**ALTAMONT READING LIST: GRADE 8**

**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. *Speak* – Laurie Halse Anderson
2. *The Prince and the Dress Maker* – Jen Wang
3. *Piecing Me Together* – Renee Watson
4. *Northanger Abbey –* Jane Austen
5. *Ender’s Game series* – Orson Scott Card
6. *Summerland* – Michael Chabon
7. *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican* Daughter – Erika L. Sanchez
8. *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman* – Ernest J. Gaines
9. *The Princess Bride* – William Goldman
10. *Other Words for Home* – Jasmine Warga
11. *Dune* – Frank Herbert
12. *A Wizard of Earthsea* – Ursula LeGuin
13. *Go with the Flow* – Lily Williams and Karen Schneemann
14. *Life of Pi* – Yann Martel
15. *Long Way Down* – Jason Reynolds
16. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian* – Sherman Alexie
17. *The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime that Changed their Lives* – Dashka Slater
18. *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* – Betty Smith
19. *The Hate U Give* – Angie Thomas
20. *The Hobbit; The Lord of the Rings trilogy –* J.R.R. Tolkien
21. *Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions –* Daniel Wallace
22. *Montana 1948* – Larry Watson

**NONFICTION**

1. *Just Mercy (Adapted for Young Adults): A True Story of the Fight for Justice* – Bryan Stevenson
2. *I Am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban –* Malala Yousafzai
3. *All Over but the Shoutin’ –* Rick Bragg
4. *Into Thin Air* – John Krakauer
5. *Darkroom: A Memoir in Black and White* – Lila Quintero Weaver
6. *Outcasts United –* Warren St. John
7. *I Remember Beirut* – Zeina Abirached