RECOMMENDED CULTURAL NOVELS
7th Grade

A Different Drummer (William Melvin Kelley)
A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier (Ishmael Beah)
A Single Shard (Linda Sue Park)
A Thousand Never Evers (Shana Burg)
Behind the Bedroom Wall (Laura E. Williams)
Breaking Through (Francisco Jimenez)
Chains (Lauri Halse Anderson)
Chinese Cinderella and the Secret Dragon Society (Adeline Yen Mah)
Color Me Dark (Patricia C. McKissack)
Cry, the Beloved Country (Alan Paton)
Dawn and Dusk (Alice Mead)
Elijah of Buxton (Christopher Paul Curtis)
Fallen Angels (Walter Dean Meyers)
Hiroshima (John Hersey)
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents (Julia Alvarez)
Kindred (Octavia E. Butler)
Like Water for Chocolate (Laura Esquivel)
Maria (Maria von Trapp)
Plain Truth (Jodi Picoult)
Purple Hibiscus (Chimamanda Ngozi Adichei)
Reaching Out (Francisco Jimenez)
Sold (Patricia McCormick)
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (John Boyne)
The Boy Who Dared (Susan Campbell Bartoletti)
The Color Purple (Alice Walker)
The Ghost in Tokaido Inn (Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler)
The Good Earth (Pearl S. Buck)
The Island on Bird Street (Uri Olev)
The Joy Luck Club (Amy Tan)
The Things They Carried (Tim O’Brien)
The Sound of Waves (Yukio Mishima)
Things Fall Apart (Chinua Achebe)
Weedflower (Cynthia Kadohata)