

## *Rising Sophomores*

***Tuesdays with Morrie*** by Mitch Albom (non-fiction)

Albom tells the story of his reconnection with his college professor and mentor, Morrie Schwartz, and their visits in the months prior to Morrie's death.

***Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime*** by Mark Haddon (fiction)

An autistic boy sets out on a quest to solve the mystery of who killed his neighbor's dog and discovers some unsettling truths about his own family.

***My Sister's Keeper*** by Jodi Picoult (fiction)

Conceived to provide a bone marrow match for her leukemia-stricken sister, teenage Kate questions her moral obligations in light of countless medical procedures and fights for the right to make decisions about her own body.

***Friday Night Lights*** by H.G. Bissenger (non-fiction)

The citizens of Odessa, Texas take football seriously. This book looks at one season and how the performance of the team affects the whole community.

***Eleven Seconds: A Story of Tragedy, Courage, and Triumph*** by Travis Roy (non-fiction)

Roy recounts how his life has changed since a freak accident in 1995 in his first Boston University hockey game that left him paralyzed from the neck down.

***Homeless Bird*** by Gloria Whelan (fiction)

Like many girls her age in India, thirteen-year-old Koly is getting married. When she discovers that the husband her parents have chosen for her is a sickly boy with wicked parents, Koly wishes that she could flee. But on her wedding day, her fate is sealed. Then Koly's life takes an unexpected turn.

***Ender's Game*** by Orson Scott Card (science fiction)

Ender, who is the result of genetic experimentation, may be the military genius Earth needs in its war against an alien enemy.

***Speak*** by Laurie Anderson (fiction)

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

***Hope was Here*** by Joan Bauer (fiction)

Sixteen-year-old Hope and her aunt move to a small, Wisconsin town where they learn about friendship and trust.

***Players*** by Joyce Sweeney (fiction)

Corey, captain of the basketball team, must deal with the new guy, who has evil intentions.

***The Last Best League*** by Jim Collins (non-fiction)

The author follows the Chatham A's one summer season in the Cape Cod Baseball League through the lives of some of the players.

***Tears of a Tiger*** by Sharon Draper (fiction)

The death of a high school basketball player has a profound effect on his friend who was driving the car.