



## POMS Summer Reading 2019

This summer, students will choose one of five award-winning books to read. Students will participate in a school-wide book club during the first week of school to discuss the selections. Students will be given an assignment during the first weeks of school related to their selected book. The Barnes & Noble located in Vanderbilt Square, 3003 W Holcombe Blvd, Houston, TX 77025 will be alerted of these campus selections so they will have extra copies in stock should a student choose to purchase a copy.

- ***Restart***, by Gordon Korman  
Chase does not remember falling off the roof, in fact he does not remember anything about himself, and when he gets back to middle school he begins to learn who he was through the reactions of the other kids--trouble is, he really is not sure he likes the Chase that is being revealed, but can he take the opportunity amnesia has provided and restart his life?
- ***The First Rule of Punk***, by Celia C. Perez  
Twelve-year-old María Luisa O'Neill-Morales (who really prefers to be called Malú) reluctantly moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and starts seventh grade with a bang--violating the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurning the middle school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded weirdos.
- ***In the Shadow of the Sun***, by Anne Sibley O'Brien  
Twelve-year-old Mia is on a five-day tour of North Korea with her older brother, Simon, and their father, Mark, a food aide worker, but she is scared because her father keeps sneaking off at night, and terrified that her brother's rebellious behavior is going to get them in trouble. Things get much worse when she is pulled into a deadly political game that seeks to expose North Korean atrocities, and her father is arrested.
- ***A Long Walk to Water***, by Linda Sue Park  
When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven.
- ***Fever 1793***, by Laurie Halse Anderson  
In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.