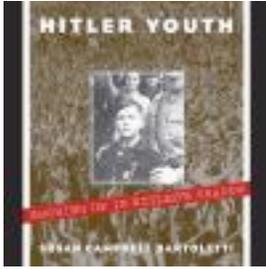
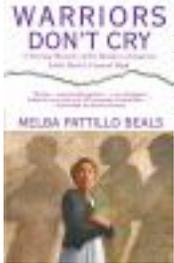


## Summer Reading List - Eighth Grade



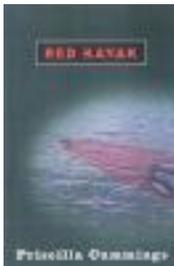
**Bartoletti: *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow* c2005 nonfiction**

Against the backdrop of Hitler's world, we follow German young people through the many different organizations which formed them into soldiers faithful to the fatherland.



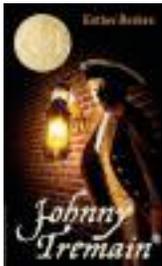
**Beals: *Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High* c1994 nonfiction**

Melba Patillo Beals, one of the nine students who integrated Central High in 1957, shares the horrific experiences she and the others encountered and how they were able to survive.



**Cummings: *Red Kayak* c2004 contemporary realistic fiction**

After a young boy is killed in a kayaking accident, 13-year-old Brady struggles with whether he should divulge the prank that caused the accident or keep silent to protect the pranksters.



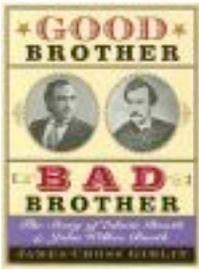
**Forbes: *Johnny Tremain* c1943 historical fiction, classic**

Johnny Tremain is drawn into the Revolutionary War and becomes a patriot fighting to free the colonies from England. Along the way he learns about life and about himself.



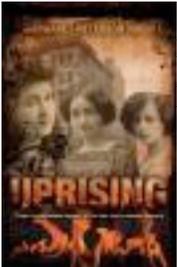
**Friend: *Perfect* c2004 contemporary realistic fiction**

Developing bulimia after the death of her father, 13-year-old Isabelle is forced to attend a therapy group. There she discovers that one of the school's most popular girls is also battling the same disease.



**Giblin:** *Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth* c2005 *collective biography*

Both John Wilkes Booth and his elder brother Edwin made lasting impressions on American history. Find out how they were alike and how they were different.



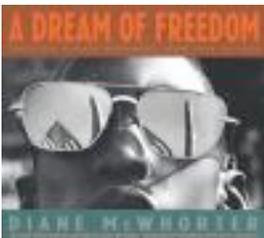
**Haddix:** *Uprising* c2007 *historical fiction*

After 16 years, Bella Livingston finally shares the story of the fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory that killed her two best friends in 1911 and the poor working conditions.



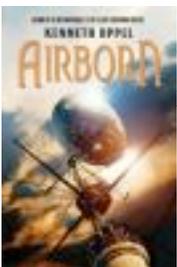
**Jackson:** *I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up in the Holocaust* c1997 *nonfiction*

Holocaust memoir of a 13 year-old girl Jewish girl.



**McWhorter:** *A Dream of Freedom: The Civil Rights Movement from 1954 to 1968* c2004 *nonfiction*

The author writes personal and factual accounts of the modern Civil Rights movement, from *Brown v the Board of Education* through the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.



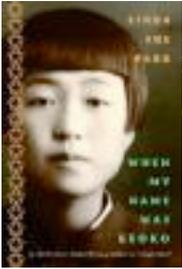
**Opper:** *Airborn* c2004 *mystery*

A cabin boy and wealthy young girl on luxury airship team-up to search for mysterious creatures that a dying balloonist claimed he saw.



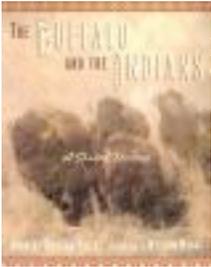
**Paolini:** *Eragon* c2003 *fantasy*

Eragon's life is changed into a world of suspense, survival and magic after he finds a mysterious stone from which a dragon hatches.



**Park:** *When My Name Was Keoko* c2002 *historical fiction*

Teenage siblings describe the struggles of their Korean family to preserve its culture during WWII Japanese occupation.



**Patent:** *Buffalo and the Indians: A Shared Destiny* c2006 *nonfiction*

The history of the American Indian's dependence on the bison and their relationship from prehistoric times to the present is traced. Each chapter is introduced with a legend about the buffalo from various tribes.



**Peck:** *The River Between Us* c2003 *historical fiction, diversity*

During the Civil War, two mysterious young ladies travel from New Orleans to Illinois and are taken in by a family. As the story unfolds so does the mystery of their lives.



**Perkins:** *The Not-So-Star-Spangled Life of Sunita Sen (Original Title: The Sunita Experiment)* c1993 *diversity*

When grandparents from India visit, Sunita resents her Indian heritage.



**Rinaldi:** *A Break with Charity: A Story about the Salem Witch Trials* c1992 *historical fiction*

In 1706, the town of Salem is in an uproar due to the Salem witch trials. The story is told from the perspective of Susanna English, who is caught between her desire to join the malicious group of girls who are spreading the mischief and her fear of what they are doing.



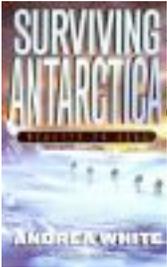
**Spinelli:** *Stargirl* c2000 *contemporary realistic fiction*

A sixteen-year-old eccentric high school girl and her boyfriend discover the ill effects of her unconventional behavior.



**Stevenson: *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* classic**

The classic story about a respected doctor who creates a drug that transforms him into a murderous criminal.



**White: *Surviving Antarctica: Reality TV 2083* c2005 adventure, science fiction**

In the year 2083, five 14-year-olds contestants in a reality TV program reenact Scott's 1910-1913 dangerous expedition to the South Pole.