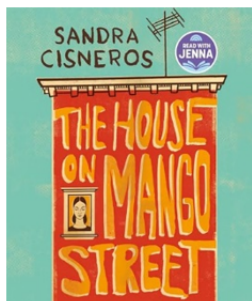


Sophomore Summer Reading Choices



1. **The House on Mango Street, by Sandra Cisneros (ISBN: 9780679734772)**

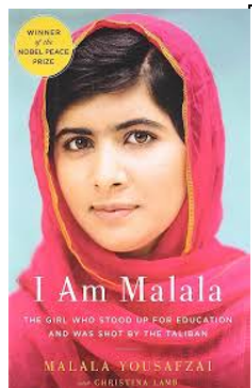
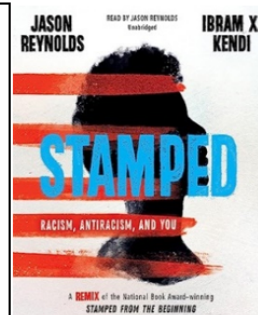
The House on Mango Street is a 1984 novel by Mexican-American author Sandra Cisneros. Structured as a series of vignettes, it tells the story of Esperanza Cordero, a 12-year-old Chicana girl growing up in Chicago.

2. **Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You, by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi (ISBN: 9780316453691)**

A timely, crucial, and empowering exploration of racism--and antiracism--in America.

This is NOT a history book. This is a book about the here and now.

A book to help us better understand why we are where we are. A book about race.



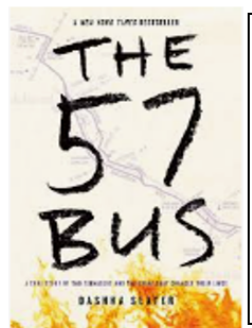
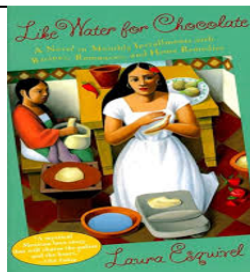
3. **I Am Malala, by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb (ISBN: 9780316322409)**

On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, when she was fifteen, she almost paid the ultimate price. She was shot in the head at point-blank range while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive.

Instead, Malala's miraculous recovery has taken her on an extraordinary journey from a remote valley in northern Pakistan to the halls of the United Nations in New York. At sixteen, she has become a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

4. **Like Water for Chocolate, by Laura Esquivel (ISBN: 9780365420174)**

A sumptuous feast of a novel, it relates the bizarre history of the all-female De La Garza family. Tita, the youngest daughter of the house, has been forbidden to marry, condemned by Mexican tradition to look after her mother until she dies. But Tita falls in love with Pedro, and he is seduced by the magical food she cooks.



5. **The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives (ISBN: 9780374303235)**

New York Times bestseller that will make you rethink all you know about race, class, gender, crime, and punishment. A must-read nonfiction book for teens that chronicles the true story of an agender teen who was set on fire by another teen while riding a bus in Oakland, California.

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6. *Death Cloud: The Legend Begins, Sherlock Holmes* by Andrew Lane (ISBN:0374387672) [NOT AVAILABLE AT PMSA]

It is the summer of 1868, and Sherlock Holmes is fourteen. On break from boarding school, he is staying with eccentric strangers—his uncle and aunt—in their vast house in Hampshire. When two local people die from symptoms that resemble the plague, Holmes begins to investigate what really killed them, helped by his new tutor, an American named Amyus Crowe. So begins Sherlock's true education in detection, as he discovers the dastardly crimes of a brilliantly sinister villain of exquisitely malign intent.



7. *Kane Chronicles: The Red Pyramid* Rick Riordan (ISBN: 9780545400169) [NOT AVAILABLE AT PMSA]

Since their mother's death, Carter and Sadie have become near strangers. While Sadie has lived with her grandparents in London, her brother has traveled the world with their father, the brilliant Egyptologist, Dr. Julius Kane.

One night, Dr. Kane brings the siblings together for a "research experiment" at the British Museum, where he hopes to set things right for his family. Instead, he unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes him to oblivion and forces the children to flee for their lives.

Soon, Sadie and Carter discover that the gods of Egypt are waking, and the worst of them —Set— has his sights on the Kanes. To stop him, the siblings embark on a dangerous journey across the globe – a quest that brings them ever closer to the truth about their family and their links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.

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