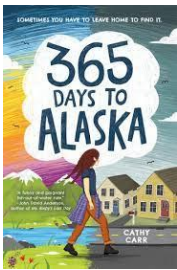


# 2022-2023 7TH GRADE SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Choose **ONE** book from the list below of six of the 2022-2023 South Carolina Junior Book Award Nominees to read over the summer. Then, you will complete **an assessment during the first month of school**. The assessment will include multiple-choice and open-ended questions. **Please take notes** on your book for you to review before the assessment!



\*All of these books are available to students for **free as ebooks in the Sora** app. To access all of these titles as eBooks, students log in to the **CCSD Portal** → **Clever** → **Sora**.\*

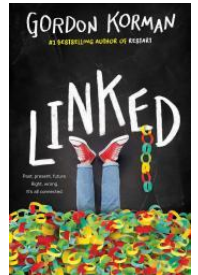


## **365 Days to Alaska by Cathy Carr**

The wilderness of Alaska doesn't prepare 11-year-old Rigel for life in suburban Connecticut. Rigel and her sisters move away from Alaska when their parents divorce. The plan is to survive for 356 days in the hopes of returning to Alaska. The time in Connecticut ends up being longer than one year.

## **Linked by Gordon Korman**

Chokecherry, a small town in Colorado, is shocked when a swastika is painted on the wall of the community's middle school. As more swastikas appear, everyone becomes a suspect. In an effort to bring unity to the town and to honor the six million Jewish Holocaust victims, students begin creating a paper chain with six million links. The project is not as easy as it seems, and the students must examine their motives and their families' pasts. Gordon Korman does a fantastic job telling this story in alternating perspectives and delivers twists and turns to keep the reader wanting just "one more chapter."



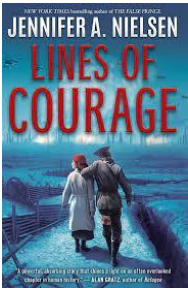
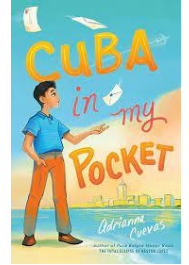
## **Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year by Nina Hamza**

Ahmed Aziz has quite a year as he moves to a new school in Minnesota. He attends the same school his uncle and father attended and learns more than he ever imagined. There are many struggles and challenges along the way. Jess is fascinated by the mystery of the unknown child -- because she's seen the insignia. It's the symbol on the jacket of the girl next door.

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## **Cuba in My Pocket** By Adrianna Cuevas

Cuba 1961, the Bay of Pigs invasion has just failed, and children are being forced to join a military group called the Young Rebels to ready them to fight in Fidel Castro's Army. Cumba's parents send him to stay with a cousin in the United States in hopes of him avoiding military service. Cumba works to build friendships with other refugees and learn a new language and culture, all while worrying about his family back in Cuba. As he moves from place to place, he just hopes his family can survive Fidel and find him if they make it to the United States.



## **Lines of Courage** By Jennifer A Nielsen

As World War I rages across Europe, the lives of five teenagers from different nations and backgrounds become entwined. While facing the possibilities of hunger, Jewish deportation, imprisonment, and other challenges of war, these teens become connected through a series of coincidences that result in friendships and a test of courage.

## **Rivals** By Tommy Greenwald

This book is about the rivalry between Walthorne North Middle School Cougars and the Walthorne South Middle School Panthers. This story follows the captains of both teams and the struggles that they face to be the best basketball players for their school, and the legacy that they leave. The story is told through flashbacks, newspaper clippings, text messages, and message boards. Alfie Jenkins, a school reporter, discovers some behind-the-scenes scandals. Discover how the captains and the schools deal with the scandals and the pressures of being the best basketball team.

