

# Junior Summer Reading.... go anywhere.....be anyone..... take your brain on vacation



## First Coast High School Summer Reading 2009

### Vacation Reading for Juniors

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!



**Ordinary People**, Judith Guest, \$14.00, 272 pages, Lexile 600 - The Jarrets are a typical American family. Calvin is a determined, successful provider and Beth an organized, efficient wife. They had two sons, but now they have one. Judith Guest takes the reader into their lives to share their misunderstandings, pain...and ultimate healing.

**Painting the Black**, Carl Deuker, \$5.99, 256 pages, Lexile 670 - Born in Cuba, Michael's father brought Michael and his brother Carlos to America hoping to see Michael pitch in the Little League World Series. After his father dies, he and Carlos are trying to realize his father's dream.

**Invisible**, Pete Hautman, \$15.95, 149 pages, Lexile 730 - Loner, 17-year-old Douglas McArthur know rejection, friendlessness, and all the other difficulties that go with being seen as different. Dougie deals with these difficulties by obsessively building a model railroad town. This book provides a thought-provoking window into mental illness and its affects on others.

**Uglies**, Scott Westerfeld, \$8.99, 448 pages, Lexile 770 - Tally Youngblood lives in a futuristic society where everyone is beautiful—that is, once they become one of the “Pretties” through the extensive cosmetic surgery everyone undergoes at 16. When Tally meets Shay, a girl who questions the shallow life-style of the Pretties, her life is turned upside down.

**Prom**, Laurie Halse Anderson, \$16.99, 215 pages, Lexile 690 - Not really interested in school activities, Ashley finds herself roped into helping her best friend plan and organize the dance after their faculty advisor steals the money for the event. As she plans for the prom, this high school senior realizes what is truly important in her own life.

**Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes**, \$7.99, 212 pages, Lexile 920 - An obese boy and a disfigured girl suffer the emotional scars of years of mockery at the hands of their peers. They share a hard-boiled view of the world until events in their senior year hurl them in very different directions. A story about a friendship with staying power, written with pathos and humor.

**The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime**, Mark Haddon, \$13.95, 240 pages - Although he is gifted, Christopher is autistic. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. Christopher is autistic. When his neighbor's dog is killed, Christopher sets out to find the real killer.

**Feed**, M. T. Anderson, \$7.99, 235 pages, Lexile 770 - Imagine life if the entire Internet, cable TV, shopping, chatting, music, and more were fed directly into your head. What if you wanted to turn it off? Titus's girlfriend Violet wants to do just that. Will there be a price to pay?

**Rash**, Peter Hautman, \$8.99, 272 pages, Lexile 730 - Set in the future in the United Safer States of America, sixteen-year-old Bo's anger issues land him in a privatized jail where he makes pizzas for McDonald's until he is recruited to play the illegal sport of football.

**Honey, Baby, Sweetheart**, Deb Calettie, \$15.95, 308 pages, Lexile 900 - Ruby McQueen, high school junior, focuses on the relationships in he life. Conflicts arise with teenage issues, her thieving first boyfriend, her parents' separation, and a book club.

**The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game**, Michael Lewis, \$13.95, 320 pages - The development of the offensive left tackle position to protect a quarterback in the National Football League is presented in combination with the story of Michael Oher, who lived in a Memphis ghetto until he was taken under protection of a wealthy, loving family.