

Sophomore Summer Reading Choices



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

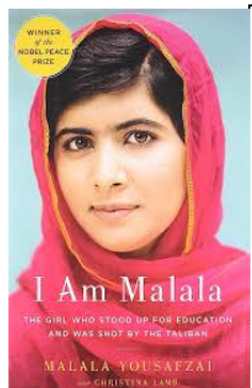
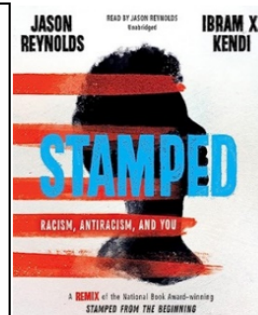
The House on Mango Street is a 1984 novel by Mexican-American author Sandra Cisneros. Structured as a series of vignettes, it tells the story of Esperanza Cordero, a 12-year-old Chicana girl growing up in Chicago.

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.



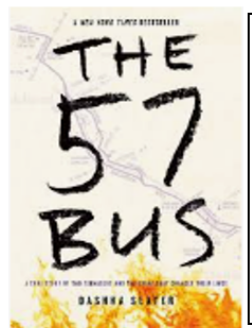
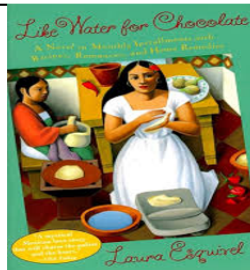
3. **I Am Malala, by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb (ISBN: 9780316322409)**

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.

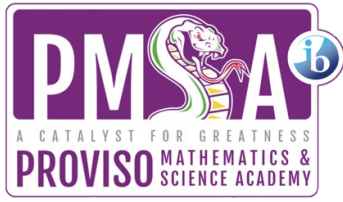
4. **Like Water for Chocolate, by Laura Esquivel (ISBN: 9780365420174)**

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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OPTIONS:

1. Select a book listed on Page 1 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.*