

# Royal West Academy - Grade 8

## 2024 Summer Reading List & Instructions

You must read **two** of the following selections:

*King and the Dragonflies* by Kacen Callender

*Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga

*The Knife of Never Letting Go* by Patrick Ness

*The Night Gardener* by Jonathan Auxier

*Truly Devious* by Maureen Johnson

You may read as many books from the list as you wish, but you must read two (2). There is no anchor novel, so you may choose whichever two you are most interested in. You are expected to read the books carefully to prepare for summer reading projects which will take place over the course of September.

**IMPORTANT information:** All students will be required to complete the **RWA Summer Reading Reflection** upon their return to classes. This activity will take a full period, and students will be individually asked questions intended on allowing them to think critically about both novels and be creative. Detailed instructions will be provided in class at the start of the year.

We encourage students to take notes as they read their Summer Reading novels. Students are invited to consult the **Note Taking Guide**, published alongside our Summer Reading lists, on our school website. This guide will be published at the time of our school book fair (the week of May 9th).

Please note that some of these books have mature themes; we encourage students to consult reviews to make sure the books they choose to read are a good fit.

Have a great summer and happy reading!