

One Book, One Ellis

WHAT: One book for 6th-8th grade to read this summer centered around the theme of commemorating the 20th anniversary of 9/11

WHY: To unite our school community through a shared literature experience

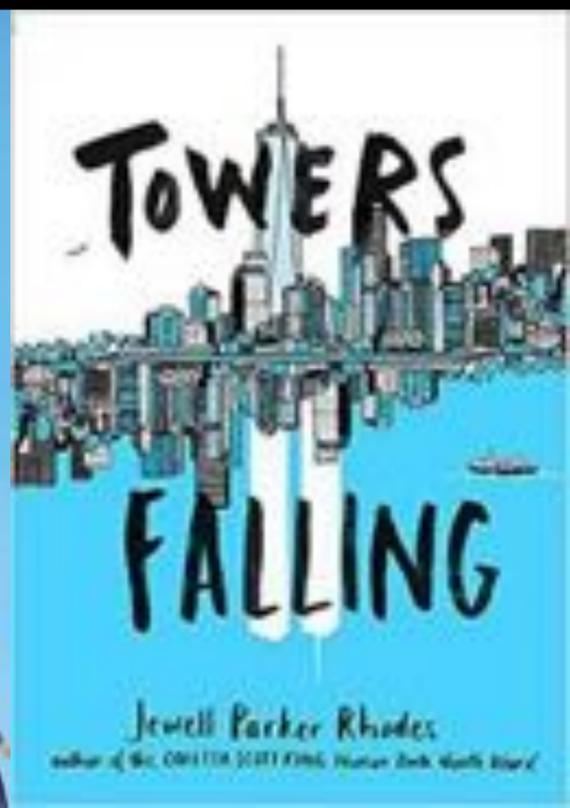
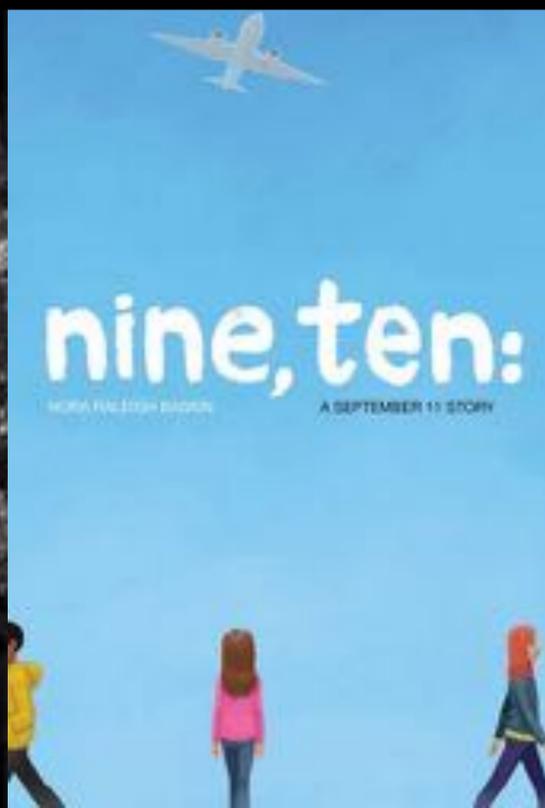
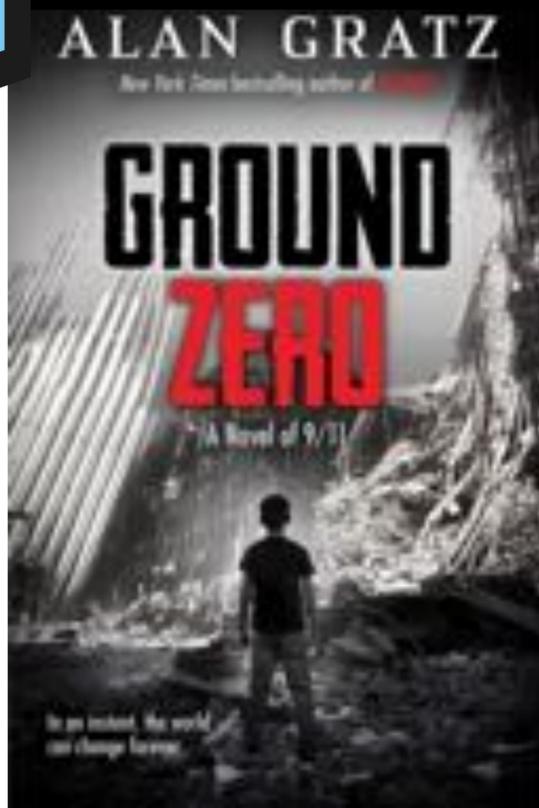
WHO: Students, teachers, parents, administrators, and school staff

