

# Summer Reading Assignment

## Spanish IV and AP Spanish:

Roosevelt High School, Johnstown, Colorado

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The Summer Spanish Reading Program for Roosevelt students that are registered for Spanish IV & AP Spanish aims to strengthen reading skills and comprehension. Additional benefits will include:

- Higher scores on important standardized tests (like ACT, SAT and AP)
- A broader knowledge of literature
- Bonus points added to Spanish grades of participants for extra reading

**Rationale:** Our athletic teams require summer workouts. Some of the best schools in the country require summer reading. Why not us? These summer mental workouts will maintain your Spanish skills and allow us to return at a higher level in the fall. Summer reading in Spanish will increase students' experience with different authors, subject matter, and styles, as well as improve their reading comprehension, vocabulary and efficiency in Spanish, all of which may lead to higher AP test scores. But the best reason may be that it is enjoyable. It is fun to immerse yourself in a good story and get carried away by the action, or suspense, or romance of it—especially when it comes to you in another language!

### Required Reading for Spanish IV:

All Spanish IV students **MUST** read at least one novel in Spanish during the summer.

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### Required Reading for AP Spanish:

All Spanish AP students **MUST** read at least two novels in Spanish during the summer.

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### Optional Reading for Spanish IV and AP Spanish:

Extra credit will be awarded for reading beyond the requirements—start off the year ahead!

Many of the titles below are available in our Spanish classroom library. If you have proven yourself to be dependable in returning books, you may check one out for the summer from me. You can find many books in Spanish at local public libraries. Another option is to purchase them at larger local bookstores like Barnes and Noble or Borders. You can also easily find most of the titles on the following lists online at Amazon.com or BanresandNoble.com.

**Remember, pick something that you:**

**1) Will enjoy reading, and...**

**2) Can read without looking up too many words.**

**Write a short reaction (1-2 pages) to what you have read and be prepared to talk about it when you return.**

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime during the summer at: bhedstrom@weldre5j.k12.co.us (my school email, which I check often)  
hedstroms@aol.com (my home email)

*¡Hasta agosto, ¡jitos! Señor Hedstrom*

# Suggested Titles for Spanish Summer Reading

Here are some books that students have said they have particularly enjoyed reading in Spanish. They vary widely in reading level and subject matter. Some are translations of titles that students enjoyed in English when they were younger. Many are of special interest to students taking Spanish because they are set in other countries and emphasize different cultures. You may choose from the titles below or other novels in Spanish to fulfill your summer reading requirements.

**Las cinco personas que encontrarás en el cielo**, por Mitch Albom, ISBN: 1-4013-0172-X, Publisher: Hyperion

**El reino del dragón de oro**, por Isabel Allende, ISBN: 0-06-059171-4, Publisher: Rayo (Harper-Collins)

**La Ciudad de las Bestias**, por Isabel Allende, ISBN: 0-06-051032-3, Publisher: Rayo (Harper-Collins)

**El Bosque de los Pigmeos**, por Isabel Allende, ISBN: 0-06-076219-5, Publisher: Rayo (Harper-Collins)

**Antes de ser libres**, por Julia Alvarez, ISBN: 0375815457, Publisher: Laurel Leaf

**En el tiempo de las mariposas** (*In the Time of Butterflies*), por Julia Alvarez, ISBN: 0452279968, Publisher: Plume

**Cuando tía Lola vino (de visita) a quedarse**, por Julia Alvarez, ISBN: 0-375-81552-X, Publisher: Dell

**Bendíceme, Última** (*Bless me, Ultima*), por Rudolfo Anaya, ISBN: 0-446-60077-2, Publisher: Warner

**Lazarillo de Tormes** (Kaplan Vocabulary-Building Novel), por Anonymous, ISBN: 0-7432-6284-0, publisher: Simon & Schuster

**Tuck para siempre** (*Tuck Everlasting*), por Natalie Babbitt, ISBN: 0374480117, Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux

**Odisea del norte**, por Mario Bencastro, ISBN: 1-55885-266-2, Publisher, Arte Público Press

**El código DaVinci** (*The DaVinci Code*), por Dan Brown, ISBN: 84-95618-60-5, Publisher: Umbriel

**La Casa en Mango Street**, por Sandra Cisneros, ISBN: 0-679-75526-8, Publisher: Vintage

**El arroyo de la Llorona y otros cuentos**, por Sandra Cisneros, ISBN: 0-679-76804-1

**Ramona la chinche** (*Ramona the Pest*), **Beverly Cleary**, ISBN: 0-688-14888-3, Publisher: Rayo

**El Alquimista**, por **Paulo Coelho**, ISBN: 0-06-251140-8 Publisher: Rayo

**El demonio y la señorita Prym**, por **Paulo Coelho**, ISBN: 956-258-114-4, Publisher: Editorial Grijalbo

**La quinta montaña**, por **Paulo Coelho**, ISBN: 0-06-093012-8, Publisher: HarperLibros (Harper Perennial)

**Veronika decide morir**, por **Paulo Coelho**, ISBN: 0-06-001193-9, Rayo (Harper Collins)

**La Catrina**, por **David Curland**, ISBN: 0-673-21588-1, Publisher: Scott Foreman Addison Wesley

**La Catrina el último secreto**, por **David Curland**, ISBN: 0-673-21846-5, Publisher: Prentice Hall

**Me llamo Bud, no Buddy**, por **Cristopher Paul Curtis**, ISBN: 84-241-86-38-9

**Charlie y la fábrica de chocolate**, por **Roald Dahl**, ISBN: 8420447714, Publisher: Santillana

**Como agua para chocolate**, por **Laura Esquivel**, ISBN: 0385721234, Publisher: Anchor

**Cajas de cartón**, por **Francisco Jiménez** ISBN: 0-618-22616-8, Publisher: Houghton Mifflin

**Senderos Fronterizos** (Continuación de Cajas de Cartón), por **Francisco Jiménez**, ISBN: 0-618-22618-4, Publisher: Houghton Mifflin

