This brochure lists titles of books that your eighth grader might enjoy. The titles have been selected by librarians of the Long Beach Public Library and include both fiction and non-fiction books. Some of the titles on the list may be familiar to you; you may remember them as favorites from your own childhood. Other titles are more recent and may introduce you to new authors and illustrators.

Please use this brochure as a resource for recommended book titles. Studies show that reading for pleasure helps children perform better in school and helps them continue learning outside the classroom throughout the year. And remember, Long Beach Public Library librarians are always available to help you select more books for your eighth grader or anyone else in your family.
### FICTION

**Booked (series)**  
Alexander, Kwame

**Chains: Seeds of America (series)**  
Anderson, Laurie Halse

**Speak**  
Anderson, Laurie Halse

**Anya’s Ghost**  
Brosol, Vera

**The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora**  
Cartaya, Pablo

**Something In Between**  
de la Cruz, Melissa

**The House of the Scorpion (series)**  
Farmer, Nancy

**The Last Dragonslayer (The Chronicles of Kazam series)**  
Fforde, Jasper

**The Trouble in Me**  
Gantos, Jack

**Ruby Red (series)**  
Gier, Kerstin

**The Glass Sentence (The Mapmakers Trilogy)**  
Grove, S. E.

**A Face Like Glass**  
Hardinge, Frances

**13 Treasures (series)**  
Harrison, Michelle

**Outrun the Moon**  
Lee, Stacey

**Rot & Ruin (series)**  
Maberry, Jonathan

**A Very Large Expanse of Sea**  
Mafi, Tahereh

**Egg & Spoon**  
Maguire, Gregory

**Sabriel (The Abhorsen Trilogy)**  
Nix, Garth

**Every Hidden Thing**  
Oppel, Kenneth

**Lucy and Linh**  
Pung, Alice

**Noteworthy**  
Redgate, Riley

**Long Way Down**  
Reynolds, Jason

**Okay for Now**  
Schmidt, Gary D.

**Orbiting Jupiter**  
Schmidt, Gary D.

**Between Shades of Gray**  
Sepetys, Ruta

**What My Mother Doesn’t Know**  
Sones, Sonya

**This One Summer**  
Tamaki, Mariko

**The Thief (The Queen’s Thief series)**  
Turner, Megan Whalen

**Well, That Was Awkward**  
Vail, Rachel

**The Shadow Hero**  
Yang, Gene Luen

### NONFICTION

**Sugar Changed the World: a Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom, and Science**  
Aronson, Marc

**Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir**  
Engle, Margarita

**The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion and the Fall of Imperial Russia**  
Fleming, Candace

**Alive in the Killing Fields: Surviving the Khmer Rouge Genocide**  
Keat, Nawuth

**Dear Bully: 70 Authors Tell Their Stories**  
Kelley Hall, Megan

**The Borden Murders: Lizzie Borden and the Trial of the Century**  
Miller, Sarah

**Ten Days a Madwoman: the Daring Life and Turbulent Times of the Original Girl Reporter Nellie Bly**  
Noyes, Deborah

**The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights**  
Sheinkin, Steve

**Be a Changemaker: How to Start Something That Matters**  
Thompson, Laurie Ann

**Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune**  
Turner, Pamela S.