WHEN: Anytime before Friday, August 6th, 2021 (One-Pager is due in your ELA class.)

HOW: Purchase online, in a bookstore, or use the local library

Students will choose ONE of the books below.

Books will be available for purchase at the May Book Fair.



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ELLIS MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING 2021

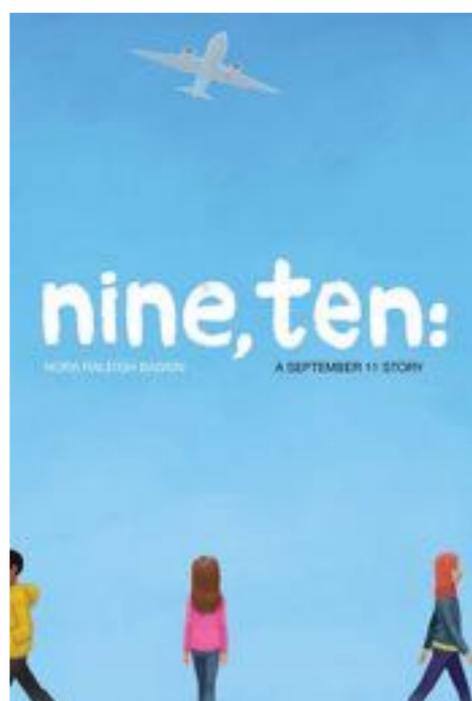
Students will choose **ONE** book to read this summer.

Please read through the descriptions and choose a book you feel will be appropriate and/or interesting.



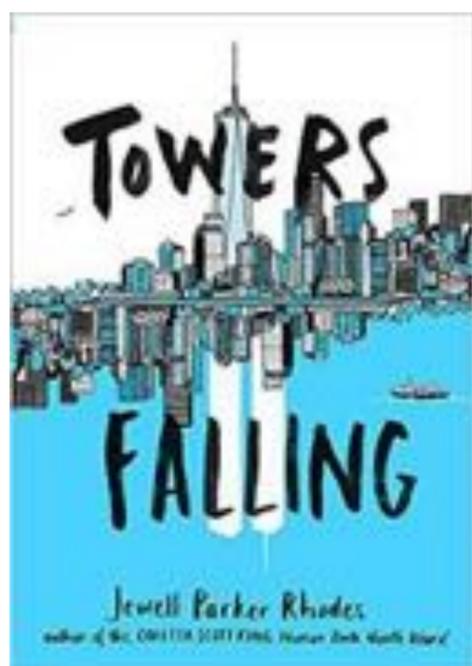
Told from alternating perspectives and timelines, *Ground Zero* tells the story of Brandon and Reshmina. Brandon is a nine-year old boy who goes to work with his dad who works in one of the Twin Towers on September 11, 2001. Reshmina, 19 years later, lives in war-torn Afghanistan and is trying to keep her brother from joining the Taliban.

Brandon and Reshmina experience similar dangers and vulnerabilities in this gripping novel which provides factual background information while packing an emotional punch.



Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story presents four diverse perspectives over the course of two days---September 9th and 10th of 2001, and how the lives of four children are impacted by the horrors on 9/11.

This novel covers the tragic events at the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, PA giving students who were not alive at this time a historical account while treading the sensitive nature of the events carefully.



5th grader Déja is attending a new school while navigating her family's homelessness, as well as her father's chronic depression and anxiety.

As her teacher begins a lesson on 9/11, Déja and her classmates learn how 9/11 impacted their community and personal lives.

With diverse characters, *Towers Falling* readers will be immersed in a novel exploring themes on community and socioeconomic disparities.