his grandmother, but after her death in a house fire, winds up with his aunt and uncle. For almost thirty years he worked as a sharecropper and experienced the institutional racism endemic in the Deep South at the time. No matter how hard he and his family work, they are perpetually in debt to "the Man," who owns the plantation where they live and work. In addition, while changing a flat tire for a white woman on a country road when he was a teenager, Moore is attacked by three young white men on horses, who lasso him and drag him down the road. This event clouds his outlook on life, and Moore eventually hops on a passing freight train to find a better life elsewhere.*

### **Safely Home by Randy Alcorn (10th)**

*Safely Home, written by Randy Alcorn and winner of the Gold Medallion Book Award for evangelical literature, follows the stories of two reunited Harvard graduates. Ben Fielding, a successful businessman visits his former roommate Li Quan, now living in China and seeking to live out his faith along with his underground church family in a country bent on stamping out Christianity. Ben wonders how these believers are willing to endure beating, imprisonment, and even death, for a faith he left behind the dollars and prestige of an executive ladder. That ladder led him to a life much different than the one he now finds in his former roommate. "When Jesus is everything to you, it is impossible not to speak of him," Li Quan explained. Ben learns that for these believers, it truly was "hard to keep the sun" in their pocket. The consequent persecution for this faith birthed bold, Spirit-filled lives that make a lasting impact on Ben and will challenge every believer who reads their story.*



***The Insanity of God, A True Story of Faith Resurrected by Nik Ripken (11th)***

*How does faith survive, let alone flourish in a place like the Middle East? How can good truly overcome such evil? How do you maintain hope when all is darkness around you? How can we say “greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world” when it may not be visibly true in that place at that time? How does anyone live an abundant, victorious Christian life in our world’s toughest places? Can Christianity even work outside of Western, dressed-up, ordered nations? If so, how?*

*The Insanity of God tells a story—a remarkable and unique story to be sure, yet at heart a very human story—of the Ripkens’ own spiritual and emotional odyssey. The gripping, narrative account of a personal pilgrimage into some of the toughest places on earth, combined with sobering and insightful stories of the remarkable people of faith Nik and Ruth encountered on their journeys, will serve as a powerful course of revelation, growth, and challenge for anyone who wants to know whether God truly is enough.*

***The Insanity of God, A True Story of Faith Resurrected by Nik Ripken (12th)***

*After reading The Insanity of God last summer, seniors will continue the series with The Insanity of Obedience by Nik Ripken. This powerful book challenges believers to move beyond comfortable Christianity and fully trust Christ, even in difficult circumstances. Through the experiences of persecuted Christians around the world, students will be encouraged to deepen their faith, strengthen their relationship with the Lord, and boldly live out the gospel in their everyday lives.*