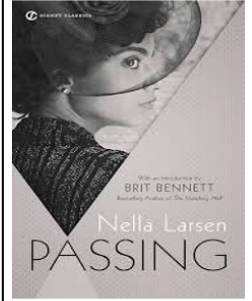


## Senior Summer Reading Choices

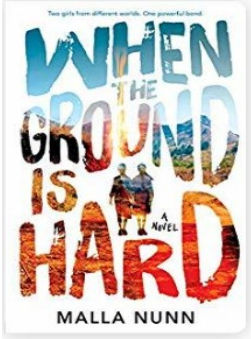
### 1. Passing by Nella Larsen

Set primarily in the Harlem neighborhood of New York City in the 1920s, the story centers on the reunion of two childhood friends and the intricate concept of racial passing, where individuals escape discrimination by presenting themselves as white.



### 2. When The Ground Is Hard by Malla Nunn

Two girls attending a boarding school for mixed-race students during the 1960s end up as roommates. One is popular; the other is considered the school pariah. As they grow closer, they take on bullies and protect each other from the vindictive and prejudiced teachers. When a fellow student goes missing o campus, they must rely on each other to solve the mystery.



### OPTIONS:

1. Select one of the books above and check out from the PMSA bookroom during Final Exam Week on MON-WED between the hours of 11:45am-1:45pm.

### OR

2. Select a book from the 2024 \*Abe Lincoln Award List by [CLICKING HERE](#). Click on the thumbnail picture of the book to read a synopsis of the plot. There are 20 titles to choose from - you can check out a free copy through your public library or by purchasing one at a book store or online.

*The \*Abe Lincoln Annual Award List is comprised of the Top 20 books voted most outstanding by student in grades 9-12 in participating Illinois schools.*