

***A Book***  
**by Edgar Guest**

“Now” - said a good book unto me -  
“Open my pages and you shall see  
Jewels of wisdom and treasures fine,  
Gold and silver in every line,  
And you may claim them if you but will  
Open my pages and take your fill.

“Open my pages and run them o’er,  
Take what you choose of my golden store.  
Be you greedy, I shall not care -  
All that you seize I shall gladly spare;  
There is never a lock on my treasure doors,  
Come - here are my jewels, make them  
yours!

“I am just a book on your mantel shelf,  
But I can be part of your living self;  
If only you’ll travel my pages through,  
Then I will travel the world with you.  
As two wines blended make better wine,  
Blend your mind with these truths of mine.

“I’ll make you fitter to talk with men,  
I’ll touch with silver the lines you pen,  
I’ll lead you nearer the truth you seek,  
I’ll strengthen you when your faith grows  
weak -  
This place on your shelf is a prison cell,  
Let me come into your mind to dwell!”

# Summer Reading



**Mintz Christian Academy**  
**Required Summer Reading**  
**Rising 8th Graders**

The Call of the Wild (Jack London)

Give the name of the main character and tell something about that person.

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In your own words, tell about the book.

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Things to remember:

- Be ready to take a test over The Call of the Wild and Jacob Have I Loved during your first week back.
- Please bring your booklet filled out on the first day of school
- Don't wait until the last minute to start reading. Rushed work is never excellent! It also takes the joy out of reading.
- Make sure you use neat handwriting.
- Be prepared to share what you have written with the class.
- Visit the library often!

## RISING 8TH GRADERS:

**Recommended Classics (Choose and read at least one from the following list):**

Swiss Family Robinson (Johann Wyss)

The Time Machine (H.G.Wells)

Tom Sawyer (Mark Twain)

Kidnapped (Robert Louis Stevenson)

The Jungle (Upton Sinclair)

Treasure Island (Jack London)

Little Women (Louisa May Alcott)

The Incredible Journey (Sheila Burnford)

War Games (Audrey Coulumbis)

Girl Who Threw Butterflies (Mick Cochrane)

Johnny Tremain (Esther Forbes)

## Jacob Have I Loved (Katherine Paterson)

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**Newberry Award of Choice (Grade-Level Appropriate)**

Title of Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Author of Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Pages: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Biography of Choice (Grade-Level Appropriate)**

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Author of Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Pages: \_\_\_\_\_

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In your own words, tell about the book.

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