**La gran aventura de Alejandro**, por **Abby Kanter**, ISBN: 0-87720-135-8, Publisher: Amsco

**Viviana y su gran aventura mexicana**, por **Abby Kanter**, ISBN: 1-56765-475-4, Publisher: Amsco

**Una arruga en el tiempo** (*A Wrinkle in Time*), **Madeleine L'Engle**, ISBN: 8420440744  
Publisher: Alfaguara Ediciones, S.A. (Spain)

**El leon, la bruja, y el ropero** (Las Crónicas De Narnia), por **C.S. Lewis**, ISBN: 0-06-008661-0, Publisher: Rayo

**El Principe Caspian** (Las Crónicas De Narnia) por **C.S. Lewis**, ISBN: 0060884282, Publisher: Rayo

**La Silla de Plata** (Las Crónicas De Narnia) por **C.S. Lewis**, ISBN: 0060884304, Publisher: Rayo

**La Última Batalla** (Las Crónicas De Narnia) por **C.S. Lewis**, ISBN: 0060884312, Publisher: Rayo

**Me llamo Rigoberta Menchú y así me nació la conciencia**, por **Rigoberta Menchú**, ISBN: 9682313155, Publisher: Siglo XXI

**Ladrón de la mente**, por **Elías Miguel Muñoz**, ISBN: 0-07-232617-4, Publisher: McGraw/Hill

**Viajes fantásticos**, por **Elías Miguel Muñoz**, ISBN: 0-07-231009-X, Publisher: McGraw/Hill

**Esperanza renace** (*Esperanza Rising*), por **Pam Muñoz Ryan**, ISBN: 0-439-39885-1, Publisher: Mariposa (Scholastic)

**Un caballo llamado Libertad** (*Riding Freedom*), por **Pam Muñoz Ryan**, ISBN: 0-439-23761-0, Publisher: Scholastic en Español

**El hacha** (*Hatchet*), por **Gary Paulsen**, ISBN: 8427932065, Publisher: Lectorum Publications

**¿Dónde está Eduardo?**, por **Blaine Ray** y **Lisa Ray Turner**, ISBN: , Publisher: Command Performance Language Institute & Blaine Ray Workshops

**Mi propio auto**, por **Blaine Ray** y **Lisa Ray Turner**, ISBN: 0-929724-74-7, Publisher: Command Performance Language Institute & Blaine Ray Workshops

**El viaje perdido**, por **Blaine Ray** y **Lisa Ray Turner**, ISBN: 0-929724-59-3, Publisher: Command Performance Language Institute & Blaine Ray Workshops

**Viva el toro**, por **Blaine Ray** y **Lisa Ray Turner**, ISBN: 0-929724-48-8, Publisher: Command Performance Language Institute & Blaine Ray Workshops

**...y no se lo tragó la tierra**, por **Tomás Rivera**, ISBN: 1-55885-083-X, Publisher: Arte Público Press

**Harry Potter y la piedra filosofal** (*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*), por **J.K. Rowling**, ISBN: 84-7888-654-0, Publisher: Salamandra

**Harry Potter y la cámara secreta** (*Harry Potter and the Secret Chamber*), por **J.K. Rowling**, ISBN: 84-7888-656-7, Publisher: Salamandra

**Harry Potter y el prisionero de Azkaban** (*Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*), por **J.K. Rowling**, ISBN: 84-7888-655-9, Publisher: Salamandra

**Harry Potter y el cáliz de fuego** (*Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*), por **J.K. Rowling**, ISBN: 84-7888-646-X, Publisher: Salamandra

**Harry Potter y la Orden del Fénix** (*Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*), por **J.K. Rowling**, ISBN: 84-7888-884-5, Publisher: Salamandra

**Harry Potter y el misterio del príncipe** (*Harry Potter and The Half-Blood Prince, Hardcover*), por **J.K. Rowling**, ISBN: 84-7888-993-0, Publisher: Salamandra

**El principito** (*The Little Prince*), por **Antoine de Saint-Exupéry**, ISBN: 0-15-628450-2, Publisher: Harcourt Brace & Company

**Los ojos del perro siberiano**, por **Antonio Santa Ana**, ISBN: 9580443912, Publisher: Grupo Editorial Norma

**Stories from Puerto Rico/Historias de Puerto Rico** (bilingual) por **Martinez Santiago**, ISBN: 9-780844-204024

**Un Grillo en Times Square** (*A Cricket in Times Square*), por **George Selden**, ISBN: 0374480605

**Secretos**, por **Danielle Steel**, ISBN: 1-4000-0095-5, Publisher: Random House Español

**Las telarañas de Carlota** (*Charlotte's Web*), por **E.B White**, ISBN: 8427933886, Publisher: Lectorum

**La casa de la pradera** (*Little House on the Prairie*), por **L. E. Wilder**, ISBN: 8427931956, Publisher: Lectorum Publications

**Better Spanish Reading** (Short articles and activities) por **Yates**, ISBN: 39785-41074

### **Selected AP Resources:**

<http://www.collegeboard.com/?student>

Arco's Master the AP Spanish Language, ISBN: 85044-01895

Barron's How to Prepare for the AP Exam, ISBN: 0-7641-7397-9