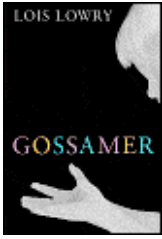


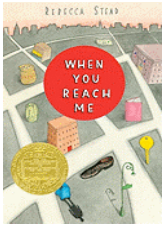
# SUMMERTIME AND THE READING IS EASY

## GRADE 7



### **Lowry, Lois. Gossamer.**

A dream-giver whose "touch was like gossamer," Littlest One hails from a race of beings who bestow healing dreams patched together from memory fragments found in sleepers' belongings. Assigned to help a troubled foster child and his elderly guardian, this novice dream-giver must do battle with "sinisteeds" who create nightmares from "hidden things, old guilts, and failings."



### **Stead, Rebecca. When You Reach Me.**

Miranda lives in 1978 New York City with her mother, and her life compass is Madeleine L'Engle's "A Wrinkle in Time". When she receives a series of enigmatic notes that claim to want to save her life, she comes to believe that they are from someone who knows the future. Miranda spends considerable time observing a raving vagrant who her mother calls the laughing man and trying to find the connection between the notes and her everyday life.



### **Ferris, Jean. Twice Upon A Marigold.**

Since Queen Olympia's fateful fall into the river, newlyweds Christian and Marigold have been living happily ever after. And they had every intention of keeping it that way – turns out Olympia is alive and well in a faraway village, having lost her memory after her ill-timed tumble. But one day she awakes and remembers her previous glory as queen. She returns, determined to take back the kingdom. Yet, thanks to a cast of returning characters, grabbing the throne may not be as easy as Olympia thinks!



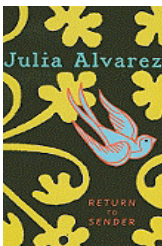
### **Cooper, Michelle. A Brief History of Montmaray.**

The fictional island kingdom of Montmaray in the Bay of Biscay has fallen on hard times in 1936. Most of the island men perished in the Great War, the king himself returned quite mad, and the remaining villagers abandoned the island to find work, leaving only one family to serve what is left of the impoverished royal family. Sixteen-year-old Princess Sophie is torn between her desire to go to England and debut in society and her equally strong desire to stay at her beloved but rather squalid home.



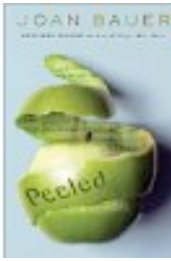
### **Hale, Shannon. Book of A Thousand Days.**

By the author of *River Secrets* and *The Goose Girl* this tale's heroine is Dashti, formerly an orphan and now a lady's maid. When Dashti and her mistress, Saren, are shut in a tower for seven years for Saren's refusal to marry a man she despises, the two prepare for a very long and dark imprisonment. But the arrival outside the tower of Saren's two suitors—one welcome, the other not—brings both hope and great danger, and Dashti must make the desperate choices of a girl whose life is worth more than she knows.



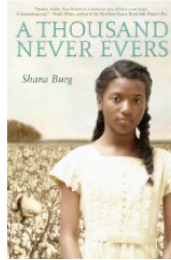
### **Alvarez, Julia. Return to Sender.**

After Tyler's father is injured in a tractor accident, his family is forced to hire migrant Mexican workers to help save their Vermont farm. Tyler isn't sure what to make of these workers. Are they undocumented? And what about the three daughters, particularly Mari, the oldest, who is proud of her Mexican heritage but also increasingly connected to her American life. Her family lives in constant fear of being discovered by the authorities and sent back to the poverty they left behind in Mexico. Can Tyler and Mari find a way to be friends despite their differences?



**Bauer, Joan. Peeled.**

Hildy Biddle dreams of being a journalist. A reporter for her high school newspaper, *The Core*, she's just waiting for a chance to prove herself. Not content to just cover school issues, Hildy's drawn to the town's big story—the haunted old Ludlow house. On the surface, Banesville, USA, seems like such a happy place, but lately, eerie happenings and ghostly sightings are making Hildy take a deeper look.



**Burg, Shana. A Thousand Never Evers.**

The book follows a year in the life of Addie Ann Pickett, a girl on the verge of her early teens in Kuckapoo, Mississippi in 1963, who goes through some of the biggest changes of her young life just as the whole world around her is changing. On the one hand, she's an ordinary girl. But on the other hand, everything Addie Ann knows about her world is crashing down as she begins to understand more about what is really going on (in her family and in her town) and her place in history as she forms her own opinions and takes personal action.



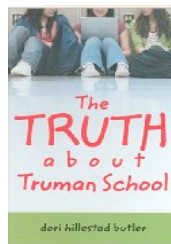
**Cooney, Caroline B. They Never Came Back.**

A forgotten scandal surfaces when 15-year-old Cathy Ferris, who is taking an intensive summer Latin class in Greenwich, Conn., is accused by another student, Tommy, of being his long-lost cousin, Murielle Lyman. Murielle's parents embezzled millions of dollars and fled the country without their daughter five years earlier, affecting several people in the community. This includes the families of several of Cathy's classmates, who are all left wondering is Cathy really Murielle?



**Schmidt, Gary D. The Wednesday Wars.**

It's Long Island back in 1967, and Holling Hoodhood is just trying to get through 7<sup>th</sup> grade. His challenges are big and small: the Vietnam War, the school bully, his father's business, and a teacher who he quite dislikes. Forced to study Shakespeare after school with her every Wednesday afternoon, Holling finds that life, love, and tragedy in Shakespeare's plays mirror his own life.



**Butler, Dorrie Hillstead. The Truth About Truman School.**

Frustrated with the censorship she encounters writing for the school newspaper, Zebby collaborates with a friend, Amr, to launch an underground, online newspaper that will expose the truth about Truman School. Zebby envisions a site where students can discuss the new math curriculum, but the newspaper quickly morphs into online gossip when someone posts a malicious photo of Lilly, a popular eighth-grader. Told in shifting first-person narratives, the ramifications of cyber bullying become clear as the story unfolds.



**Friesner, Esther. Tempting Fate.**

Until she stumbled upon the Divine Relief Temp Agency, Ilana Newhouse was having trouble finding a summer job. But when she reports for her day as a temp Ilana discovers she's temping for the Greek mythological goddesses, the Fates. *This author will be here for Writer's Day 2011, and she is also the author of the following titles: Nobody's Princess, Nobody's Prize, Sphinx's Princess, and Sphinx's Queen.*