
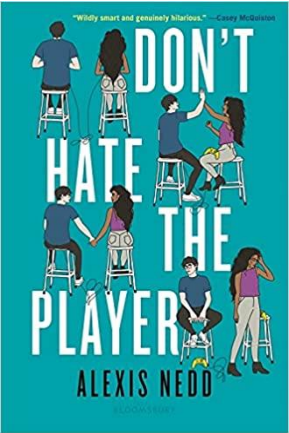
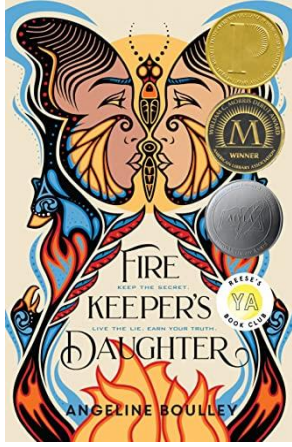


English I, II, III, and IV

2023-2024 Louisiana Teen Readers Choice Nominations

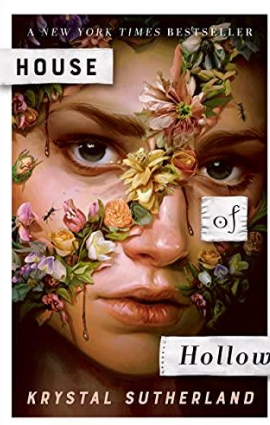
The English teachers at Southside High want you to read something fun, exciting, impactful, meaningful, or enjoyable this summer. This is why we encourage you to read one or more of the books that are a part of the Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice Program. Each book on the list has been identified as being an outstanding book for teens to read for pleasure.

Cover	Title and Author	Book Summary
	<i>Any Sign of Life</i> by Rae Carson	Paige Miller is determined to take her basketball team to the state championship, maybe even beyond. But as March Madness heats up, Paige falls deathly ill. Days later, she wakes up attached to an IV and learns that the whole world has perished. Everyone she loves, and all of her dreams for the future—they're gone. But she pushes through her fear and grief to survive each day.
	<i>Don't Hate the Player</i> by Alex Ned	Emilia Romero lives a double life. By day she's a field hockey star, and by night she's the only female member of a highly competitive eSports team. When a major eSports tournament comes to her city, Emilia is determined to prove herself, but her perfectly balanced life is thrown for a loop when she's recognized by a member of a rival team.



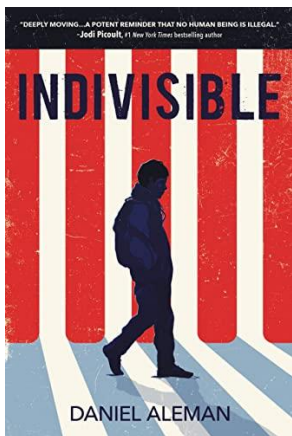
Firekeeper's Daughter
by Angeline Boulley

Eighteen-year-old Daunis Fontaine has never quite fit in, both in her hometown and on the nearby Ojibwe reservation. She dreams of a fresh start at college, but when family tragedy strikes, Daunis puts her future on hold to look after her fragile mother. The only bright spot is meeting Jamie, the charming new recruit on her brother's hockey team. Yet even as Daunis falls for Jamie, she senses the dashing hockey star is hiding something.



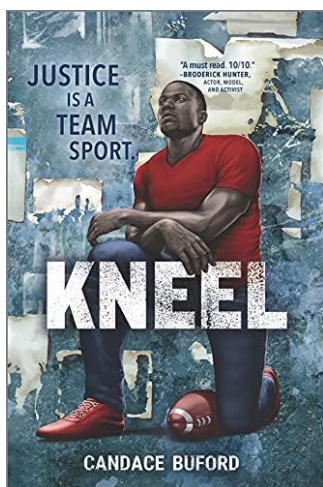
House of Hollow
by Krystal Sutherland

Iris Hollow and her older sisters are unquestionably strange. After disappearing in Scotland as children and returning a month later with no memory of what happened, eerie changes plague them. Ten years after their return, while Iris is doing all she can to fit in and graduate high school, Grey goes missing without a trace. As they struggle to find their sister, Iris and Vivi must grapple with supernatural forces and false realities threatening their identities.



Indivisible
by Daniel Aleman

Mateo and his younger sister, Sophie, have been taught to fear one word: deportation. However, the fear that their undocumented immigrant parents could be sent back to Mexico started to fade. Ma and Pa have been in the United States for so long, they have American-born children, and they're hard workers and good neighbors. When Mateo returns one day to see his family's worst nightmare: his parents have been taken by ICE.



Kneel
by Candace Buford

For guys like Russell Boudreaux, football is the only way out of their small town. Rus has a singular goal: to get a scholarship and play on the national stage. But when his best friend is unfairly arrested and kicked off the team, Rus faces an impossible choice: speak up or live in fear. Desperate for change, Rus kneels during the national anthem. In one instant, he falls from local stardom and becomes a target.

