

**Cedarbrook Middle School  
Summer Reading List 2010**

Alegria, Malin. **Estrella's quinceanera**. 2006.

Estrella's mother and aunt are planning a gaudy, traditional quinceanera for her, even though it is the last thing she wants.

Baskin, Nora. **Anything but typical**. 2009.

Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.

Bryant, Jennifer. **Kaleidoscope eyes**. 2009.

In 1968, with the Vietnam War raging, thirteen-year-old Lyza inherits a project from her deceased grandfather, who had been using his knowledge of maps and the geography of Lyza's New Jersey hometown to locate the lost treasure of Captain Kidd.

Choldenko, Gennifer. **If a tree falls at lunch period**. 2007.

Kirsten and Walk, seventh-graders at an elite private school, describe how race, wealth, weight, and other issues shape their relationships as they and other misfits stand up to a mean but influential classmate.

Cooper, James Fenimore. **The last of the Mohicans**. First published in 1826.

Hawkeye, a young frontier scout, and Chingachgook, a Mohican Indian, form an unlikely friendship as they attempt to guide two sisters through hostile country in search of their father during the French and Indian War.

Dickens, Charles. **A tale of two cities**. First published in 1859.

Relates the adventures of a young Englishman who gives his life during the French Revolution to save the husband of the woman he loves.

Na, An. **The fold**. 2008.

Joyce Park, a high school junior who is always compared to her beautiful and talented older sister, Helen, wants to attract the attention of John Ford Kang, and wrestles with whether to get plastic surgery as a gift from her aunt.

Schmidt, Gary. **The Wednesday wars**. 2007.

During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.

Stewart, Mary. **The crystal cave**. 1970.

Merlin, the son of a Welsh princess, survives a perilous childhood on his way to fulfill his destiny as mentor, advisor, and friend to King Arthur. (Arthurian saga, Book 1)

Williams, Suzanne. **Bull rider**. 2009

When his older brother, a bull-riding champion, returns from the Iraq War partially paralyzed, fourteen-year-old Cam takes a break from skateboarding to enter a bull-riding contest, in hopes of winning the \$15,000 prize and motivating his depressed brother to continue with his rehabilitation.