

## Recommended Book List

Reading level appropriate books is the best way to improve a student's reading ability.

Students intending to study at Wheaton Academy should read independently for several hours a day to ensure academic success.

### Itep Level 2.5 - 3.4: Elementary (350-550 Lexile level)

Christmas in Prague, author: Hannam

Dead Man's Island, author: Escott

*Magic School House, author: Osborne and Pope (series)*

Sleepy Hollow Sleepover, author: Roy

### Itep Level 3.5 - 3.9: Low-Intermediate (550-700 Lexile level)

*Magic Tree House, author: Osborne, Pope (series)*

Fever 1793, Anderson, L

The House of the Scorpion, author: farmer

*Percy Jackson and the Olympians, author: Riordan (series)*

### Level 4.0 - 4.9: Upper Intermediate (700-800 Lexile level)

The BFG, author: Dahl

The Westing Game, author: Raskin

Eragon, author: Paolini

*Redwall, author: Jacques (series)*

Harriet the Spy, author: Fitzhugh

Crispin: The Cross of Lead, author: Avi

Wonder, author: Palacio

Esperanza Rising, author: Ryan

Where the Red Fern Grows, author: Rawls

The Giver, author: Lowry

### Level 5.0-5.9: Advanced (800 or higher lexile level)

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, author: Taylor

Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie, author: Sonnenblick

Freak the Mighty, author: Philbrick

Frindle, author: Clements

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### **Recommended Reading BEFORE COMING to Wheaton Academy**

1. Nightjohn by Gary Paulsen\* (also a movie in 1996) [LEXILE: 630]
2. The Watsons Go to Birmingham 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis\* (also a movie in 2013) [LEXILE: 920]
3. The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton\* (also a movie in 1983) [LEXILE: 750]
4. The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate and Patricia Castelao\* [LEXILE: 570](movie to be released by Disney in summer of 2020)
5. Hatchet by Gary Paulsen\* (also a movie in 2007) [LEXILE: 1020]
6. Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson\* (also a movie in 2007) [LEXILE: 810]
7. Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo\* (also a movie in 2005) [LEXILE: 670]
8. A Summer to Die by Lois Lowry [LEXILE: 800]

\*Notes which books have been made into a movie. We recommend that the student read the book in English, then watch the movie if it is accessible and then re-read the book.