

**Rising Seventh Grade 2005
Summary of Summer Reading Novels**

<p><i>Surviving the Applewhites</i> by Stephanie Tolan</p>	<p>Jake, a budding delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interest he never knew he had.</p>
<p><i>Among the Hidden</i> by Margaret Haddix</p>	<p>Students will be intrigued by the notion of a society that only allows families to have two children. Those that break the law and have a third must hide the child or risk death. This book is the first in <i>The Shadow children series</i>.</p>
<p><i>101 Ways to Bug Your Parents</i> by Lee Wardlaw</p>	<p>Steve's parents call off the family vacation and enroll him in a creative writing class instead. As a result, Steve comes up with a ridiculous money making project.</p>
<p><i>Artemis Fowl</i> by Eoin Colfer</p>	<p>When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.</p>
<p><i>Far North</i> by Will Hobbs</p>	<p>Stranded in an uninhabited area of Canada's Northwest territories, two teenagers and an old Native American hunter face a winter so brutal residents call it "The Hammer." When his roommate, Raymond, quit school to fly back to his village, Gabe goes along. A spur-of-the-moment trip to see spectacular Virginia Falls turns into disaster when plane and pilot are swept away.</p>
<p><i>Flight to Freedom</i> by Anna Veciana-Suarez</p>	<p>This book realistically explores the plight of an immigrant family from communist Cuba to the United States. This fiction novel, although set in the past, is based on historical events.</p>
<p><i>Lost and Found</i> by Anne Schraff</p>	<p>Darcy Willis, a bright high school student, struggles to care for her younger sister and her ill grandmother while her mother works long hours as a nurse. Eventually Darcy's sister, Jamee succumbs to the pressures of everyday life and runs away. The family is distraught until Jamee is "found" by her father.</p>
<p><i>Lupita Manana</i> by Patricia Beatty</p>	<p>To help her poverty-stricken family, 13-year-old Lupita leaves her Mexican fishing village and enters California as an illegal alien and starts to work while constantly on the watch for immigration authorities.</p>