**If you like stories with intense,**

**female protagonists, read:**

Sleep Towards Heaven

The Tenth Circle

The Lovely Bones

Hate List

The House on Mango Street

**If you  like stories with a romantic storyline,**

**try:**

The Notebook

In Her Shoes

Sloppy Firsts

Dreamland

Perfect You

**Are you a up for adult books and**

**mature adult literature? These are**

**books for a 9th grader with sophisticated**

**tastes (most likely girls!)**

Memoirs of a Geisha

The Help

The Secret Life of Bees

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle

Eat, Pray, Love

The Joy Luck Club

Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood

The Kite Runner

**Books with strong African American**

**characters:**

Copper Sun

Begging for Change

Just Like Martin

Heaven

We Beat the Streets

The Mouse Rap

**These classics have by boys (and girls)**

**who appreciate historical/war literature**

**and can handle a high lexile:**

The Book Thief

The Chocolate War

The Kite Runner

The Red Tent

The Gangs of New York

**These are quick reads, with realistic**

**situation, and have worked for boys**

**(and girls!) who don’t like to read:**

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

Boy in the Striped Pajamas

Tangerine

Heart of a Chief

We Beat the Street

Freak the Mighty

Runner

The Jacob Ladder

**These books include main characters**

**who are undergoing a controversial topic--**

**identity, abuse, immigration,**

**racism and sexism:**

**mature readers only!**

Speak

So Far From the Bamboo Grove

Friday Night Lights

The Divorce Express

Born Too Short

I Hadn’t Meant to Tell You This

Red Glass

Girl Walking Backwards

Next to Nothing

**Sports fan? These books have male**

**protagonists and include sports action:**

Friday Night Lights

The Chocolate War

Tangerine

Damage

Rolling Thunder

The Moves Make the Man

**If you like books about survival and the outdoors,**

**you might enjoy:**

The River

Island

Island of the Blue Dolphins

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Where the Red Fern Grows