

BHS SUMMER READING TITLE LIST 2009

***The Absolutely True Story of a Part Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie** Arnold “Junior” Spirit leaves the reservation where he has been raised to attend a rich, white school in a neighboring town.

***Airhead* by Meg Cabot** When Em finds her sarcastic gamer-girl brain has been transplanted into the body of shallow super-model Nikki she is forced to live a funny, exciting lie.

***Before the Legend* by Christopher Farley** Bob Marley’s early life and his impact on the rise of Reggae music from the streets of Kingstown, Jamaica is the subject of this fascinating biography.

***Big Papi: My Story of Big Dreams and Big Hits* by David Ortiz** Boston baseball in general and stories from the life of Sox hitter Ortiz alternate chapters in this entertaining biography.

***The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak** In Germany of the 1940s, death has his hands full keeping order. He relaxes by telling the story of Liesel, who steals books, in this brilliant, haunting novel.

***Dreamhunter* by Elizabeth Knox** Laura is an up-and-coming Dreamhunter, the procurer, director and star of her world’s most glamorous entertainment. When she begins to see the dark side of what her talents can do – she becomes dangerous.

***The Fortunes of Indigo Skye* by Deb Calletti** When Indigo receives a million dollar tip waiting tables she is determined not to let it change her.

***Harmless* by Dana Reinhardt** Three young girls invent a crime to cover up their own misbehavior. But as the truth begins to come out, they find themselves being pulled apart.

***Hero* by Perry Moore** Thom is not sure which is worse, having to tell his hero-hating father that he has super powers or that he is gay.

***Hypochondriac’s Guide To Horrible Diseases You Probably Already Have* by Dennis DiClaudio** Hilarious descriptions and repulsive drawings make this humorous little guide to really gross diseases a fun – if somewhat icky – summer read.

***A Long Way Gone* by Ismael Beah** This memoir of a child soldier in Sierra Leone shows the evolution of Ismael from boy band wanna-be to stone cold killer to human rights activist all before the age of 18.

***Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac* by Gabrielle Zevin** When Naomi loses her memory after a head injury, she is given a chance to undo past mistakes and the opportunity to make new ones.

***My Hands Came Away Red* by Lisa McKay** A group of teen missionaries is caught up in violence in Indonesia in this gripping novel.

***Plato and a Platypus Walk in to a Bar* by Thomas Cathcart** Different philosophies are made completely understandable by deconstructing jokes in this hilarious overview of great thought.

***Right Behind You* by Gail Giles** At age 11, Kip set a neighbor boy on fire and is sent to a facility for violent juvenile offenders. When he is released, he tries to come to terms with the tragedy and atone for it.

***Runaways: Pride and Joy* by Brian K Vaughn** A diverse group of teens discover that their parents are super-villains in this action-packed Marvel graphic novel series.

***The Shape of Mercy* by Susan Meissner** The parallel stories of Mercy, a victim of the Salem witch hysteria, and Laura, the modern day college student hired to transcribe her diary are told in this romantic and moving novel.

***Sunrise Over Fallujah* by Walter Dean Myers** This novel opens in 2003 as Rob joins the service and describes both the conflict and the hope he sees as he takes part in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

***Twelve Mighty Orphans* by Jim Dent** This is the true story of the Masonic Orphans’ Home Mighty Mites who dominated high school football in Texas during the great depression, bringing hope to people in the grip of economic despair.

***What My Girlfriend Doesn’t Know* by Sondra Sones** When Robin gets a girlfriend who he knows is “way out of his league” he begins to see himself differently in this story told in poetry.

***What Was Lost* by Catherine O’Flynn** A solitary little girl goes missing while investigating shady goings on at a local shopping center. Her unsolved disappearance comes to light again, 20 years later, when she seems to appear on the mall’s security camera tapes.

***White Darkness* by Geraldine McCaughrean** Sym has always felt powerless and useless, but when she is kidnapped and taken to the bottom of the world, she will need to use her knowledge of the Antarctic and untried reserves of strength to save herself and others.

***The World Without Us* by Alan Weisman** If humanity were to disappear, just what would happen to the earth we leave behind? Find out in this science-based projection of Earth’s recovery.