

# Freshmen Summer Reading....

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take your brain on vacation



## First Coast High School Summer Reading 2009

### Vacation Reading for Freshmen:

Select one of the works below to read this summer. Then complete the Quote Graphic Organizer on the back of this list and bring it with you to your English class the first day of school. Your teacher will give you further instructions Enjoy!



**Monster**, Walter Dean Myers, \$8.99, 281 pages, Lexile 670 - Steve Harmon is a sixteen-year-old boy on trial with his neighborhood acquaintance, twenty-three-year-old James King, for felony murder. The novel is actually a screenplay that Steve is writing to work out some of the stress that the trial is putting on him and to share the story of this life-changing experience with other people.

**A Walk to Remember**, Nicholas Sparks, \$13.99, 224 pages, Lexile 910 - Sentenced to community service and membership in his school's drama club, Landon is forced to seek help from Jamie Sullivan, the conservative, religious, plain-Jane daughter of the town's Baptist minister. When the two students begin to fall in love, Landon struggles with the drop in popularity that his new friendship brings, while Jamie is forced to deal with a secret that she's keeping from her schoolmates.

**Candy**, Kevin Brooks, \$16.95, 364 pages, Lexile 660 - Joe is an upstanding young man who leads an uncomplicated life. That is, until he meets Candy—a girl with a very complicated life. Throw in a kidnapping and a murder and you have a suspenseful story. This is a thought-provoking teenage romance.

**Crackback**, John Coy, \$16.99, 201 pages, Lexile 490 - Football has always been important to Miles and his father. However, Miles discovers that he can't please everyone. Miles refuses to take steroids even though his teammates do, and a few missteps on the field find him on the bench. The second-string players have a lot to teach Miles, and he discovers there's more to life than football.

**Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment**, James Patterson, \$7.99, 409 pages, Lexile 700 - Max is the leader of a genetically-engineered group of orphans who have the ability to fly and other unique talents. When their youngest member, Angel, is kidnapped by scientists at "the school", it's up to Max and the others to save her at all costs.

**Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie**, David Lubar, \$6.99, 288 pages, Lexile 690 - Honor student Scott Hudson knew freshman year would be exciting, but nothing prepared him for the challenges of high school. When he learns his mom is pregnant, he begins a diary to offer wise and witty high school advice to his future sibling.

**Smashed: Story of a Drunken Girlhood**, \$14.00, 368 pages - This is the true account of how one stiff sip of Southern Comfort at the age of 14 led the author to years of blackouts and smashups. This is a sober tale of hiding behind substances and eventually learning to face life without the buzz of alcohol.

**Bang!** Sharon Flake, \$7.99, 298 pages, Lexile 590 - When Mann's younger brother, Jason, is shot to death on their porch, the family is nearly destroyed. Mann's father is so terrified about losing another son that he decides to leave Mann and his friend, Kee-lee, in the woods, forcing them to survive as they enact an ancient African tradition.

**Shattering Glass**, Gail Giles, \$7.99, 215 pages, Lexile 590 - A group of cool high school boys transform Simon Glass, the school nerd, into one of the most popular boys in school. Then the plot turns dark.

**Breaking Point**, Alex Flinn, \$8.99. How far would you go to fit in? Paul is new to Gate, a school whose rich students make life miserable for anyone not like them. And Paul is definitely not like them. Then, something incredible happens. Charlie Good, a star student and athlete, invites Paul to join his elite inner circle. All Charlie wants is a few things in return – small things that Paul does willingly. Until one day Charlie wants something big – really big. Now Paul has to decide how far he'll go to be one of the gang.