

Great Books for 9th Graders
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Ali, S.K. **Love from A to Z**, 2019. TEEN

Eighteen-year-old Muslims Adam and Zayneb meet in Doha, Qatar, during spring break and fall in love as both struggle to find a way to live their own truths.

Cashore, Kristin. **Graceling**, 2008. TEEN

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace, the Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

Cho, Kat. **Wicked Fox**, 2019. TEEN

After eighteen-year-old Gu Miyoung, a nine-tailed fox surviving in modern-day Seoul by eating the souls of evil men, kills a murderous goblin to save Jihoon, she is forced to choose between her immortal life and his.

Goo, Maurene. **I Believe in a Thing Called Love**, 2017. TEEN

A disaster in romance, high school senior Desi Lee decides to tackle her flirting failures by watching Korean television dramas, where the hapless heroine always seems to end up in the arms of her true love by episode ten.

Green, John. **Looking for Alaska**, 2005. TEEN

Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.

Ibañez, Isabel. **Woven in Moonlight**, 2020. TEEN

A lush tapestry of magic, romance, and revolución, drawing inspiration from Bolivian politics and history. Ximena is the decoy Condesa, a stand-in for the last remaining Illustrian royal. When a political rival demands the real Condesa's hand in marriage, it's Ximena's duty to go in her stead.

Johnson, Leah. **You Should See Me in a Crown**, 2020. TEEN

When senior Liz Lighty's scholarship plans fall through, she turns to her school's scholarship for prom queen, which plunges her into drama and leads her to discoveries about her own identity and the value of true friendships.

Kaufman, Amie, & Jay Kristoff. **Aurora Rising**, 2019. TEEN

Told in separate voices, eighteen-year-old Tyler Jones, top graduate of Aurora Academy, and a group of misfits and troublemakers embark on their first mission with Auri, a stowaway from the distant past.

McGinnis, Mindy. **Be Not Far From Me**, 2020. TEEN

Lost in the Great Smoky Mountains, rising high school senior Ashley Hawkins must fight for survival without any tools, growing in awareness that the world is not tame, and neither are people.

McManus, Karen M. **One of Us is Lying**, 2017. TEEN

The Breakfast Club meets Pretty Little Liars, *One of Us Is Lying* is the story of what happens when five strangers walk into detention and only four walk out alive. Everyone is a suspect, and everyone has something to hide. Pay close attention and you might solve this.

Meyer, Marissa. **Renegades**, 2015. TEEN

Nova has a reason to hate the Renegades, superhero-like humans and champions of justice, and is on a mission for vengeance. Adrian is a Renegade boy who believes in justice-- and in Nova. But Nova's allegiance is to a villain who has the power to end them both.

Parker, Natalie C. **Seafire**, 2018. TEEN

Follows Caledonia Styx, captain of her own ship, the Mors Navis, and its all-female crew as they strive to defeat the powerful fleet of Aric Athair, the vicious warlord who has taken their homes and families.

Reintgen, Scott. **Ashlords**, 2020. TEEN

Red Rising meets The Scorpio Races in this epic fantasy following three phoenix horse riders--skilled at alchemy--who must compete at The Races--the modern spectacle that has replaced warfare within their empire.

Rutkoski, Marie. **The Winner's Curse**, 2014. TEEN

An aristocratic girl who is a member of a warmongering and enslaving empire purchases a slave, an act that sets in motion a rebellion that might overthrow her world as well as her heart.

Sanderson, Brandon. **Skyward**, 2018. TEEN

When a long-term attack against her world by the alien Krell escalates, Spensa's dream of becoming a pilot may come true, despite her deceased father being labeled a deserter.

Strohm, Stephanie Kate. **Prince in Disguise**, 2017. TEEN

Tomboy Dylan, sixteen, meets the boy of her dreams when she is forced to play maid of honor to her beauty queen sister, who is marrying Scottish royalty on a reality television show.

Stone, Nic. **Dear Martin**, 2017. TEEN

Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seventeen-year-old college-bound Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him.