



## **Educator Votes Determine the Top 20 Books for Students to Read this Summer in Shmoop's First-Ever Summer Reading List**

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (June 16, 2010) – Shmoop ([www.shmoop.com](http://www.shmoop.com)), a publisher of digital resources that make learning fun and relevant for students, today announced its first-ever Summer Reading List, which ranks the top twenty books for high school and middle school students to read over the summer. The books on Shmoop's Summer Reading List were nominated and voted upon by teachers and librarians who use Shmoop Learning Guides with their students.

The twenty best books to read this summer, as determined by educators' votes are:

1. *The Hunger Games*, by Suzanne Collins
2. [\*The Book Thief\*](#), by Markus Zusak
3. *Catching Fire*, by Suzanne Collins
4. [\*To Kill a Mockingbird\*](#), by Harper Lee
5. *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace... One School at a Time*, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
6. *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows
7. [\*Life of Pi\*](#), by Yann Martel
8. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie
9. *Ender's Game*, by Orson Scott Card
10. *The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett
11. [\*The Count of Monte Cristo\*](#), by Alexandre Dumas
12. [\*Fahrenheit 451\*](#), by Ray Bradbury
13. *Graceling*, by Kristin Cashore
14. *Unwind*, by Neal Shusterman
15. *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*, by Jonathan Safran Foer
16. *Thirteen Reasons Why*, by Jay Asher

17. *The Omnivore's Dilemma: Young Reader's Edition*, by Michael Pollan
18. *Sarah's Key*, by Tatiana de Rosnay
19. [\*Heart of Darkness\*](#), by Joseph Conrad
20. *When You Reach Me*, by Rebecca Stead

### **About Shmoop**

Shmoop publishes digital resources that make learning fun and relevant for students. Shmoop content is written by master teachers and Ph.D. students from Stanford, Harvard, UC Berkeley, and other top universities. Shmoop Learning Guides and Teacher's Editions balance a fun, approachable style with academically rigorous materials to help students understand how subjects relate to their daily lives. Shmoop offers more than 1,900 titles across the Web, iPhone, Kindle, and Nook. The company was an Official Honoree in the 2009 Webby Awards and named "Best of the Internet" by PC Magazine. Launched in 2008, Shmoop is headquartered in a Labradoodle-patrolled office in Mountain View, Calif. For more information, visit [www.shmoop.com](http://www.shmoop.com).

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