

Eighth Grade Language Arts Novel List  
Includes Reading and English  
**(Holt novels are in bold)**

Regular Reading

Any two are **required**

Giver RL 6.6

Outsiders RL 6.7

River RL 5.9

**True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle RL 7.2**

Regular English, **required**

Dramatization of the Diary of Anne Frank, Elements of Literature

**The Adventures of Tom Sawyer RL 8.0**

**And one** of the following:

Across Five Aprils RL 8.9

**The Glory Field RL 6.3**

Summer of My German Soldier RL 6.1

Pre-AP, **required**

**The Glory Field RL 6.3**

**The Adventures of Tom Sawyer RL 8.0**

**And one** of the following:

Across Five Aprils RL 8.9

Summer of My German Soldier RL 6.1

Optional for Regular, Reading or English

April Morning RL 6.5

Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman RL 7.0

**Bearstone RL 5.6**

Cages RL 7.5

**Call of the Wild RL 7.3**

Deceptions RL 6.1

Don't Care High

Don't Look Behind You RL 5.6

Face on the Milk Carton RL 6.0

Fighting Ground RL 5.5

The Glory Field RL 6.3

Hiding Place RL 7.4

I Have Lived 100 Years

I Know What You Did Last Summer RL 5.5

If I Should Die Before I Wake RL 5.1

Incident at Hawk's Hill RL 7.5

Invisible Man RL 7.0 (original)

Johnny Tremain RL 8.1

Jump Ship to Freedom RL 5.4

Jurassic Park RL 8.9

Kidnapping of Christina Lattimore RL 6

Lesson Before Dying RL 6.1

Light in the Forest 6.8  
**M C. Higgins, the Great RL RL 5.7**  
My Brother Sam is Dead RL 6.2  
Out of the Dust RL 5.6  
Plague Year 6.1  
Sarah Bishop RL 6.2  
Say Goodnight, Gracie RL 7.7  
Star Fisher RL 5.7  
Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes RL 7.0  
Summer of My German Soldier RL 6.1  
Tears of a Tiger RL 6.3  
Tree Grows in Brooklyn RL 7.5  
Warriors Don't Cry RL 5.9  
Watership Down RL 7.6  
Where the Lilies Bloom RL 7.4  
Wrong Number RL 4.4

Optional for Reading Improvement ONLY

Among the Hidden RL 5.0  
Blind Date Wrong Number RL 4.4  
Crazy Horse Electric Game RL 5.0  
Run for Your Life RL 5.0  
Taking Sides RL 5.4  
Hitchiker RL 4.5  
Stalker RL 5  
Vengeance  
Who is Carrie RL 5.0

Reading levels listed here came mostly from the *Perma Bound 1999-2000 Main Catalogue*. It's interesting that the Accelerated Reader generally places the books on a lower level. For example, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* was 6.7 in the *Perma Bound Catalogue*, but was 4.8 on Accelerated Reader. So just know that any reading level is a general guide.