**ALTAMONT READING LIST: GRADE 7**

**MONTHLY READING 2020-2021**

The Altamont School has a rich tradition of graduating students who are well-read, curious, and committed to the life-long habit of reading. In addition to the texts and material being covered in class, Altamont students are expected to read a book on their own, outside of class, each month. Students should select a text from the updated grade level reading list on a monthly basis; other texts may be read pending teacher approval. Reading logs will be posted in Advisors’ classrooms to provide an opportunity for everyone to see what books people are reading in our community, discuss common texts together, and provide or solicit recommendations. In keeping with the mission and core values of our school, we believe that reading is one the most vital ways our students gain exposure to worlds and people different than themselves. Thus, The Altamont School maintains high and rigorous expectations when it comes to reading because we believe that reading is critical to producing “compassionate, well-educated individuals who are capable of independent thinking and innovative ideas.”

**FICTION**

1. *The Night Diary* – Veera Hiranandani
2. *Fish in a Tree* – Linda Mullaly Hunt
3. *Little Women* – Louisa May Alcott
4. *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy* – Douglas Adams
5. *My Antonia* – Willa Cather
6. *Other Words for Home* – Jasmine Warga
7. *1984* – George Orwell
8. *My Year in the Middle* – Lila Quintero Weaver
9. *Ghost Boys –* Jewell Parker Rhodes
10. *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* – Christopher Paul Curtis
11. *Call of the Wild* – Jack London
12. *The Hate U Give* – Angie Thomas
13. *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* – Kelly Barnhill
14. *Escape from Aleppo* – N.H. Senzai
15. *White Fang* – Jack London
16. *Call It Courage* – Armstrong Sperry
17. *House Without Walls* – Ching Yeung Russell
18. *Amal Unbound* – Aisha Saeed
19. *Ishmael* – Daniel Quinn
20. *The Hobbit; The Lord of the Rings trilogy –* J.R.R. Tolkien
21. *The Crossover* – Kwame Alexander
22. *Booked* – Kwame Alexander
23. *Lost Names* – Richard E. Kim

**NONFICTION**

1. *Just Mercy (Adapted for Young Adults): A True Story of the Fight for Justice* – Bryan Stevenson
2. *All Over but the Shoutin’ –* Rick Bragg
3. *The Radium Girls* – Kate Moore
4. *Into the Wild* – Jon Krakauer
5. *The World Without Us* – Alan Weisman