

## English 2

### Summer Assignment 2022

In order to maintain current reading levels, and to practice skills from previous years, it is recommended that students read throughout the summer. The following is a list of books that are recommended for students preparing to take English 2.

If you are interested in reading any of the following titles but are unable to obtain a copy, please email Ms. Scott at [lscott@bhpsnj.org](mailto:lscott@bhpsnj.org), prior to June 14th. She will arrange for you to borrow a copy.

*Are We There Yet?* by David Levithan Sixteen-year-old Elijah is completely mellow and his 23-year-old brother Danny is completely not, so it's no wonder they can barely tolerate one another. So what better way to repair their broken relationship than to trick them into taking a trip to Italy together? Soon, though, their parents' perfect solution has become Danny and Elijah's nightmare as they're forced to spend countless hours *together* (<https://www.amazon.com/Are-There-Yet-David-Levithan/dp/0375839569>.)

*The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver "Clear-eyed and spirited, Taylor Greer grew up poor in rural Kentucky with the goals of avoiding pregnancy and getting away. But when she heads west with high hopes and a barely functional car, she meets the human condition head-on. By the time Taylor arrives in Tucson, Arizona, she has acquired a completely unexpected child, a three-year-old American Indian girl named Turtle, and must somehow come to terms with both motherhood and the necessity for putting down roots. ([https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/30868.The Bean Trees](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/30868.The_Bean_Trees).)

*Forgotten Fire* by Adam Bagdasarian "In 1915 Vahan Kenderian is living a life of privilege as the youngest son of a wealthy Armenian family in Turkey. This secure world is shattered when some family members are whisked away while others are murdered before his eyes." (<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/forgotten-fire-adam-bagdasarian/1102301657>.)

*Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer "A bank of clouds was assembling on the not-so-distant horizon, but journalist-mountaineer Jon Krakauer, standing on the summit of Mt. Everest, saw nothing that "suggested that a murderous storm was bearing down." He was wrong. The storm, which claimed five lives and left countless more--including Krakauer's--in guilt-ridden disarray, would also provide the impetus for *Into Thin Air*, Krakauer's epic account of the May 1996 disaster." ([https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1898.Into Thin Air](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1898.Into_Thin_Air).)

*The Other Black Girl* by Zakiya Dalila Harris. "Twenty-six-year-old editorial assistant Nella Rogers is tired of being the only Black employee at Wagner Books. Fed up with the isolation and microaggressions, she's thrilled when Harlem-born and bred Hazel starts working in the cubicle beside hers. They've only just started comparing natural hair care regimens, though,

when a string of uncomfortable events elevates Hazel to Office Darling, and Nella is left in the dust. Then the notes begin to appear on Nella's desk: LEAVE WAGNER. NOW."

<https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/55711688-the-other-black-girl>

*The Pact* by Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, Rameck Hunt, Lisa Frazier Page. "Chosen by Essence to be among the forty most influential African Americans, the three doctors grew up in the streets of Newark, facing city life's temptations, pitfalls, even jail. But one day these three young men made a pact. They promised each other they would all become doctors, and stick it out together through the long, difficult journey to attaining that dream. Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, and Rameck Hunt are not only friends to this day—they are all doctors. This is a story about the power of friendship. Of joining forces and beating the odds. A story about changing your life, and the lives of those you love most...together."

[https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/783956.The\\_Pact](https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/783956.The_Pact)

*Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See "In nineteenth-century China, when wives and daughters were foot-bound and lived in almost total seclusion, the women in one remote Hunan county developed their own secret code for communication: nu shu ("women's writing"). Some girls were paired with laotongs, "old sames," in emotional matches that lasted throughout their lives. They painted letters on fans, embroidered messages on handkerchiefs, and composed stories, thereby reaching out of their isolation to share their hopes, dreams, and accomplishments."

<https://www.amazon.com/Snow-Flower-Secret-Fan-Novel/dp/0812980352>.)

*13 Little Blue Envelopes* by Maureen Johnson "Aunt Peg was full of wonder, and 17-year-old Ginny always felt more interesting around her. When Ginny receives a letter from Aunt Peg containing \$1,000 and instructions for a mysterious journey, she is propelled into a series of experiences that will change her life. She receives a package containing 13 little blue envelopes, to be opened one at a time and only when she's completed the task in each letter. She goes to London, Scotland, Italy, Rome, Paris and elsewhere, ultimately realizing that she can be interesting by herself; she doesn't have to be with Peg to feel interesting."

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/maureen-johnson/13-little-blue-envelopes/>.)