	<p><i>Little Thieves</i> by Margaret Owen</p>	<p>Vanja Schmidt knows no gift is freely given, not even a mother's love. Abandoned to Death and Fortune as a child, she has scraped by as a lowly maidservant with her quick wits and the ability to see her godmothers' hands at work in the world. But when they demand her lifelong servitude in exchange, Vanja decides that gifts not given freely...can always be stolen.</p>
	<p><i>One of the Good Ones</i> by Maika Moulite and Maritza Moulite</p>	<p>When teen social activist and history buff Kezi Smith is killed under mysterious circumstances after attending a social justice rally, her devastated sister Happi and their family are left reeling in the aftermath. As Kezi becomes another immortalized victim in the fight against police brutality, Happi begins to question the idealized way her sister is remembered. Perfect. Angelic.</p> <p>One of the good ones, but why are only certain people deemed worthy to be missed?</p>
	<p><i>Perfectly Parvin</i> by Olovoa Abtahi</p>	<p>Parvin Mohammadi has just been dumped--only days after receiving official girlfriend status. Not only is she heartbroken, she's humiliated. Enter high school heartthrob Matty Fumero, who just might be the smoking-hot cure to all her boy problems. If Parvin can get Matty to ask her to Homecoming, she's positive it will prove to herself and her ex that she's girlfriend material. There's just one problem: Matty is definitely too cool for bassoon-playing, frizzy-haired, Cheeto-eating Parvin.</p>

English Honors Lists

**2023 Summer Reading
for
Honors English**

Reading throughout the summer is a requirement for all advanced English classes at Southside High School, so get ready for a summer reading frenzy!

Why is summer reading important?

Research shows that students who read approximately 35 books per year outperform their peers on standardized tests such as the ACT and the SAT. It's difficult to reach that number if you take a break, right? Reading throughout the summer will keep you working toward that goal. Plus, there is no better way to learn about yourself and the world than through reading.

What should I read?

The faculty at Southside High School have worked hard to create a summer reading experience that will expand your knowledge and prepare you for the academic rigor of advanced courses in English. Throughout the summer, you will be expected to read **ONE** of the following:

Is there an assignment?

YES!

When you return to school, you will have an assignment to complete on the book you chose. In order to help you prepare for this assignment, **here's a MANDATORY book prep log to help you keep track of ideas as you read:**

[Summer Reading Log](#)
(Make a copy)

NOTE: All work recorded on your book prep log should be *your own*. Do not submit a log that contains information copied and pasted from the internet or a peer. Anyone who does so will be subjected to the Lafayette Parish School System rules regarding cheating and will not be allowed to use the log to complete the assignment given in class.

When is the book prep log due?

The book must be read and your log must be submitted to your English teacher on the first Monday of the school year, **Monday, August 14**. We know that most of you are comfortable submitting your work electronically through Google Classroom, but your Chromebooks may not be distributed to you by this time. If you do not have the

ability to submit your assignment electronically when the assignments are due, you should plan to print a hardcopy for your teacher.

What if I have questions throughout the summer?

If you need any help with this assignment, feel free to contact Dr. Debbie Reed, the Southside High School English department chairperson, at ddreed@lpssonline.com. She will answer your question or forward your email to the appropriate teacher.

English I - Honors

We Were Liars, by E. Lockhart

[Amazon Listing](#)

Scythe, by Neal Shusterman

[Amazon Listing](#)

Foul Trouble, by John Feinstein

[Amazon Listing](#)

Why were these books selected?

Reading over the summer should be fun! These books are fast-paced, high-interest, and have been enjoyed and recommended by Southside students.

English II - Honors

To Kill A Mockingbird, by Harper Lee

[Amazon Listing](#)

Dry, by Neal Shusterman

[Amazon Listing](#)

Warcross, by Marie Lu

[Amazon Listing](#)

Why were these books selected?

Reading over the summer should be fun! These books are fast-paced, high-interest, and have been enjoyed and recommended by Southside students.

English III - Honors

Anger is a Gift, by Mark Oshiro

[Amazon Listing](#)

They Both Die at the End, by Adam Silvera

[Amazon Listing](#)

Challenger Deep, by Neil Shusterman

[Amazon Listing](#)

Nineteen Minutes: A Novel, by Jodi Picoult

[Amazon Listing](#)

North of Happy, by Adi Alsaid

[Amazon Listing](#)

The Grapes of Wrath, by John Steinbeck

[Amazon Listing](#)

The Jungle, by Upton Sinclair

[Amazon Listing](#)

The Scarlet Letter, by Nathaniel Hawthorne

[Amazon Listing](#)

Why were these books selected?

Reading over the summer should be fun! Teenagers generally find these books to be fast-paced and high-interest, and Southside students have enjoyed these in the past. If you prefer to push yourself a bit more, there are also several classics on the list.

You may also notice that the maturity of the writing style and the subject matter presented in these books has increased since your freshman and sophomore year, which is appropriate as English III Honors is a course intended to prepare you for college-level reading and writing. We encourage you to have an open mind as you chose one of these titles and to embrace your reading as an opportunity to learn something new. Be sure to click the Amazon links to get a feel for each book. There's a little something for everyone.