

## Gatewood Middle School Required Novel List

2026–2027 School Year

### **Please Note:**

★ Students need the starred novels on the first day of school. We recommend ordering novels during the summer.

📖 Students will be reminded a few days in advance when novels are needed in class.

✅ All novels listed are required unless otherwise noted as a *class set* or included in our literature textbook.

Our curriculum is also supported by textbooks that include additional short stories and poetry studies.

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### Rising 6th Grade

- ★ *Where the Red Fern Grows* — Wilson Rawls
  - *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* — C.S. Lewis
  - *Tuck Everlasting* — Natalie Babbitt
  - *Bridge to Terabithia* — Katherine Paterson
  - *Island of the Blue Dolphins* — Scott O'Dell
  - *The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs* — Betty G. Birney  
(Class set provided by teacher)
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### Rising 7th Grade

- ★ *To Kill a Mockingbird* — Harper Lee
  - *Chains* — Laurie Halse Anderson
  - *Prisoner B-3087* — Alan Gratz
  - *The Giver* — Lois Lowry
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## ■ Rising 8th Grade

*(Please avoid mass-produced paperback novels.)*

- ★ *Of Mice and Men* — John Steinbeck
  - *Fever 1793* — Laurie Halse Anderson
  - “*Flowers for Algernon*” — Daniel Keyes  
*(Included in literature textbook)*
  - *The Outsiders* — S.E. Hinton
  - *Night* — Elie Wiesel
  - *A Long Walk to Water* — Linda Sue Park
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## 📖 Summer Reading Encouraged!

There is no required summer reading, but we strongly encourage students to read books or novels of their choice throughout the summer break.